



## 3.5 Ship Vetting - Marine

### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document details the procedure under which the Harbourmaster / Ship Scheduler evaluates proposed ships so as to ensure that the marine operations of the port are conducted safely and efficiently.
- 1.2 This Procedure applies to all ships of Pilotage length.
- 1.3 Three issues are to be considered:-
- 1.3.1 The risk posed by the ship to safe ship handling at Geraldton
  - 1.3.2 The physical size of a ship
  - 1.3.3 Harbormasters response timeline (refer Section 3).

### 2 RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 Ships Agent must notify the Duty Harbourmaster / Ship Scheduler of a proposed ship as early as possible so that an assessment can be made before the ship is chartered or otherwise committed to the port. This can be done well in advance of the Berthing Application form being submitted.
- 2.2 The Duty Harbourmaster / Ship Scheduler will assess a proposed ship in accordance with the following table:

### 3 RISK RATING

Rightship star rating	Size of the vessel	Response time on vessel assessment
*** and above	Under 225m LOA and 32.2m beam	<b>Is accepted as a matter of course.</b>
Less than ***	Under 225m LOA and 32.2m beam	If the nominated vessel has not received any PSC deficiency listings relating to engines, steering equipment, navigation equipment, anchor equipment or mooring line winches within the previous 6 months. <b>Accepted as a matter of course.</b>
Less than ***	Under 225m LOA and 32.2m beam	If a deficiency listing with regard to engines, steering equipment, navigation equipment, anchor equipment or mooring line winches has occurred within the previous 6 months then at the time of application evidence must be provided to confirm that such deficiencies have been addressed to the satisfaction of Port State Control or the vessels classification society. <b>Response within 24 hours.</b>

Rightship star rating	Size of the vessel	Response time on vessel assessment
Not rated by Rightship	Under 225m LOA and 32.2m beam	A written statement from the ships Master or Marine Superintendent must be provided to show that there have been no PSC deficiency listings in the last 6 months or that any deficiency notices have been addressed and that the deficiency notice is no longer outstanding. <b>Response within 24 hours.</b>
**** or more	Exceeding 225m LOA or 32.2m beam	Ships exceeding 225 m LOA or 32.2 m beam may be considered on application to the Harbourmaster provided they rate at 4 Stars or more under Right ships. Such ships may be subjected to certain conditions and may be delayed due to congestion from adjacent berths. An absolute length limit of 230 m will be enforced. <b>Response within 24 hours.</b>

## RESPONSE TIMES

- 3.1 The Harbourmasters office is attended during normal working hours Monday to Friday 0700 to 1700.
- 3.2 Applications to approve ships of less than 3 Rightship stars made during normal working hours will generally be responded to before close of business that same day. However there may be occasions when Marine staff are resting or actively piloting and in such cases a response will be made within 24 hours.
- 3.3 Applications made outside of normal working hours will be responded to within 24 hours.

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## 5. ADMINISTRATION

- 5.1 Custodian: Harbour Master
- 5.2 References:  
Port Authorities Act 1999 s 103 - *Principal functions of Harbourmaster*  
Port Authorities Regulations 2001 s 12 - *General berthing Provisions*
- 5.3 Approval: Peter Klein  
Chief Executive Officer  
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