

Harbour Master Instruction

HMI 002-2025

Title: Sydney Harbour – Dynamic Under Keel Clearance (DUKC) Requirement for Tankers Berthing at Gore Cove

Scope: Vessel Masters and Operators – All tanker vessels berthing at Gore Cove

Tanker vessels berthing at Gore Cove with a draft of **10.5 meters or more** will be subject to the dynamic under keel clearance (DUKC) system effective **01 September 2025**.

The DUKC assessment will be the determining factor for berthing approval. In such cases, the static UKC requirements will not apply.

This operational requirement has been incorporated into the recently revised *Harbour Master Directions*, which has been published and is now available for reference from the Port Authority [website](#).

For further information, or if clarification is required, please contact the Harbour Master, Sydney Harbour at sydneyHM@portauthoritynsw.com.au.

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