



Harbour Master Instruction

HMI 004-2025

Title: Port Botany – Change of VHF Working Channels from 68/69 to 87/88

Scope: This HMI applies to all commercial and non-commercial vessels, port service providers, and relevant stakeholders operating in Port Botany

Due to operational conflicts with Royal Australian Navy communications, the Port Authority of NSW will cease using VHF Channel 69 for port operations. This channel is historically allocated to Defence.

Effective **1 September 2025**, the Port Authority will transition to:

Primary Working Channels: VHF Channel 87 and Channel 88

Backup Channel: VHF Channel 68

Registration of Channels 87 and 88 with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is currently underway.

Mariners are advised to update their communication procedures accordingly.

For a list of Harbour Master Instructions currently in force, please see:

[Harbour Master's Instructions | Port Authority New South Wales \(portauthoritynsw.com.au\)](https://portauthoritynsw.com.au)