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## Harbour Master's Direction

Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994

Division 2, Subdivision 1, Section 88 – 92



I, **Captain John Fallon, Regional Harbour Master (Gladstone)**, am appointed as harbour master under part 7 of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994.

Under section 86 of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 a harbour master may give direction if the harbour master reasonably considers it necessary to give the direction to ensure safety and the effectiveness and efficiency of the Queensland maritime industry. Further section 86A of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 enables a harbour master to give a general direction that applies to all ship owners, ship masters, ships, other persons or matters.

I am satisfied that it is necessary to issue this direction to ensure marine safety in the Port of Gladstone. Sections of the Port Procedures and Information for Shipping – Port of Gladstone (<http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Shipping.aspx>) are mandatory and must be complied with. Only those sections listed in Schedule 1 are mandatory by this general direction.

### **I DIRECT THAT:**

The Port Procedures and Information for Shipping Port of Gladstone must be complied with by all vessels operating within the Port of Gladstone Pilotage area.

**It is an offence to fail to comply with direction without a reasonable excuse. It is also an offence to obstruct a harbour master in the exercise of power. The maximum penalty is \$20,000 for an individual for each offence. If you fail to comply with my direction, then I may carry out the direction myself, and recover all expenses associated with performing the direction from you as a debt in civil jurisdiction.**

**Captain John Fallon**

**Regional Harbour Master (Gladstone)**

**Maritime Safety Queensland**

**DATED AT GLADSTONE THIS 08<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.**

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|                  |               | Section 5.1.3, Page 42               | Updated mid-tide arrival entry parameters   |
|                  |               | Section 5.1.5, Page 44               | Updated arrival entry times and passing parameters  |
|                  |               | Section 5.1.6, Page 44               | Updated arrival entry times and passing parameters  |
|                  |               | Section 5.1.7, Page 45               | Updated arrival entry times and passing parameters  |
|                  |               | Section 5.1.8, Page 45               | Updated arrival entry times and passing parameters  |
|                  |               | Section 5.1.9, Page 46               | Amended arrival dot point four to reflect 230m x 32.3m  |

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|                |             | Section 5.1.10, Page 47              | Updated arrival and departure times   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.12, Page 49              | Updated departure times   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.13, Page 50              | Added passing parameter for vessels requiring to swing on departure   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.14, Page 50              | Added passing parameter for vessels requiring to swing on departure   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.15, Page 51              | Updated passing parameters  |
|                |             | Page 12                              | Updated list of tables  |
| August 2017    |             | Section 5.1.9, Page 47               | Added mooring arrangements to WICET vessels   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.10, Page 49              | Added mooring arrangements to CCF vessels   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.12 Page 50               | Amended FL2 departure requirements to include alumina vessels over 10m draft. Removed "LOA>200m" from Caustic vessels PST |
|                |             | Section 5.3.2, Page 53               | Amended dot point six to clarify bunkering of vessels at South Trees Anchorages   |
|                |             | Appendix 16.9 Page 109               | Updated Gladstone Pilot Helicopter (Landing) Operations form  |
| September 2017 |             | Section 2.9, Page 24                 | Updated definition  |
|                |             | Section 2.9.1, Page 24               | Removed section on reporting (information covered under other sections)   |
|                |             | Section 2.9                          | Added Section 2.9 MASTREP   |
|                |             | Entire document                      | General formatting and updating hyperlinks  |
| January 2018   | Change 3.03 | Section 9.1, Page 69                 | Amended LNG tugs from six to five   |
|                |             | Section 9.1 Table 23                 | Amended tug names to reflect SMIT Lamnalco  |
|                |             | Section 9.1 Table 24                 | Amended contact details   |
|                |             | Section 5.1 Table 8                  | Amended and updated max berthing displacements  |
| May 2018       | Change 3.04 | Section 5.1.9, Page 46               | Added CCF Vessel Interaction Prevention for CCF departures  |
|                |             | Section 5.1.15, Page 51              | Amended LNG passing   |
|                |             | Section 9.1.2, Table 25, Page 74     | Amended LNG tug requirements  |
|                |             | Section 9.1.4.3, Page 76             | Amended berthing/unberthing requirements  |
|                |             | Section 9.1.4.5, Page 76             | Amended Emergency Departure   |
|                |             | Section 7.4.3, Page 60               | Added Dynamic Under Keel Clearance information  |
|                |             | Section 16.42, Page 162              | Added DUKC Draft Request From   |
|                |             | Section 7.13, Page 65                | Added restrictions on fuel change over while underway for trade vessels   |
| September 2018 |             | Section 1.7.1, 10.2.3, 12.2 and 12.4 | Document updated due to the remake of the Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Regulation 2018                         |

