

# Port Hedland Salvage Response Plan and Ship Salvage Preparedness Requirements

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## Purpose

This Marine Safety Bulletin advises all port users of the publication of the Port Hedland Salvage Response Plan (PH-SRP) and the requirement for appropriate ship salvage preparedness arrangements for vessels calling at the Port of Port Hedland.

The Port Hedland Salvage Response Plan has been developed to support coordinated, timely, and effective management of marine salvage incidents within Port Hedland waters and to align port salvage response with existing emergency and business continuity arrangements.

The requirement for ship salvage preparedness arrangements is intended to complement the Port Hedland Salvage Response Plan by ensuring vessels operating in the port are suitably prepared to support salvage operations, should a marine casualty occur.

## Port Hedland Salvage Response Plan

Following the November 2024 Port Hedland salvage exercise, it was evident that the Port of Port Hedland required a specific, port-wide Salvage Response Plan to support coordinated and effective salvage response within port waters.

Accordingly, and following extensive consultation and work with key stakeholders, Pilbara Ports is pleased to advise that the *Port Hedland Salvage Response Plan* ([link here](#)) is now available on the Pilbara Ports website for all port users to access and familiarise themselves with.

The Plan outlines the port's approach to salvage preparedness and response, including governance arrangements, roles and responsibilities, and interfaces with emergency response and business continuity processes.

All vessel owners, operators, Masters, agents, pilots, towage providers, and other marine service providers are encouraged to review the Plan.

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## **Ship Salvage Preparedness Requirements**

Vessels calling at the Port of Port Hedland are required to have ship salvage preparedness arrangements in place, commensurate with the risks posed by the vessel while operating within port waters.

In addition, effective 1 August 2026, all vessels of >120,000 DWT calling at the Port of Port Hedland must have such ship salvage preparedness arrangements in place prior to arrival.

The Ship Salvage Plan should be developed in a manner that complements the Port Hedland Salvage Response Plan, enabling effective interface between ship and port arrangements in the event of a marine casualty requiring salvage or emergency intervention.

**For guidance only**, Pilbara Ports has prepared a draft ship's salvage plan template, which is available on the Pilbara Ports website. ([Link – Example Template for the ship salvage plan](#))

Vessels are not required to adopt or follow the form of the template and may use any ship-specific plan or arrangement they consider appropriate.

Responsibility for the content, adequacy, and implementation of a ship salvage plan, and other ship salvage preparedness arrangements, remains with the vessel owner, operator, and Master.

The Harbour Master may request a copy of a ship salvage plan, and other ship salvage preparedness arrangements in place for any vessel calling at or operating within the Port of Port Hedland.

For any queries regarding this Marine Safety Bulletin, please contact the Port Hedland Harbour Master's team.



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