

COMMERCIAL BULLETIN

Welcome to the first edition of MAST's Commercial Bulletin.

As many of you would be aware, MAST is still responsible for waterways management issues such as the provision of navigation aids, VHF radio services, facilities and ports and pilotage. Owners and operators of Domestic Commercial Vessels (DCVs) operating in Tasmania contribute to the costs of providing these services through an annual infrastructure administration fee. The aim of this Bulletin is to keep you informed of any changes or upgrades to facilities and services.

DISPLAY OF LABEL

On payment of the Annual Infrastructure Administration Fee, MAST issues a label that must be displayed in a prominent position on the vessel. If the label is not displayed, there is a provision for an infringement notice to be issued.



MAST GIS

MAST has introduced a web-based Geographic Information System (GIS) to display MAST managed navigation aids as well as those owned and maintained by TasPorts and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, with details of over 500 aids displayed.

The system can be accessed via the MAST web page or www.maps.mast.tas.gov.au. Users can choose between a topographic map or aerial imagery view, as well as display either the mooring or navigation aid layer.

Operation of the site is straightforward. Users can zoom into areas of interest using controls similar to Google maps. To view details of navigation aids, click on the information button to the top left of the display as well as the arrow button and click on the aid.

Details of navigation aid, including owner, structure type and light characteristics (if lit) will be displayed in the information panel. Click on the thumbnail photo to open an image of the aid.

Navigation Aid Details	
Vol K Number	3564.1
Vol K Name	Port Sorell Rear Lit Lead
Original Owner	Devonport P. A
Photos	
Structure Type	Timber Pole
Topmark	White Triangle with orange retro
Structure Elevation M	12
Character	ISO phase 2 sec
Flash Length	1
Eclipse Length	1
Colour	Blue

NAVIGATION AIDS

MAST manages 298 navigation aids statewide, including the Furneaux Group of Islands.

Routine planned maintenance and servicing of aids is undertaken during each financial year by MAST contractors Remote Maritime Systems. Scheduled remedial maintenance of aids is also undertaken during this period, where aids have been identified in previous planned maintenance periods as requiring replacement lanterns, structures or new power supplies. In the last financial year, planned and remedial maintenance was undertaken in the following localities:

Ulverstone, Wynyard, East Coast, Dunalley, St Helens, Ansons Bay, Smithton, Hunter Island, Bluff Hill Point, Bridport, Musselroe Bay, Furneaux Group of Islands, Port Davey, Actaeon Island, Fishers Point and Low Rocky Point.

This included the replacement of three sector lights located at Vansittart, Dick Davey and Apple Orchard, all in the Furneaux Group of Islands.



Upgraded navigation aids

A new lantern was also installed at Fishers Point, along with the replacement installation of three new leads on Green Island and a new starboard buoy in Bridport.

Already this financial year, aids have been serviced in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Huon River and River Tamar.

With continual upgrading of aids with new technology, for example the LED lights, the number of breakdowns decreases.

MAST appreciates commercial operators reporting any navigation outages and if it is not a MAST navigation aid, we shall pass the outage on to the relevant Authority.

MAST JETTIES

On 29 July 2017, new *Marine and Safety (Jetties) By-Laws 2017*, came into effect. One of the significant additions to the By-laws was the introduction of restricted areas on State jetties, whereby a person must not berth a vessel at a State jetty in excess of the time limit displayed on the facility without the prior approval of the Authority.

The introduction of the red restricted area provides fair and equitable use of State jetties for both commercial and recreational boat owners.

The restricted time period currently displayed at State jetties is three days. If an operator requires a longer period, a written request with justification must be made by emailing admin@mast.tas.gov.au and MAST will then consider this request.

Exceeding the time limit displayed on a jetty without permission from MAST may incur a fine which totals 2 penalty points.



Restricted areas have been established at State jetties located at Kettering, Dover, Port Arthur, Nubeena, Dunalley, Bicheno and St Helens.

