Hydrographic Note

Reporting Discrepancies on Nautical Charts and Publications

Mariners are requested to notify the Australian Hydrographic Office (AHO) of any identified or suspected hazards to navigation, discrepancies in nautical charts, Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) or nautical publications, changes to aids to navigation or port infrastructure, and any ENC display anomalies.

Reports should be submitted in accordance with applicable national and international legal requirements.

The Hydrographic Note may be forwarded to:

Postal:	E-mail:
Hydrographer of Australia Locked Bag 8801 Wollongong NSW 2500 Australia	datacentre@hydro.gov.au

Where available, reports should include:

- Submit all available information. Incomplete reports are acceptable and may still contribute to navigational safety.
- Include supporting material where possible, such as photographs, screenshots or marked-up charts.
- Provide accurate positional data. Positions derived from satellite navigation systems should include datum. Where positions are obtained by bearings or ranges, include full details of the method used.
- For depth observations, record the date, time, echo sounder reference (keel or waterline), and vessel draft where relevant.
- Where available, provide digital sounding data files with position, time and depth information.
- Continue recording depths where anomalies are suspected to confirm validity.
- Urgent navigational hazards, including uncharted shoal depths or aids to navigation that are not functioning, should also be reported by radio to the appropriate maritime authority.

Note: Reports are assessed by the AHO and may result in immediate navigational safety action, publication through Notices to Mariners, or inclusion in a future chart, ENC or publication revision. When a Notice to Mariners is issued the sender's ship or name is quoted as the authority.

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General locality:	
Position – Latitude, Longitude, Datum (if fixing directly by GPS) plus	
Position – description (if fixing by other means)	
ENC, Paper Chart, or Publication affected:	
Date of latest correction / update applied to affected ENC, Paper Chart or Publication (if known):	
Observation Details	
Reports which are incomplete or lacking detail should still be submitted – some information is far better than no information, and may contribute to preventing a significant accident.	

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