

Title: Arrival Information

Reference: Harbour Master Instruction 21-001E

Description:

The following information **must** be acknowledged by the vessel Master prior to arrival off the coast of Newcastle.

Vessel Name:	IMO Number:
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<p>Radio Watch</p> <p>Vessels approaching Newcastle should maintain a VHF listening watch on VHF Ch 9 and 16. Information and weather warnings from the Vessel Traffic Service Centre (Newcastle VTS) will be transmitted on VHF Ch 9. VHF Channels 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18, 20 and 72 are port working channels and must not be used for inter- ship communications.</p> <p>Unless your vessel is proceeding directly to the Pilot Boarding Ground, all vessels will be required to state their intention to either drift or proceed to the anchorage.</p>
<p>Drifting Area</p> <p>Maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 9 and 16 whilst drifting. Whilst drifting, vessels should always maintain a distance greater than 10 nautical miles from the nearest shoreline.</p> <p>An active fishing fleet operate in the vicinity of the port. Please navigate with caution.</p> <p>If subsequently proceeding to the anchorage, please contact Newcastle VTS on VHF Ch 9.</p>
<p>Anchorage</p> <p>When proceeding to the anchorage remain to the east of the Pilot Boarding Grounds and do not impede vessels proceeding to the Boarding Grounds. Be aware of the active fishing fleet operating off the Port and navigate with caution. There are no designated anchorage positions.</p> <p>A fair-weather anchorage area is south of 33°00.00'S at a distance of at least 3 nautical miles from the coast. Note: Vessels must always remain greater than 3nm from the nearest shoreline, even when swinging on the cable. Please take this into account when choosing your anchorage position. Anchor at a safe distance from other vessels.</p> <p>Be aware that the anchorage has numerous discarded anchors and cables lying on the seabed.</p> <p>Please ensure that no waste materials or other objects are jettisoned overboard from your vessel during the entire time the vessel is at anchor. Once anchored notify Newcastle VTS on VHF Ch 9.</p>
<p>Weather</p> <p>Weather conditions off the coast of Newcastle are subject to rapid change where moderate to heavy swells can develop quickly. If weather conditions deteriorate or if a severe weather warning has been issued, it is recommended that vessels weigh anchor and proceed to sea immediately until conditions improve.</p> <p>Maintain a good anchor watch at all times and monitor you position, as well as that of other vessels for any indications of dragging.</p> <p>Newcastle VTS advises that engines must not be immobilised in the anchorage as vessels must remain ready to depart immediately should conditions deteriorate.</p>

Master's Name:..... **Date:**.....

Vessel's are to ensure the information above is provided to the VTIC via email (NewcastleVTS@portauthoritynsw.com.au) **prior to the vessel's arrival off Newcastle**