

Bridge Wing Shelters for the Protection of Pilots and Crew

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Details:	Requirements of Bridge Wing Shelters for the Protection of Pilots and Crew
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Attachment:	Nil

The Port of Port Hedland experiences high temperatures during several months of the year, with mean maximum temperatures averaging around 36.4°C and a recorded high temperature of 49.0 °C. The objective of this Local Marine Notice is to provide protection to the Pilots and the bridge team when working on the bridge wings in hot climatic conditions while allowing unobstructed visibility from the bridge wings.

From 1 September 2023, all vessels of 81,000 DWT or more must provide bridge wing shelters that meet the requirements of this Local Marine Notice for the protection of Pilots and the bridge team.

It is recommended that vessels of less than 81,000 DWT also comply with the requirements of this notice.

The bridge wing shelter should be made of suitable material to provide shade from the sun and have the following minimum dimensions:

- Extend at least 1.52m inboard from the outer edge of the bridge wing.
- The fore-and-aft dimension is to at least extend from the forward part of the bridge wing to the aft part of the bridge wing.
- The height of the bridge wing shelter from deck level should be at least 2.45 m. On vessels that have a raised deck, grating or platform at the edge of the bridge wing, the bridge wing shelter should be raised accordingly.

The bridge wing shelters can be portable or removable if required and should be of strong construction to withstand winds that can be encountered in Port Hedland. The design and rigging of the bridge wing shelter should prevent spilling water inside the frame of the shelter during rain.

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Bridge Wing Shelters, which comply with the requirements of Panama Canal Authority OP Notice to Shipping N-1-2022, are acceptable for the purpose of this Local Marine Notice.

The following are diagrams and images of bridge wing shelters that are acceptable. Alternate arrangements, including portable shelters, which provide equivalent or better protection and visibility, may be acceptable.

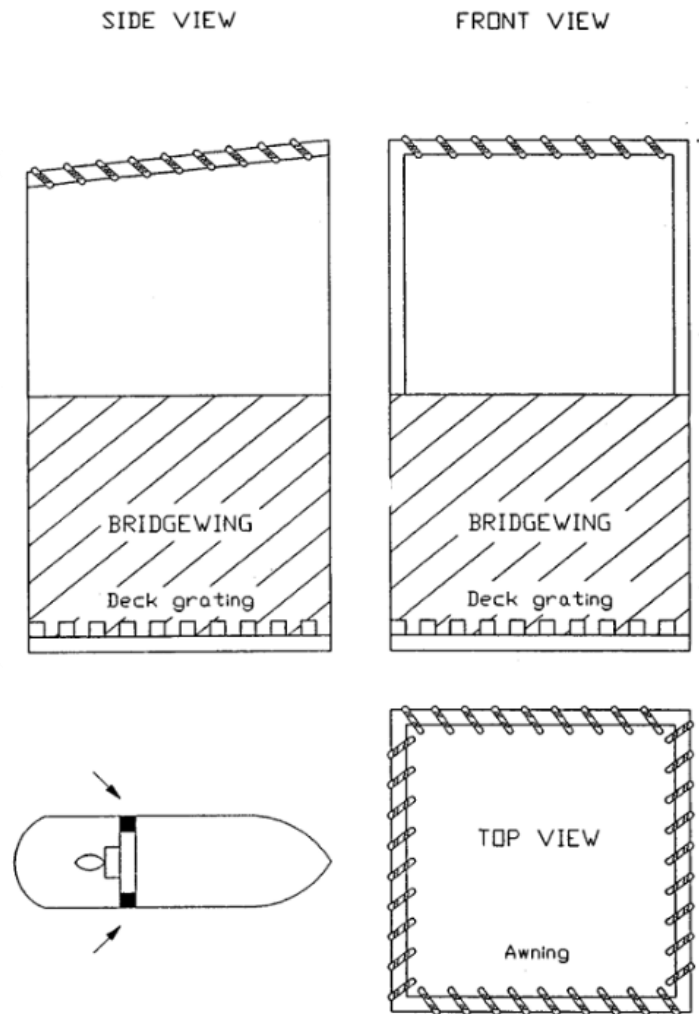


Photos of Bridge Wing Shelter

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Diagrams of Bridge Wing Shelter

Any questions or feedback regarding this Local Marine Notice should be addressed to the Port Hedland Marine Operations Team.



**Lawrie Corda
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Frequently Asked Questions

Does the vessel operator need to seek approval from the PPA for the design of the bridge wing shelters?

Vessel operators are not required to seek approval from the PPA for the design of the bridge wing shelters as long as the requirements of this notice are complied with.

What are the implications if my vessel is unable to comply with the requirements after 1 September 2023?

After 1 September 2023, vessels which do not comply with the requirement of LMN 07/23 may be restricted to berthing and unberthing only during the night time.

Should the vessel operator have any other considerations when designing the bridge wing shelters?

The design of the bridge wing shelter must allow unrestricted visibility from the bridge wing. Consideration must also be given to social distancing requirements that may be applicable when deciding the size of the bridge wing shelter.