

# Local Marine Notice

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<b>DETAILS</b>	Setting of Crayfish Ports and Crab Nets
<b>FORMER NOTICE</b>	12 of 2018
<b>CHARTS &amp; PUBLICATIONS</b>	AUS Chart 81 / AUS Chart 751
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	Nil

## Mid West Ports Notice to Mariners 05/2020

All mariners and persons in charge of water craft are reminded that the setting of crayfish pots or crab nets is prohibited within the Navigable waters of the Commercial Shipping Harbour or the Main and Northern shipping channels as defined on the attached section of Chart AUS 81.

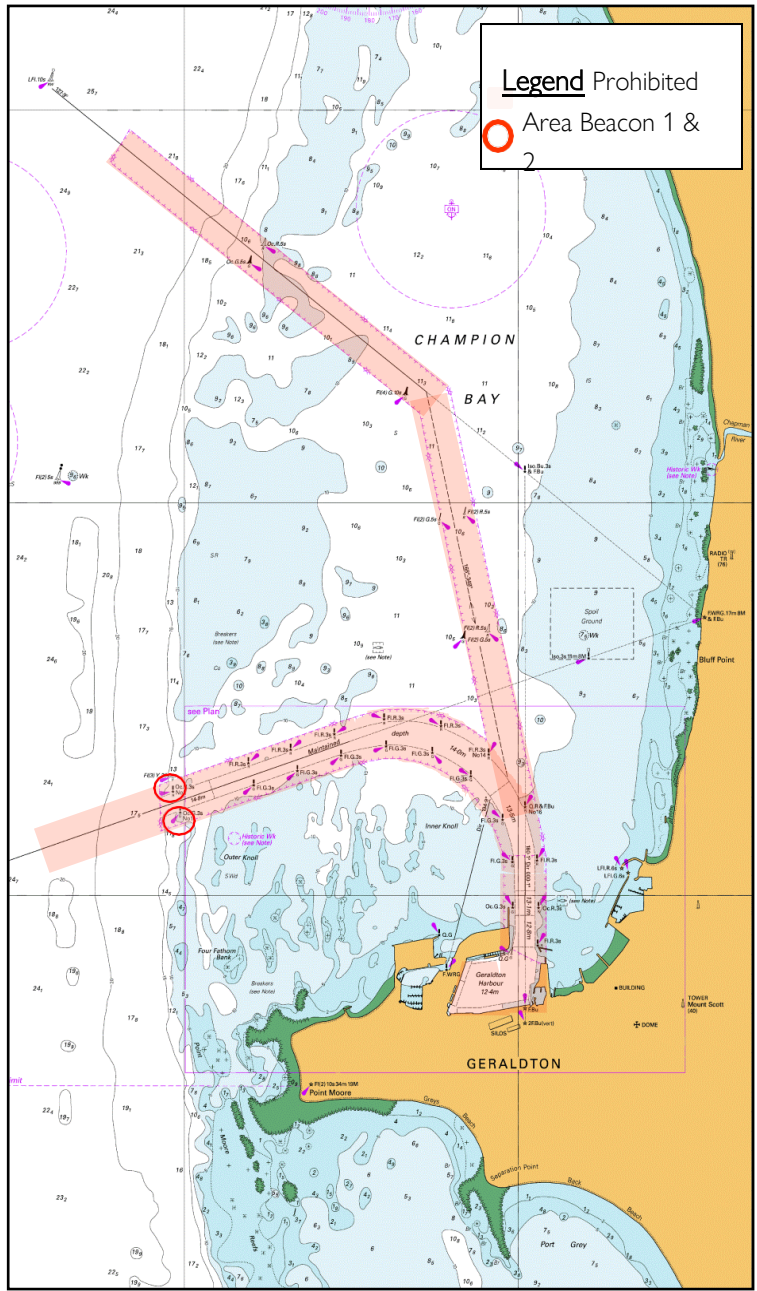
In earlier seasons commercial ships have sustained damage to their stern gland as a direct result of wrapping pot lines around their propeller shaft. Pot lines and buoys have constituted an ongoing hazard in previous seasons with many pot owners seemingly careless to the consequences of laying buoys in the shipping channel against the Harbour Masters instructions.

Pots, nets and associated buoys within the prohibited areas are declared a “Dangerous thing” under the Port Authorities Act and will be removed by the Port Authority. Owners seeking to recover “Dangerous things” from the Port Authority must do so within 7 days and will be charged a service fee of \$50 per item.

The Port Authorities Act 1999 Section 103, 105, and 108 provide for penalties of up to \$20,000 for persons not complying with the Harbour Masters instructions and Section 110 allows the Port Authority to recover costs incurred from the owner of “Dangerous Things”.

Furthermore, the Port Authorities Regulations 2001 Section 92 specifically states that: “A person must not place a fishing net, rock lobster pot or other fishing gear in the navigable waters of a port contrary to a notice or sign erected by the port authority. Penalty \$5,000”.

**Main Channel Beacons 1 & 2** have critical weather monitoring equipment located both above and below the waterline. In addition to the above, a 50m exclusion zone exists around these two beacons. This area must be kept clear of anchors / pots & floats / fishing gear, to prevent entanglement and damage to the equipment.



**Legend** Prohibited  
 Area Beacon 1 & 2

