Department of Transport and Main Roads - Maritime Safety Queensland

NOTICE TO MARINERS



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Issued by Gladstone Maritime Region on 5 June 2025

Area: Capricorn Coast

Locality: Shoalwater Bay

Activity: live firing activities

Mariners are advised that live firing activities will be conducted in the marine component of the Shoalwater Bay Training Area from 0800 hours on Thursday, 3 July 2025, to 0800 hours on Tuesday, 8 July 2025, inclusive.

Virtual Navigation Aids (VNA) will be activitated for the below points.

Marine Danger Area

Local Name	Pt. No	Latitude	Longitude
Unnamed Point	AWR-1 (VNA1)	22°25.00' S	150°25.00' E
Unnamed Point	AWR-2 (VNA2)	22°25.03′ S	150°37.11' E
NE cnr Gibralter	DPA 9 (VNA3)	22°19.92' S	150°45.05' E
Sector			
Unnamed Point	AWR-3 (VNA17)	22°09.00' S	150°37.00' E_
Unnamed Point	AWR-4 (VNA30)	22°09.00' S	150°25.00' E
NE cnr Huttonvale	DPA-5 (VNA29)	22°14.76′ S	150°20.31' E
Sector			
Unnamed Point	AWR-1 (VNA1)	22°25.00′ S	150°25.00' E

The Marine Danger Area will be closed for access from 0800 hours Thursday, 3 July 2025 to 0800 hours Tuesday, 8 July 2025. All waters, creeks, beaches and other areas within the declared Marine Danger Area are not available for access throughout the above times.

Pursuant to section 53 of the *Defence Force Regulation 1952*, any person or vessel found within the Marine Danger Area of the Gazetted Defence Practice Area commits an offence subject to 5 penalty units or imprisonment for 3 months, or both.

Pursuant to section 54 of the *Defence Force Regulation 1952*, such persons or vessels may be removed by Australian Defence Force personnel, or by the Queensland Police. Any costs associated with removal may be borne by the owner, hirer, charterer or agent of the watercraft.

A new Defence Practice Area – Shoalwater Bay has been implemented by the Minister of Defence as of 5 February 2007. The Defence Practice Area has been expanded and may be inconsistent with the area currently represented on some available marine charts and land maps.

Safe anchorages are available at the following locations only:

Freshwater, Port Clinton, West Water Port Clinton, South Arm Port Clinton and Pearl Bay.

Mariners are requested not to approach within 500m of any military vessel involved in the exercise.

Points of contact for this notice are:

- a) Range Control: (07) 4935 5000 during normal business hours Monday to Friday.
- b) Defence Support Central Queensland Duty Officer: 0459 843 330 after hours

Refer to notice: none Cancel notice: none

AUS charts affected: 260, 822

ENC Cells affected: AU423150, AU5SBA01, AU5SBA02

Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA2020 datum.

For further information about this notice, please contact:

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