Also a reminder that the yellow lines on the jetties are strictly for loading and unloading and vessels must not be left unattended on these areas as you risk receiving an on the spot fine.



BRIDPORT JETTY

Works have now been completed on the inner section of the Bridport Jetty. The jetty was constructed by VEC Civil Engineering and was completed within the proposed program and within the budget. In consultation with MAST, several additional items were included in the works to improve design, including drainage and the relocation of services to allow for continued operation during the construction phase.



Bridport Jetty

WOODBIDGE JETTY

After consultation with users of the facility, the replacement of Woodbridge Jetty is underway. Works are being undertaken by Tas Marine Construction and are scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2018.



Woodbridge Jetty

DUNALLEY JETTY

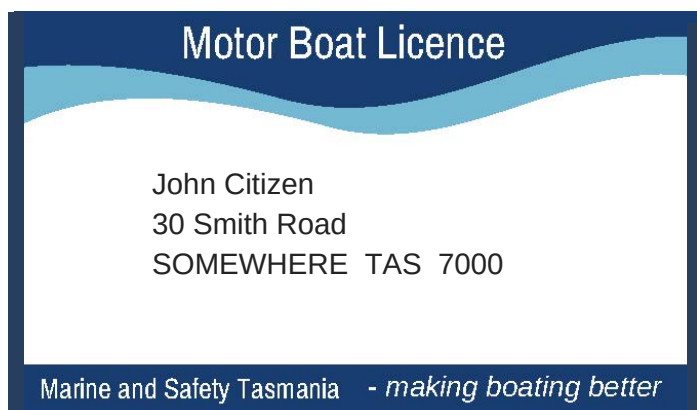
The existing jetty was constructed in 1993 with the pile and bearers still having a lifespan of approximately 20 years. This lifespan justified the investment in a new concrete deck to avoid a significant annual cost of replacing deck planks as they rot. Work on the concrete deck overlay was undertaken by Waterfront Contracting and completed in October 2018.



Dunalley Jetty

RECREATIONAL BOAT LICENCES

Certificate of Competency holders wishing to operate a registered recreational vessel in Tasmanian waters require a Recreational Motor Boat Licence. Certificate of Competency holders will not be required to undertake the practical boat licence course, but payment of the triennial Recreational Motor Boat Licence fee is required. A Recognition of Interstate Motor Boat Licence / Certificate of Competency Application Form will need to be submitted to MAST and can be found on the MAST website.



In addition to this, Part 3 of the Sewage Management Directive states vessels must NOT discharge sewage that is NOT disinfected in any of the following waters:

- any inland waters;
- any marina, designated mooring area or canal;
- any marine resources protected area established under the Living Marine Resources Act 1995;
- Any waters less than 5 metres deep;
- Within 500m of any operating shellfish farm;
- The Tamar estuary upstream of the Batman Bridge;
- The Derwent estuary upstream of the Bowen Bridge;
- Payne Bay, north of a line between Curtis Point and Woody Point;
- James Kelly Basin, south and west of a line between Garden Point and Larsens Rocks;
- Bathurst Harbour and all bays and inlets therein, and Bathurst Channel and all bays and inlets therein, east of a line between Hammond Point and Forrester Point;
- Macquarie Harbour, east of a line between Coal Head and Steadman Point;
- Any other waters within 1 nautical mile (1,852 metres) of any land, including islands; and
- Within 120m of a person in the water.

For more information on boat sewage discharge, including Boat Sewage Discharge Maps, visit epa.tas.gov.au/epa/water/boat-sewage-management

SEWAGE MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE

The EPA has advised the additional measures to limit the discharge of boat sewage into State waters took effect on 1 November 2018. These measures have been detailed in the Sewage Management Directive, which was issued by the Director of the Environment Protection Authority in December 2013.

From 1 November 2018, boats carrying less than 16 people will be allowed to discharge untreated sewage provided the discharge of urine into any waterway is not mixed with faeces and the discharge of sewage has no visible floating solids and it does not cause any prolonged discolouration of the water.

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