13.7 **Small Craft Ship Navigation Areas and Recommended Courses**

NARNING FOR ALL SMALL CRAFT NEAR SHIP NAVIGATION AREAS

There is a large amount of interaction between small craft and large ships in Queensland waters. Gladstone Ports Corporation are continually increased shipping activities as a result. expanding the Port of Gladstone with

igation areas (major shipping routes Use a recommended small craft course, if provided, as a safer alternate route. pilot boarding grounds, anchorages, channels, swing basins and berths). Where possible, keep clear of ship

When in a swing basin or along side a

the recommended small craft course for the G1 and G2 as indicated, to then proceed in a similar manner on the northern side of the South Channel and the waters to the south towards the entrance of Auckland Inlet and the shipping channel at aids to navigation recommended small craft course to travel Sailing vessels are required to utilise the thereof; and after making the crossing of until the crossing of the shipping channel to The Narrows or the North Channel, or safe navigable waterway extending from he Gladstone Marina as indicated.

regarding navigation in shipping channels Mariners bulletins (www.msg.gld.gov.au) At nominated locations, unauthorised restricted operational area. Notice to vessels are prohibited from mooring anchoring or manoeuvring within a will provide up to date information

behind a large ship, and only when it is Always transit directly across a channel clear and safe to travel Between sunset and sunrise, as well as always show correct navigation lights periods of restricted daytime visibility when at anchor or under way.

activity well clear of ship navigation areas. EEP SAFE by conducting all boating

AINTAIN a proper lookout at all times

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and must maintain an all round visual watch including monitoring the VHF radio channel navigate in a shipping channel, you must keep to the outer edge of that channel

on that frequency when entering, leaving or For Gladstone, the master noving within the Gladstone Pilotage Area. channel 13 and maintain a listening watch Ships can approach quickly and silently. At night, judgement of distance over wate is more difficult. Ships do not have brakes channel prior to commencing. If you mus Report your intention to travel along any Control (VTS) on VHF nundred metres in front of the bow. This blind spot extends much further forward Large ships with the bridge at the stern if deck cargo or containers are carried. and can take up to 2 nautical miles or will have a large blind spot for several Gladstone Harbour longer to come to a complete stop.



of a vessel 10m in length or greater must report to



Large ships at maximum draft have minimal manoeuvre within the designated shipping under keel dearance and can only channel

berth, ships are accompanied by tugs and

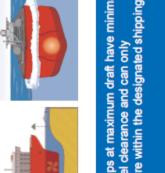


Figure 8 - Small vessel warning