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| November 2018  | Change 3.05 | Section 5.3.2, Page 52        | Amended South Trees Anchorage restrictions to bunkering and updated Table 9  |
|                |             | Section 16.1, Page 108        | Updated Heli form clarifying questions 11 and 12   |
|                |             | Section 3.1, Table 3, Page 27 | Updated VHF channels to capture new tug channels 6 and 9   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.10, Page 48       | Updated WICET arrivals >100K to HW-3:00 only   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.15 Page 51        | Updated passing parameters for LNG vessels   |
| June 2019      | Change 3.06 | Section 2.2, Page 22          | Updated Arrival Checklist to capture DUKC forms for vessels over 8.8m into Fishermans Landing #1                                   |
|                |             | Section 2.3, Page 23          | Updated Departure Checklist to capture DUKC forms for vessels over 15m departing RG Tanna Coal Terminal or WICET                   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.9, Page 46        | Amended Swing Basin depth to 11.1m and updated Vessel Interaction at CCF to include berth two                                      |
|                |             | Section 5.1.10, Page 48       | Amended WICET swing basin depth to 12.0m   |
|                |             | Section 6, Page 59            | Updated Cyclone Watch Blue Alert wording. Added Red Alert  |
|                |             | Appendix 16.40, Page 160      | Amended Vessel Interaction Prevention letter to include berth two.   |
|                |             | Section 9.1.3, Page 75        | Added Star H/J/K class vessels to tug requirements at Boyne Smelter Wharf  |
|                |             | Section 10.1, Page 77         | Amended wording to reflect work permits to be submitted by QShips (removed fax and email)  |
|                |             | Section 10.2.1, Page 79       | Amended wording to include 'strong wind warning'   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.14, Page 50       | Added FL5 Flood tide departures tidal range <2.5m  |
|                |             | Section 16.28, Page 142       | Replaced SV-HH form with updated form  |
| September 2019 | Change 3.07 | Appendix 16.39, Page 157      | Replaced Deed of Indemnity – Port of Gladstone escort Tugs   |
|                |             | Appendices, Page 94-165       | Corrected appendix numbering   |
| January 2020   | Change 3.08 | Section 3.7.3, Page 29        | Change 50m to 35m as per TOMSR   |
|                |             | Section 3.7.3, Page 30        | Wording in dot point five to include 'or a vessel's main engines' along with minor correction to wording in second last paragraph. |
|                |             | Section 4.3, Page 37          | Updated wording for Maximum Size Vessel  |
|                |             | Section 5.1, Page 40          | Updated berth information where required   |
|                |             | Section 5.1.11, Page 50       | Amended wording to reflect two unloading gantries  |
|                |             | Section 5.1.15, Page 52       | Amended LNG wording  |
|                |             | Section 5.4, Page 54          | Updated Navigation Aids and Leading Lights   |
|                |             | Section 9.1, Page 72          | Added wording relating to 'The United Kingdom Standard Conditions for Towage and Other Services'                                   |

