

Coastal Pilots - Licensed Pilotage Areas

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to the licensed pilotage areas for coastal pilots within the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait as specified by Marine Orders Part 54 - Coastal Pilotage.

The pilotage areas that pilots may be licensed for are:

- Hydrographers Passage
- Inner Route
- Great North East Channel
- Whitsundays

Coastal pilots may be licensed for one or more of the licensed areas.

Masters may take advice from coastal pilots outside of the licensed pilotage areas based on the pilots local knowledge, however masters should at all times be aware that the master is not relieved from the responsibility for the conduct and navigation of the ship by reason only of the ship being under pilotage (the *Navigation Act 1912* section 410B refers).

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Hydrographers Passage pilotage area means the area bounded by a line that progressively joins, on geodesic lines, the following points:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	20° 39.11'S	149° 49.36'E
2	20° 35.91'S	150° 07.36'E
3	20° 28.31'S	150° 18.06'E
4	20° 02.91'S	150° 03.06'E

5	19° 54.91'S	150° 16.56'E
6	19° 39.91'S	150° 10.56'E
7	19° 50.91'S	150° 33.06'E
8	20° 01.41'S	150° 25.86'E
9	20° 06.91'S	150° 17.26'E
10	20° 19.91'S	150° 27.06'E
11	20° 32.91'S	150° 27.06'E
12	20° 41.51'S	150° 11.66'E
13	20° 54.41'S	150° 01.96'E
14	20° 39.11'S	149° 49.36'E

The Inner Route pilotage area means:

- (a) the waters bounded by:
 - (i) the Australian mainland; and
 - (ii) the outer eastern edge of the Great Barrier Reef;¹ and
 - (iii) the northern boundary of the Great Barrier Reef Region and latitude 10° 41.00'S;² and
 - (iv) latitude 16° 39.91'S; together with
- (b) Torres Strait, excluding the waters to the north of latitude 10° 28.00'S and east of longitude 142° 39.00'E;

The Great North East Channel pilotage area means the navigable waters between Alert Patches and longitude 143° 24.00'E, including the Great North East Channel, together with that part of Torres Strait to the west of Alert Patches.

¹ The outer eastern edge of the Great Barrier Reef is depicted on official nautical charts produced by the Australian Hydrographic Office (AHO).

² The Great Barrier Reef Region is defined in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.



The Whitsundays pilotage area means the area bounded by a line that begins at the northernmost point of Cape Gloucester at low water, at about latitude 20° 03.94'S, longitude 148° 27.51'E, and continues progressively:

(a) on geodesic lines to the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
1	19° 58.02'S	148° 18.60'E
2	19° 57.83'S	148° 18.53'E
3	19° 58.00'S	148° 21.68'E
4	19° 58.28'S	148° 27.05'E
5	19° 58.37'S	148° 27.40'E
6	19° 59.28'S	148° 33.62'E
7	20° 00.82'S	148° 37.48'E
8	20° 02.17'S	148° 53.07'E
9	20° 03.58'S	148° 57.92'E
10	20° 14.42'S	149° 10.47'E
11	20° 15.20'S	149° 11.15'E
12	20° 28.93'S	149° 08.03'E
13	20° 31.20'S	149° 09.07'E
14	20° 34.28'S	149° 10.50'E
15	20° 33.91'S	149° 07.06'E
16	20° 39.73'S	148° 45.82'E

(b) west along parallel of latitude 20° 39.73'S to the coastline of the mainland at low water, near Midge Point; and

(c) generally northerly, easterly, south-easterly and north-westerly along the coastline of the mainland at low water to the point where the boundary began.

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