Department of Transport and Main Roads - Maritime Safety Queensland

NOTICE TO MARINERS

243 of 2018

Issued by Townsville Maritime Region on 6 July 2018

Area: Townsville pilotage area

Locality: Townsville Ross Creek and Platypus Channel

Activity: Port Busy Signal light altered

Mariners are advised that Port Busy Signal lights Occ R (3 vert) 4s on the Port Services tower in position latitude 19° 15.1370' S longitude 146° 49.9190' E directed seaward with a 160° an arc of visibility 120°(t) to 280°(t) has been discontinued.

The Port Busy Signal lights Occ R (3 vert) 4s will be displayed on the following structures:

Platypus Channel beacon P 16 latitude 19° 14.5778' S longitude 146° 50.0028' E directed north west with a 160°an arc of visibility 075°(t) to 235°(t).

Platypus Front Lead in position latitude 19° 14.9174' S longitude 146° 49.8480' E directed up stream with a 160° an arc of visibility 300°(t) to 100°(t).

The activation (flashing) of the Port Busy Signal light is intended to warn small commercial vessels, recreational ships and watercraft that a large ship with attending tugs is maneuvering within the harbour or Platypus Channel shown on the accompanying chart.

Small commercial vessels, recreational ships and watercraft intending to depart Ross Creek must not navigate past the Platypus Channel Front lead or enter the Port Swing Basin until the port busy signal light is turned off.

Small commercial vessels, recreational ships and watercraft intending to transit the port to enter Ross Creek must not enter the Port Swing Basin or the Platypus channel until the port busy signal light is turned off.

Mariners are advised to comply with the requirements of this notice and navigate with extreme caution in the vicinity of the port area.

Refer to notice: 317(T) of 2017
Cancel notice: 317(T) of 2017

AUS charts affected: AUS 256, AUS 257

Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA94 datum.

For further information about this notice, please contact:

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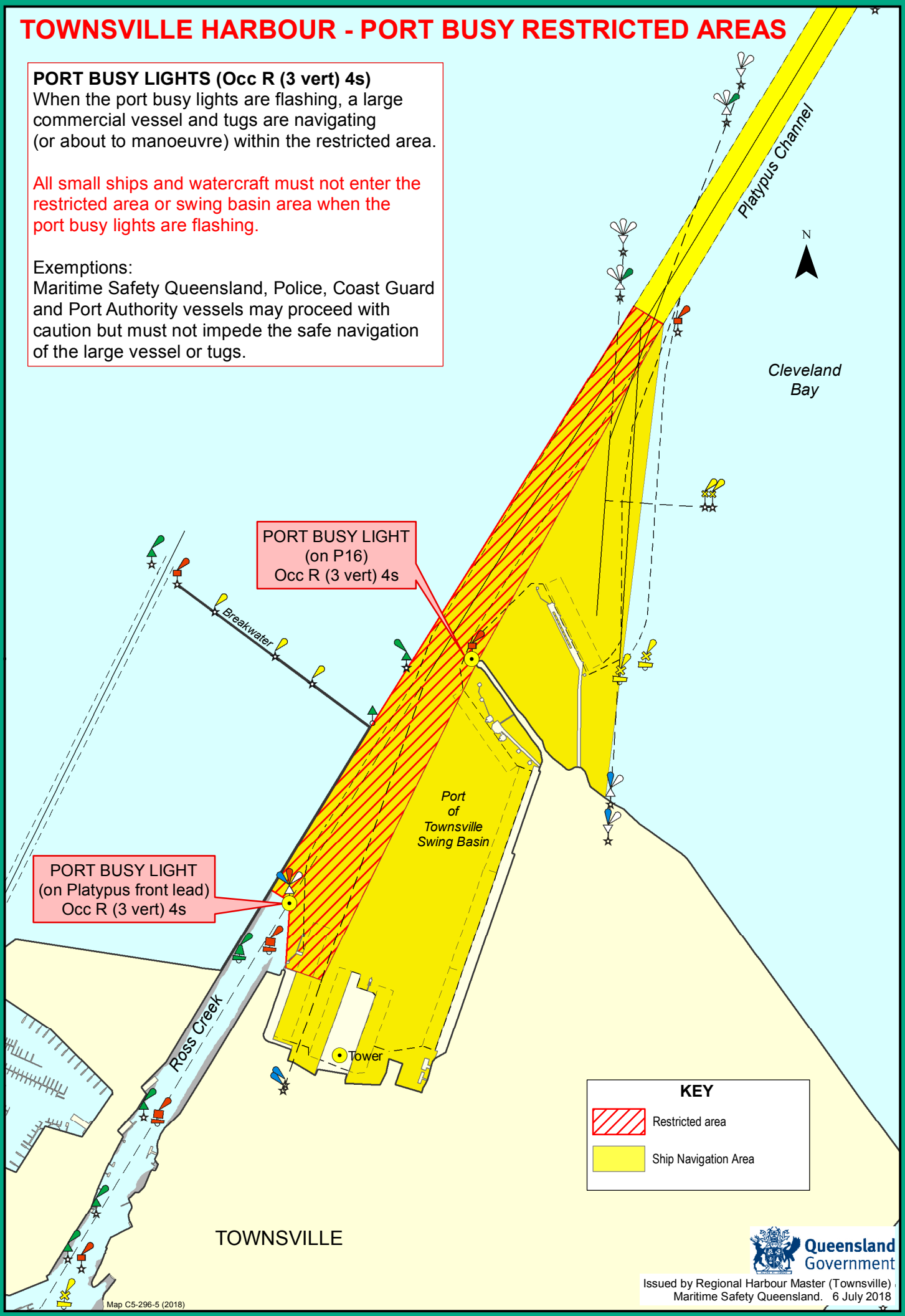
Notice authorised by: Regional Harbour Master (Townsville) - Maritime Safety Queensland

TOWNSVILLE HARBOUR - PORT BUSY RESTRICTED AREAS

PORT BUSY LIGHTS (Occ R (3 vert) 4s)
When the port busy lights are flashing, a large commercial vessel and tugs are navigating (or about to manoeuvre) within the restricted area.

All small ships and watercraft must not enter the restricted area or swing basin area when the port busy lights are flashing.

Exemptions:
Maritime Safety Queensland, Police, Coast Guard and Port Authority vessels may proceed with caution but must not impede the safe navigation of the large vessel or tugs.