

## Air Draft Compliance and Pre Arrival Documentation at Berths 4 and 5 (Port of Geraldton)

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Attachments:	Air Draft Berths 4 and 5 diagrams

Following a recent operational events and subsequent delays in operations caused due to lack of compliance, all vessel owners, operators, agents, and Masters are hereby advised of the following requirements when planning operations at **Berth No. 4 and Berth No. 5** at the Port of Geraldton.

### 1. Air Draft Requirements

To ensure safe berthing operations and clearance compliance, vessels must meet the following **maximum air draft limits at berth**:

- **Berth No. 4:** Maximum air draft **14.1 metres**
- **Berth No. 5:** Maximum air draft **16.0 metres**

Masters and operators are responsible for ensuring the vessel's air draft, inclusive of first loading hatch with hatch cover opened or closed, does **not exceed the applicable limit** at any stage while alongside.

Any vessel unable to comply with the specified air draft limits must notify the Harbour Master **prior to arrival** for consideration. Berthing and operations for a vessel not able to comply with these requirements may be revoked, suspended or delayed.

### 2. Pre-Arrival Documentation

All vessels intending to berth at **Berth No. 4 or Berth No. 5** are required to submit the following documentation:

- **Vessel Cargo Stowage Plan**
- **Loading/Unloading Plan (IMO standard template)**

These documents must be provided to the MWPA at the below email addresses, **no later than seventy-two (72) hours prior** to the vessel's scheduled arrival at the Port of Geraldton.

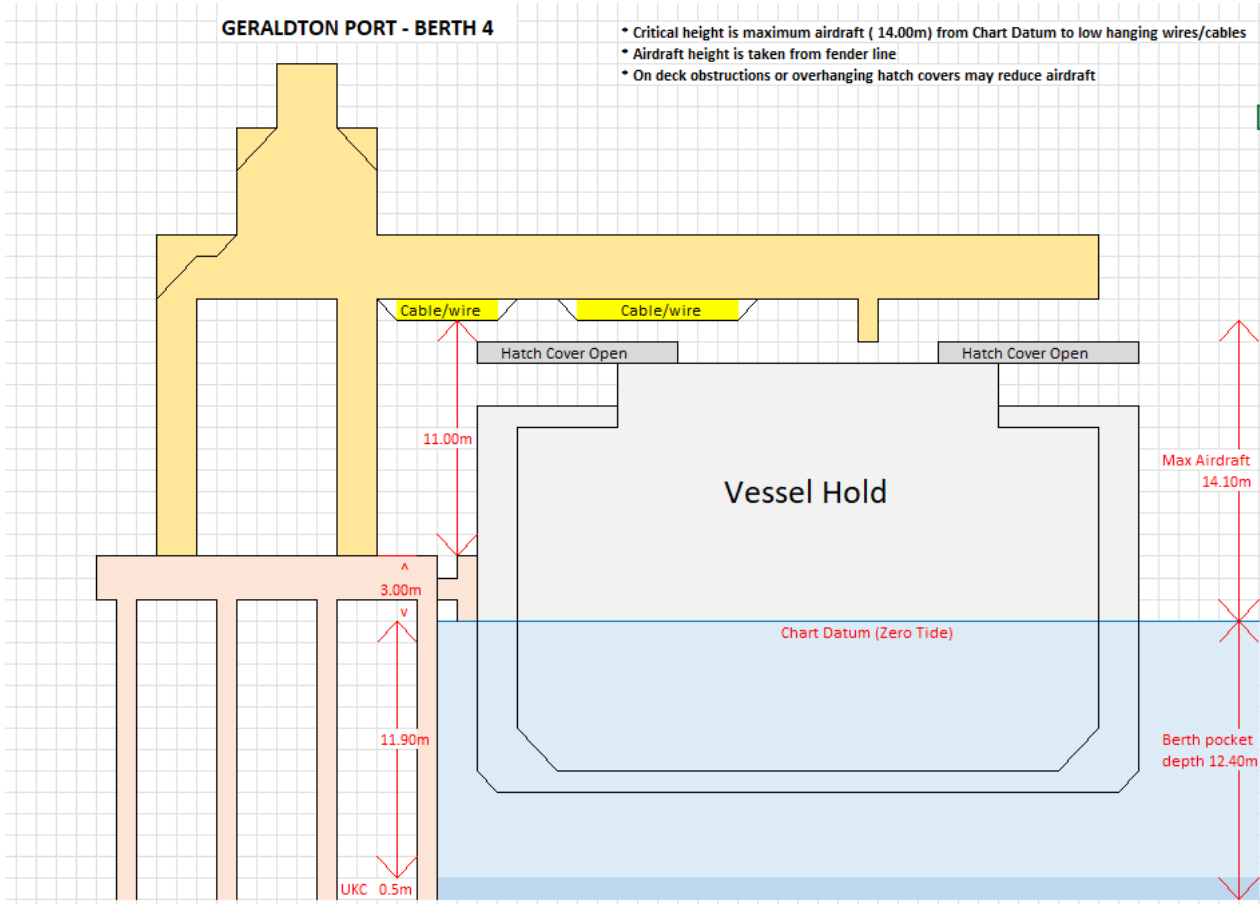
- **Landside Operations Team** ([operations@midwestports.com.au](mailto:operations@midwestports.com.au))
- **Marine Operations Team** ([shipping@midwestports.com.au](mailto:shipping@midwestports.com.au))

Failure to submit the required documentation within the specified timeframe may result in delays to vessel acceptance, berth allocation, or commencement of cargo operations.