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|               |             | Section 9.1.4.1, Page 77 | Updated wording for tug escorts  |
|               |             | Section 9.1.4.2, Page 77 | Updated wording for tug escorts during inclement weather   |
|               |             | Section 2.12, Page 26    | Washdown of vessel decks and hatches   |
| February 2020 | Change 3.09 | Section 3.4, Page 29     | Updated LOA  |
| May 2020      | Change 3.10 | Section 1.6.2, Page 20   | Added VTS 1300 phone number  |
|               |             | Section 5.4.1, Page 54   | Updated table 9 (Curtis Channel)   |
|               |             | Section 5.4.2, Page 54   | Updated table 10 (Gladstone Harbour)   |
|               |             | Section 5.5.8, Page 57   | Updated table 18 (Clinton Channel)   |
|               |             | Section 5.5.10, Page 58  | Updated table (WICET)  |
|               |             | Section 5.5.11, Page 58  | Updated table 20 (Jacobs Channel)  |
|               |             | Section 9.1.2, Page 76   | Updated LNG tug requirements   |
|               |             | Section 9.1.4.1, Page 77 | Updated LNG tug escort requirements  |
|               |             | Section 9.1.4.3, Page 78 | Updated Berthing / Unberthing requirements – tug usage   |
|               |             | Section 9.1.4.4, Page 78 | Updated standby tugs whilst berthed  |
| January 2021  | Change 3.11 | Section 5.19, Page 47    | Updated vessel interaction prevention requirements   |
|               |             | Section 9.1.1, Page 73   | Notification of Tugs – Updated wording to capture vessels with a freeboard of less than 5.5m                       |
|               |             | Section 9.12, Page 76    | Updated towage requirements for LNG arrivals and departures  |
|               |             | Section 9.1.4.1, Page 77 | Updated wording for escort tugs  |
|               |             | Section 9.1.4.3, Page 78 | Updated wording for tugs berthing/unberthing   |
|               |             | Section 16.1, Page 95    | Updated AMSA Marine Notice – Use of Pilot Transfer Arrangements  |
|               |             | Section 16.28, Page 141  | Updated Report of Suspect Marine Safety Concern Form (SV-HH)   |
|               |             | Appendix 16.4, Page 160  | Updated Vessel Interaction Prevention Letter to masters to reflect Post Panamax standby pilot and tug requirements |
|               |             | Appendix 16.39, Page 155 | Updated Deed of Indemnity Letter, Port of Gladstone Escort Tugs  |
|               |             | Section 4.6, Page 39     | Removed withdrawn charts AUS244, 271, 272  |
| March 2021    | Change 3.12 | Section 5.5.7, Page 58   | Updated A8 to reflect it also being the CCDF PEL   |
|               |             | Section 5.5.8, Page 58   | Removed beacon C1 and C3 from table  |
|               |             | Section 5.5.8, Page 58   | Added A8/CCDF PEL  |



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|              |             | Section 5.5.9, Page 59  | Added CB6 West Cardinal to table  |
|              |             | Section 5.1.9, Page 48  | Amended Post Panamax Vessel to >230m x 33m  |
|              |             | Section 16.40, Page 161 | Updated vessel interaction prevention letter to >230m x 33m   |
| July 2021    | Change 3.13 | Section 15.3, Page 92   | Updated details relating to biosecurity waste service   |
|              |             | Section 3.1, Page 28    | Removed reference to HF MSI services provided by VTS  |
|              |             | Section 2.5, Page 29    | Updated link to Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment  |
|              |             | Section 12.5.1, Page 87 | Updated link to AMSA Marine Incident Reporting  |
| January 2022 | Change 3.14 | Section 2.2, Page 24    | Added Pilot Ladder Checklist to table 1   |
|              |             | Section 2.10, Page 26   | Updated Reef VTS wording to including Gladstone as a Reef VTS Centre, and updated hyperlink to Reef VTS webpage |
|              |             | Section 3, Page 28      | Updated wording   |
|              |             | Section 3.1, Page 28    | Updated wording   |
|              |             | Section 3.1.1, Page 28  | Added VTS Area  |
|              |             | Section 3.2, Page 29    | Added VTS Role  |
|              |             | Section 3.3.3, Page 30  | Added Distress and Emergency  |
|              |             | Table 3, Page 30        | Updated channel allocation service  |
|              |             | Section 3.8, Page 32    | Amended wording   |
|              |             | Section 3.11.2, Page 34 | Updated wording   |
|              |             | Section 3.17, Page 38   | Added reporting requirements for Fishing Vessels  |
|              |             | Section 4.1, Page 40    | Updated Gladstone Pilotage Area   |
|              |             | Section 5.19, Page 50   | Removed vessel interaction requirements for standby tug/pilot   |
|              |             | Section 7.12, Page 70   | New para "Personnel transfers to and from vessels using pilot or combination ladders"                           |
|              |             | Section 8.63, Page 72   | New paragraph – Pilot Launch Preparation  |
|              |             | Annex 16.13, Page 125   | Updated map to reflect new compulsory pilotage area   |
|              |             | Section 16.40, Page 164 | Updated Vessel Interaction Prevention CCF Berths - letter   |
|              |             | Section 16.43, Page 168 | Added Pilot Ladder Checklist  |
|              |             | Section 16.44, Page 172 | Added Safe Work Method Statement – Boarding by ladder   |
| March 2022   | Change 3.15 | Section 5.4.2 Page 57   | Amended wording   |
|              |             | Section 5.5.3 Page 59   | S24 removed due to beacon being withdrawn   |
| July 2022    | Change 3.16 | Section 3.1 Page 28     | Updated wording to reflect new IMO Resolution   |

