

NOTICE TO MARINERS



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Area: Brisbane pilotage area
Locality: Maroochy River Entrance
Activity: Dredging operations

Mariners are advised that:

Dredging works within the Maroochy River entrance and smooth waters adjacent to Cotton Tree will aim to commence on Tuesday 16 July 2024 and continue until the end of September 2024. The dredge 'CSD Navua' will be undertaking dredging operations between the hours of 0700-1800 hrs (including weekends as required). The dredge will exhibit day shapes and lights as required by the Collision Regulations. Whilst operating the dredge master will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channels 16 and 82. Mariners must carefully consider the position of the 'CSD Navua', its workboat 'Darnley', its floating pipeline and anchors when navigating the bar.

During dredging operations, a floating pipeline will be located within the entrance. The pipeline will be marked with yellow lit buoys, 20 m from dredge, then at intervals of 30 m on a float line. A submerged pipeline will extend approx. 30 m off the beach at Cotton Tree marked with red and green lit buoys. Mariners are advised to stay away from the dredge end and are advised not to cross between hazard markers and instead should cross over the nominated submerged pipeline.

Masters of smaller recreational boats, personal watercraft, and passive craft like kayaks and canoes must remain mindful of the heightened risk to larger vessels navigating the river entrance and coastal bar. Except for entering and departing the river, these smaller vessels and passive craft should keep well clear of the coastal bar and not use it for recreational purposes.

Mariners must remain mindful that coastal bars are dynamic in nature with conditions constantly changing. Mariners must plan their crossing of the Maroochy River entrance, having careful consideration to prevailing conditions, the state of the tide, and the draught of their vessels. The coastal bar must be navigated with extreme caution.

Mariners are also reminded that the Maroochy River entrance is defined as a coastal bar. This means that each person on board an open boat less than 4.8 metres in length must wear an appropriate life jacket while the boat is crossing the coastal bar.

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Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA2020 datum.

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