



PORT OF BROOME LOCAL MARINE NOTICE

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CAREENING AND MAINTENANCE OF VESSELS IN ROEBUCK BAY

Date of effect:	19 October 2009
Charts and Publications:	AUS 50, AUS 51, Australia Pilot Volume 1
Further Notice:	Not Applicable
Attachments:	Not Applicable
LMN Currently in Force:	2007 Series - 2, 7, 10 and 21/2007 2008 Series - 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 25, 26 and 31/2008. 2009 Series – 1, 3, 6,10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23/2009

1. In recent weeks, the Port of Broome has received a number of complaints about vessels careening and conducting maintenance or other activities in non-prescribed areas, particularly in the vicinity of the Catalinas. These complaints are well founded from safety, environmental and regulatory perspectives, noting that such activities are occurring in a public area and are not subject to the regulatory processes which would be required in a prescribed maintenance area. In light of the recent destruction by fire of a careened vessel in the vicinity of the Slipway, the risk of an accident such as this occurring in close proximity to residential areas represents an unacceptable risk which is currently not being mitigated. The Port of Broome has a legislated responsibility for the intertidal areas within Port waters and to this end, has an obligation to provide direction to ensure the safety of operations within the Port.

2. Port users are not to careen vessels for maintenance purposes within Port waters, or for the purpose of laying a vessel up for a period of time, without making an application to do so through the Port. Such applications to careen a vessel are to be forwarded to the Port in the form of a general work permit including the position of intended careening. Applications are also to contain a broad safety and security plan for the conduct and duration of the careening. Applications to careen vessels in positions outside the general area of the slipway will not normally be approved.

Marine and other port users are requested to notify the Broome Port Authority on the discovery of new dangers or suspected dangers to navigation.

3. This direction does not apply to vessels that have to careen in the case of an emergency or to take refuge in accordance with individual cyclone contingency plans. Notwithstanding, the tenets of this Local Marine Notice will be monitored and vessel owners who fail to comply will be subject to prosecution and fines under the WA Port Authorities Act, 1999.

Capt Vic Justice

CEO / HARBOURMASTER

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