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| September 2022 | Change 3.17 | Appendix 16.43,<br>Page 167<br>Section 3.1 Page 28 | Updated Pilot Ladder Checklist<br>Minor update to wording to reflect new IMO Resolution   |
| October 2022   | Change 3.18 | Section 5.1, Page 44                               | Updated FL1 max displacement from 90,000 to 104250T   |
| December 2022  | Change 3.19 | Section 16.1, Page 98                              | Updated Marine Notice for Pilot transfer arrangements   |
|                |             | Section 1.6.2, Page 22                             | Updated Gladstone VTS phone number  |
|                |             | Section 3.4, Page 31                               | Update Gladstone VTS phone number   |
| April 2023     | Change 3.20 | Entire Document                                    | Amending broken links and correcting outdated corporate forms. Correction of numbering.   |
|                |             | Section 9.1.2, Page 78,79                          | Updated bow thruster requirements for AP4 arrivals  |
|                |             | Section 5.1.9, Page 52                             | Updated max draft for ebb tide departures from CCF2/3/4   |
| July 2023      | Change 3.21 | Page 69, section 7.11, 7.12                        | Update contact details for marine animals and wording   |
|                |             | Page 98-108, section 16.1                          | Updated Marine Order 04/2023 Pilot Transfer Arrangements  |
| October 2023   | Change 3.22 | Page 177-180,<br>Section 16.43                     | Update Pilot ladder checklist   |
| November 2023  | Change 3.23 | Section 16.17, Page 92-95                          | New Pilot ladder checklist - again  |
| May 2024       | Change 3.23 | Section 3.12.1, Page 50                            | Amended priorities to include container ships   |
|                |             | Section 3.9.3, Page 47                             | Amended wording ref use of a tug for removals   |
|                |             | Section 7.14, Page 97                              | Amended wording ref the conduct of fuel changeovers while in port   |
|                |             | Section 9, Page 107                                | Amended towage requirements for FL1 for when the loader is in the down position   |
|                |             | Section 6, Page 83                                 | Updated Weather Information – Alert Status Levels   |
| June 2024      | Change 3.24 | Section 9.1.2, Page 103                            | New paragraph under subject heading to include escort towage requirements west of A5 and A6   |
|                |             | Section 9.1, Page 101                              | Updated table 25 removed SL Targinnie. Added SL Murjan and Lulu   |
|                |             | Table 26, Page 109                                 | Updated Auckland Point berths 1 to 4 towage requirements to minimum of one escort tug.<br>Updated Fisherman’s Landing berths 2,4 and 5 to minimum of one escort tug |
|                |             | Section 5.1.9, Page 68                             | Updated towage requirement on arrivals for ‘anchor behind’ manoeuvres to two tugs.  |
|                |             | Section 5.1.9, Page 68                             | Added ‘Main Channel Hot Changeover’ arrival manoeuvre details   |
| August 2024    | Change 3.25 | Section 3.12                                       | Updated ToA information   |
| October 2024   | 3.26        | Various  | Broken links updated  |
| November 2024  | 3.27        | Section 7.14, Page 87                              | Amended Harbour Transits – fuel changeover  |
|                |             | Section 10.1 Page 103                              | Added engine trials to work permit list   |

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|               |             | Section 10.1, Page 103   | Added engine trials permit request to table 28                              |
|               |             | Section 10.2.2, Page 105 | New paragraph to capture main engine trial requirements while alongside     |
|               |             | Section 5.1.11, Page 63  | Amended FL1 arrivals to reflect daylight only requirement from WICET to FL1 |
| December 2024 | Change 3.28 | Section 6.3              | Addition of section 6.3 Lightning Detection                                 |