

Safety Precautions When Entering or Leaving Tug Pens– Port of Geraldton

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Details:	Safety Precautions When Entering or Leaving Tug Pens
Former Notice:	Nil
Distribution:	All Small Crafts, Boats, and Tugs
Attachments:	Nil

"Mid-West Ports Authority" has become aware of marine safety concerns when small crafts (punts), pilot boats and tugs, are entering or leaving tug pens. Due to the presence of rock walls in the vicinity of the tug pens, the visibility of smaller vessel may have restricted.

To ensure safe navigation and prevent potential collisions, all small crafts (punt), boats and tugs, must adhere to the following instructions:

1. Prior to entering or leaving the tug pens, small crafts (punt), pilot boats and tugs must broadcast a warning on "VHF Channel 11", to alert other vessels around of their intention.
2. The warning broadcast must include the following information:
 - Craft / tug name and type.
 - Direction of their intended passage.

E.g.: (1) When Jorgensen leaving the tug pen heading north.

"Pilot Vessel Jorgensen leaving tug pen heading North for pilot transfer.

(2) Punt entering tug pen.

"Punt 123 (name/ number of punt) entering tug pen from West.

(3) Tugs leaving from the tug pen.

"Svitzer North leaving tug pen heading berth-7 for out bound vessel.

For further information or clarification, please contact Harbour Master's office.



Harbour Master (Mid- West Ports Authority)

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