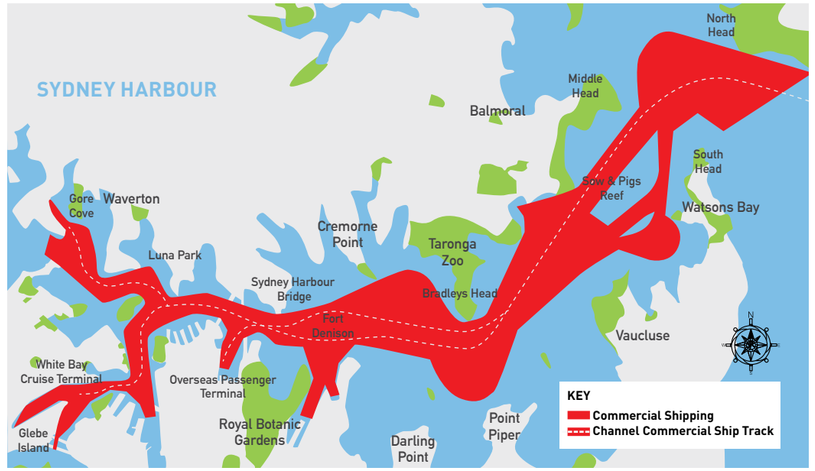
STEPS TO STAY SAFE NEAR SEAGOING SHIPS

- Always **keep a lookout** for seagoing ships.
- **Determine if the vessel is moving towards you** or away from you.
- Always **keep a safe distance** away from a large vessel.
- **Act early** so you can move away from these seagoing ships.
- **Familiarise yourself** with the shipping channels or fairways.
- **Stay clear** of the channels or fairways when seagoing ships are entering or departing the ports.
- **Be aware** of wakes of seagoing ships, particularly when the large vessel is in relatively shallow water and moving at higher speeds.
- Always have your **navigation lights on at night** so other vessels can clearly see you.



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Sydney Harbour VHF 13
Botany Bay VHF 12

PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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ALWAYS LOOKOUT FOR SEAGOING SHIPS

DO NOT pass within 30 metres of the side or stern of a seagoing ship

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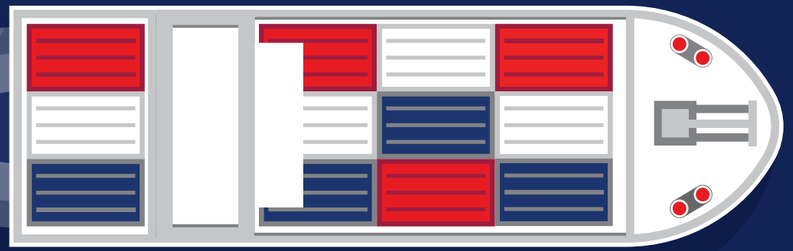

DO NOT pass between escort vessel - identified by red and blue flashing lights - and seagoing ship

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- Before heading out **check the Daily Vessel Movements** at portauthority.com.au/lookout
- **Keep monitoring the safety broadcast** from Port Authority of NSW 24/7 Vessel Traffic Services (Sydney VTS) **VHF Channel 13 (Sydney Harbour) VHF Channel 12 (Botany Bay)**
- **DO NOT** anchor in a channel or fairway
- **DO NOT** block a channel or fairway

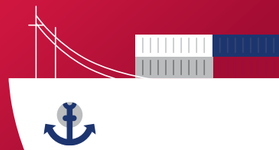
BE AWARE IT'S THE LAW

Under the NSW Marine Safety Act 1998 you are required by law to never obstruct, restrict or impede access to:

- any fairway or channel
- any wharf or other landing place
- the safe navigation of a vessel
- the handling of cargo or movement of passengers
- launching, removal, securing of a vessel.

It is an offence to:

- fail to comply with the directions of the harbour master or any person acting under the direction of a harbour master
- operate a vessel in any navigable waters negligently, recklessly or at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public.



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