

4. Port Description

Maryborough Pilotage Area encompasses the tract of water between Fraser Island and the mainland known as the Great Sandy Strait. The generally protected waterway is a vast area which affords access to many recreational activities including fishing and boating and also provides vehicular access to Fraser Island via Barges. There is no port infrastructure or facilities available for ships. Deep water anchorages are available including sheltered anchorage areas that provide access to Kingfisher Bay Resort.

4.1 Pilotage Area

The Maryborough Pilotage Area is described in schedule 2 part 4 of the [Transport Operations \(Marine Safety\) Regulation 2016](#) as the area of:

- a) waters bounded by an imaginary line drawn starting at the high-water mark at the point where latitude 25° 06.90' south intersects with the eastern shoreline of the mainland
 - then generally north-easterly along the geodesic to latitude 24° 44.90' south, longitude 152° 45.06' east
 - then east along latitude 24° 44.90' south to its intersection with the high-water mark on the western shoreline of Fraser Island
 - then generally southerly along the high-water mark on the western shoreline of Fraser Island, and then generally northerly along the high-water mark on the eastern shoreline of Fraser Island to the intersection of that high-water mark with latitude 25° 46.31' south
 - then along latitude 25° 46.31' south to its intersection with longitude 153° 05.00' east
 - then south along longitude 153° 05.00' to its intersection with the high-water mark on the mainland
 - then generally northerly along the high-water mark on the mainland to the starting point; and
- b) the navigable waters of rivers and creeks flowing, directly or indirectly, into the waters mentioned in paragraph (a)

4.2 Time Zone

UTC + 10 hours throughout the year (no summer time applies).

4.3 Charts and Books

For navigation in pilotage areas, masters should refer to the nautical charts produced by the Australian Hydrographic Office and Admiralty Sailing Directions NP15 (Australian Pilot Volume III/V).

Paper charts of the area include:

AUS 241..... Great Sandy Strait (Northern Sheet)
AUS 240..... Great Sandy Strait (Southern Sheet)
AUS 490..... Sandy Cape to Swains Reef

AUS 817..... Great Sandy Strait and Hervey Bay
AUS 4060..... Australasia and adjacent waters
AUS 4602..... Tasman and Coral Seas – Australia to Northern
New Zealand and Fiji
AUS 4635..... Cape Byron to Mackay

ENC cells of the area include:

AU130150
AU426152
AU426153

Mariners are to comply with the requirements of the IMO and AMSA with regard to approved charting systems required to be used for navigation when operating within the Gladstone Region in general and the Maryborough Pilotage Area in particular.

4.4 Shipping Announcements

4.4.1 Notices to Mariners and Advice to Mariners

Maritime Safety Queensland circulates marine safety information to mariners, organisations and other interested parties, in the form of Notices to Mariners and Advice Notices.

[Notices to Mariners](#) advise of:

- navigation warnings and hazards (such as aids to navigation which may have been destroyed, missing or unlit)
- changes to the uniform buoyage system (which assists with the correction and updating of marine charts)
- navigation depths (necessary when navigating in channels with depth restrictions)
- any other works which may affect the safe navigation of vessels in Queensland coastal waters and ports (such as dredging operations and construction works).

Advice Notices will cover short term navigation and may include information on fireworks displays, aquatic events or similar.