

Port of Dampier – Diving Operations

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Details:	Port of Dampier – Diving Operations
Former Notice:	Nil
Charts & Publications:	AUS 57, 59 ENC Cell – AU5058P0
Further Notice:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

Port users are advised that a number of diving operations take place at various locations within the Port of Dampier on regular basis. With ongoing projects within the port, the frequency of these operations have further increased.

The diving operations within the port waters are conducted with a Dive Support Vessel (DSV) standby at the dive location.

Depending upon the nature of the work, the divers:

- May be near to the surface of the water but not visible from above.
- May be quite a few meters away from the DSV.

Other vessels operating in the vicinity of these diving operations pose significant danger to the divers under the water.

For the safety of divers, all other vessels operating in the vicinity of diving operations must keep at least 50 meters clear of boats, buoys or areas showing diving signals. Where it is not possible to maintain the required minimum 50 meters clearance the approaching vessel shall make positive contact with the DSV and receive clearance prior to approach.

Where a larger exclusion zone is required, the Dive Supervisor is to liaise with Dampier VTS which will then broadcast regular Securite messages advising the same.

All current local Marine Notices are available on our website: <http://www.pilbaraports.com.au/#marine-notices>

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Mariners and other port users are requested to notify the Harbour Master on the discovery of new dangers or suspected dangers to navigation within the Port.

The Diving Support Vessels must display appropriate day and/or night shapes and lights, as prescribed in COLREG Rule 27, to warn the vessels in the vicinity of the ongoing dive operations underwater.

Diving during daylight: The DSV must display a rigid replica of the International Code Flag "A" not less than 1 meter in height. The flag must be at least 750 mm in length and not less than 600 mm in width. Measures shall be taken to ensure its all-round visibility.

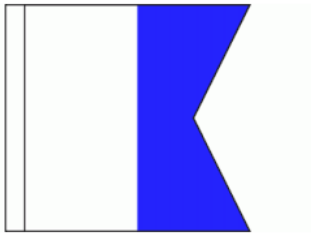


Image: International Code Flag A

Diving at night: The DSV must display the international lights, as prescribed in COLREG Rule 27.

Dampier VTS, will broadcast regular Securite messages, during the dive operations, detailing the location and nature of dive operations, including the exclusion zone and/or no-wake zones around the diving operations.

All vessels within the port waters are required to maintain a listening watch on VHF Channels 11 & 16 at all times. When in doubt or not able to contact the DSV directly, contact Dampier VTS on VHF 11 to seek clarification.

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