

Local Marine Notice 014-2026

Port Botany

Autonomous Underwater Vessel (AUV) Testing Operations

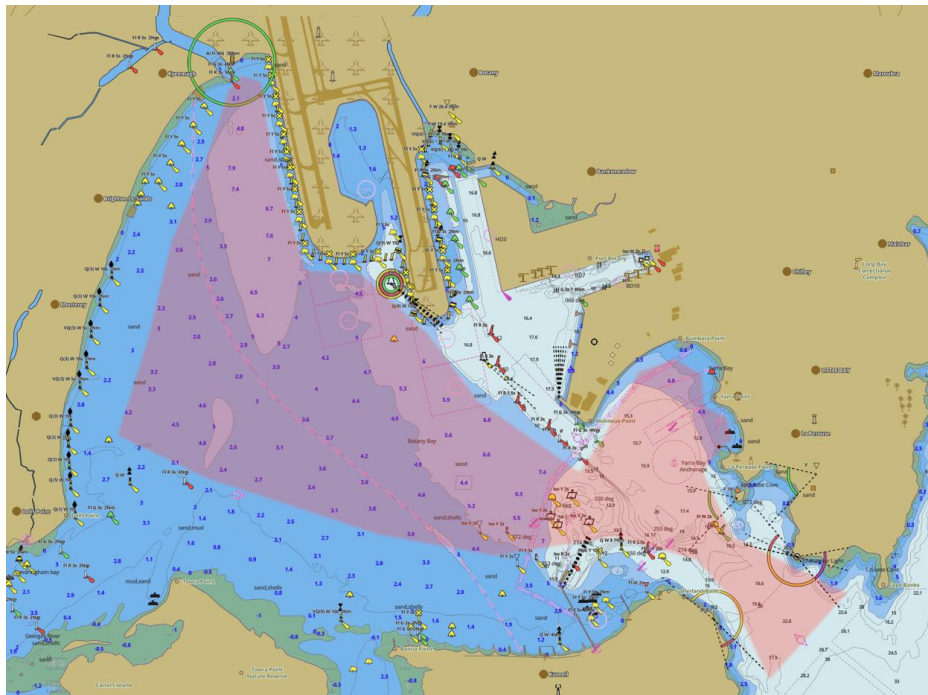
Mariners are advised that intermittent Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) testing will be conducted at Port Botany during daylight hours from 22 April 2026 for up to four weeks. The testing will include AUV launching and recovery, towing, surface and subsurface operations.

The following vessels will be involved to support these activities.

- Lauren – a 15m workboat
- Protector – a 12m RHIB
- 2 x smaller standby vessels

Protector will be the main point of contact and will be contactable on VHF Channel 12. This vessel is equipped with AIS.

The activity is not expected to affect normal navigation; however, mariners are advised to navigate with caution, maintain a proper lookout, and keep clear of vessels engaged in the AUV testing operation where practicable.



The testing areas are indicated in magenta on the map above.

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