

548 (Temporary) of 2011

Townsville pilotage area

Locality: Ross River, Townsville

Activity: construction works in progress, navigation lights established

Refer to notice: 402 (T) of 2011

Mariners are advised that the fender piles protecting the construction area on the northern side have been established. Fl G 4s lights have been established on three of the series of piles to indicate the northern extremity of the navigable channel within the construction area.

Mariners are also advised that construction work on the southern side of the river will commence on Monday, 20 June 2011.

To ensure the safe movement of vessels through the works, the following restrictions will apply:

1. Vessels are not to pass another vessel within the construction area where the width of the river has been reduced.
2. Masters must announce their approach to the bridge on VHF channel 16 to all vessels using the river and make necessary passing arrangements.
3. As a general rule, priority for the use of the navigation channel in the restricted area should be given to the vessel that is travelling in the direction of the tidal flow. The give way vessel should then stem the tide at a safe distance from the restricted area.
4. Masters of all vessels must advise early notification to the construction site foreman of the intent to transit through the construction area by mobile phone on 0420 372 093 or 0427 036 506.
5. Mariners are advised to navigate with extreme caution within the construction area and adhere to the 6 knot speed limit

AUS charts affected: 256, 257 & 827

Maritime Safety Queensland charts affected: none

Note: latitude and longitude positions on WGS84 horizontal datum (compatible with GDA94 datum).

For further information about this notice, please contact:

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