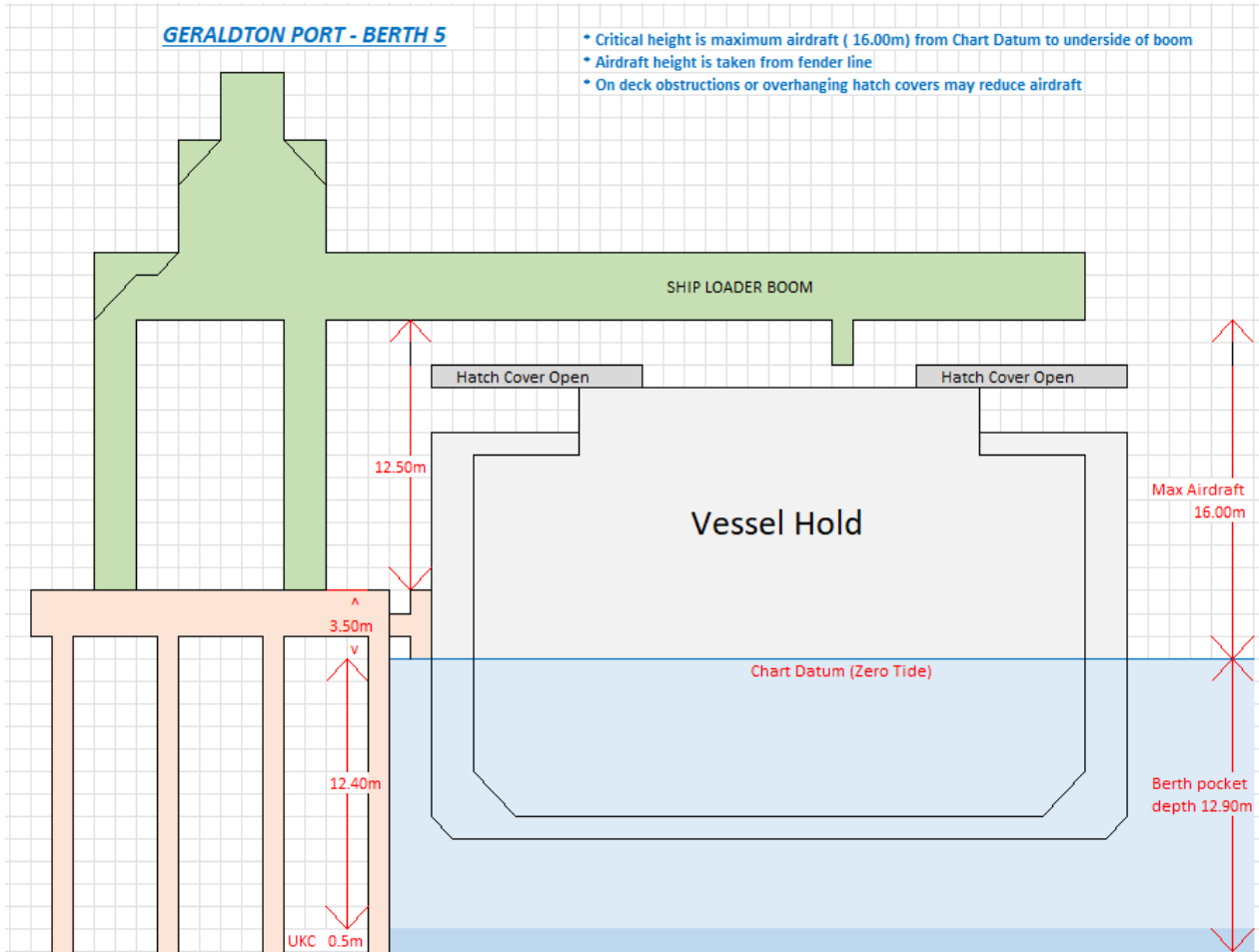
### **3. Compliance**

These instructions are issued under the authority of the Harbour Master. Non-compliance with these requirements may lead to operational delays, restriction of port entry, or other actions deemed necessary in the interests of navigational safety and efficient port operations.

For clarification or additional information, vessel agents are to contact the Port of Geraldton Operations team in advance of arrival.



Port of Geraldton – Berth 4 – Air Draft Diagram



Port of Geraldton – Berth 5 – Air Draft Diagram

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