



Temporary Notice to Mariners

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MARINE ACT 1982 Closure of Waters Diving Works Fremantle Rail Bridge

Mariners are advised that a below water pier inspection of the Fremantle Rail Bridge will take place from 26 Sept to 28 Sept 2011 inclusive during daylight hours. The inspection will be conducted from a maintenance barge, the Cormorant (11.75m in length), with support vessels in attendance as required.

Acting pursuant to Section 66 of the Western Australian Marine Act 1982, I hereby advise that individual bridge spans used for vessel navigation will be closed to navigation during the above diving works as follows:

Only one navigable span will be temporarily closed at any time.

Monday 26 September:

Southern navigable span (upriver): CLOSED 08:00am – 04:00pm

Upriver traffic to use the centre span on this day

Downriver traffic to use the Northern span on this day

Tuesday 27 September:

Centre navigable span (downriver): CLOSED 08:00am – 04:00pm

Wednesday 28 September:

Northern navigable span (downriver): CLOSED 08:00am – 04:00pm

Closed bridge spans will be posted with temporary signage and the international code flag "A" will be exhibited whilst diving operations are in progress. Additionally, a yellow buoy, approx 1.4m in height, will be placed about 10m either side of temporarily closed spans.

Operators will monitor Marine VHF Channel 16. Only vessels authorised by the Department of Transport may access closed bridge spans during the above diving works.

Mariners are advised to stay well clear of the diving works and closed bridge spans, and to navigate with extreme caution when transiting the area during the above operations.

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