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KARUMBA NOW A REGISTERED HOME PORT FOR BOAT OWNERS

The far-northern Queensland port of Karumba has become a registered home port for vessels.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Clive Davidson, approved Karumba's new status following requests by Intercontinental Ship Management Pty Limited.

Under the Commonwealth Government's *Shipping Registration Act 1981*, registered vessels must have their home port clearly marked for legal and other purposes.

The Port of Karumba is located at the mouth of the Norman River in the south eastern corner of the Gulf of Carpentaria. It has been a key port servicing remote Gulf communities since the late 1800s .

"This decision will allow local boat owners to identify and promote Karumba as a port around Australia," Mr Davidson said.

He said that acquiring registered port status would not make Karumba a port for customs and immigration clearance for vessels entering and leaving Australia.

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