

## **Advisory Note to Coastal Pilots**

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### **Areas where All Ships broadcast are to be made; Hydrographers Passage**

The purpose of this advisory note is to advise licensed pilots that on advice from the Pilot Working Group, the areas where pilots should make "All Ships" broadcasts on VHF radio channel 16 have been increased to include areas in the Hydrographers Passage.

The reason for this modification is that commercial changes to the pilot transfer arrangements in the Hydrographers Passage has resulted in some pilots not conducting transfers by helicopter.

There is now a perceived need for extra ship to ship notification of possible ship encounters in the area between Blossom Bank and Bugatti Reef and the consequent interaction that should occur between the pilots aboard ships to increase safety in this area.

Therefore in addition to the long standing "All Ships" broadcasts made on VHF radio channel 16 when entering the Prince of Wales Channel and the Howick Group, in future calls to "All Ships" on VHF radio channel 16 should now be made when passing Blossom Bank inbound and Bugatti Reef outbound.

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