

HARBOUR MASTER'S DIRECTION: VESSELS TO KEEP CLEAR OF THE SHIPPING CHANNEL OF THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE

Applicable to: All vessels operating or intending to operate in the Port of Newcastle

1. By the direction of the Harbour Master of the Port of Newcastle (**Harbour Master**), all vessels must, at all times, keep clear, and not impede the passage, of seagoing ships, vessels under the conduct of a pilot or exempt master or naval vessels inside the shipping channel of the Port of Newcastle.
2. The direction contained in paragraph 1 of this notice:
 - a. is issued by the Harbour Master pursuant to section 88 of the *Marine Safety Act 1998* (NSW);
 - b. may be amended or revoked, in whole or part, at any time at the discretion of the Harbour Master; and
 - c. does not limit the power of the Harbour Master to give specific directions in any particular instance.
3. The master of a vessel who, without reasonable excuse, refuses or fails to comply with a direction given by the Harbour Master will be guilty of an offence pursuant to section 91 of the *Marine Safety Act 1998* (NSW).

Signed by:



Harbour Master – Port of Newcastle
31 August 2018