
Port of Dampier – Rio Tinto Hydrographic Surveys

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Date: 27/04/2026

Date of effect:	<u>28/04/2026</u>
Details:	<u>Rio Tinto hydrographic surveys</u>
Former notice:	<u>N/A</u>
Charts and publications:	<u>AUS57, AUS59, AUS60 & ENC cells AU421116, AU5DAM01, AU5DAM02, AU5DAM03</u>
Further notice:	<u>Will be cancelled on completion of the survey operations</u>
Attachments:	<u>Survey area chartlet and photo / details of the survey vessel</u>

Port users are advised that hydrographic surveys will be conducted in the following locations and as shown in Figure 1 (red shaded area):

- Rio Tinto channel (including adjacent areas to the channel in the vicinity of Courtenay Shoal)
- Parker Point arrival and departure channels, berth pockets and swing basin
- East Intercourse Island departure channel and berth pockets
- Mistaken Island departure channel and berth pocket
- Rio Tinto Hampton Harbour tug pen facility and channel

The hydrographic survey is scheduled to commence 28 April 2026 to 5 May 2026 and will resume from 12 May 2026 to 17 May 2026.

The survey will be conducted by the vessel *Red Dog* (Figure 2). A Sécurité message will be broadcast daily by Dampier VTS, detailing the vessel's area of operation. *Red Dog* will maintain a listening watch on VHF channels 11 and 16, comply with COLREGs, and exhibit the required lights and shapes.

Mariners should navigate with caution in the vicinity of the survey vessel.

Capt. Mike Minogue

**Harbour Master
Pilbara Ports West**

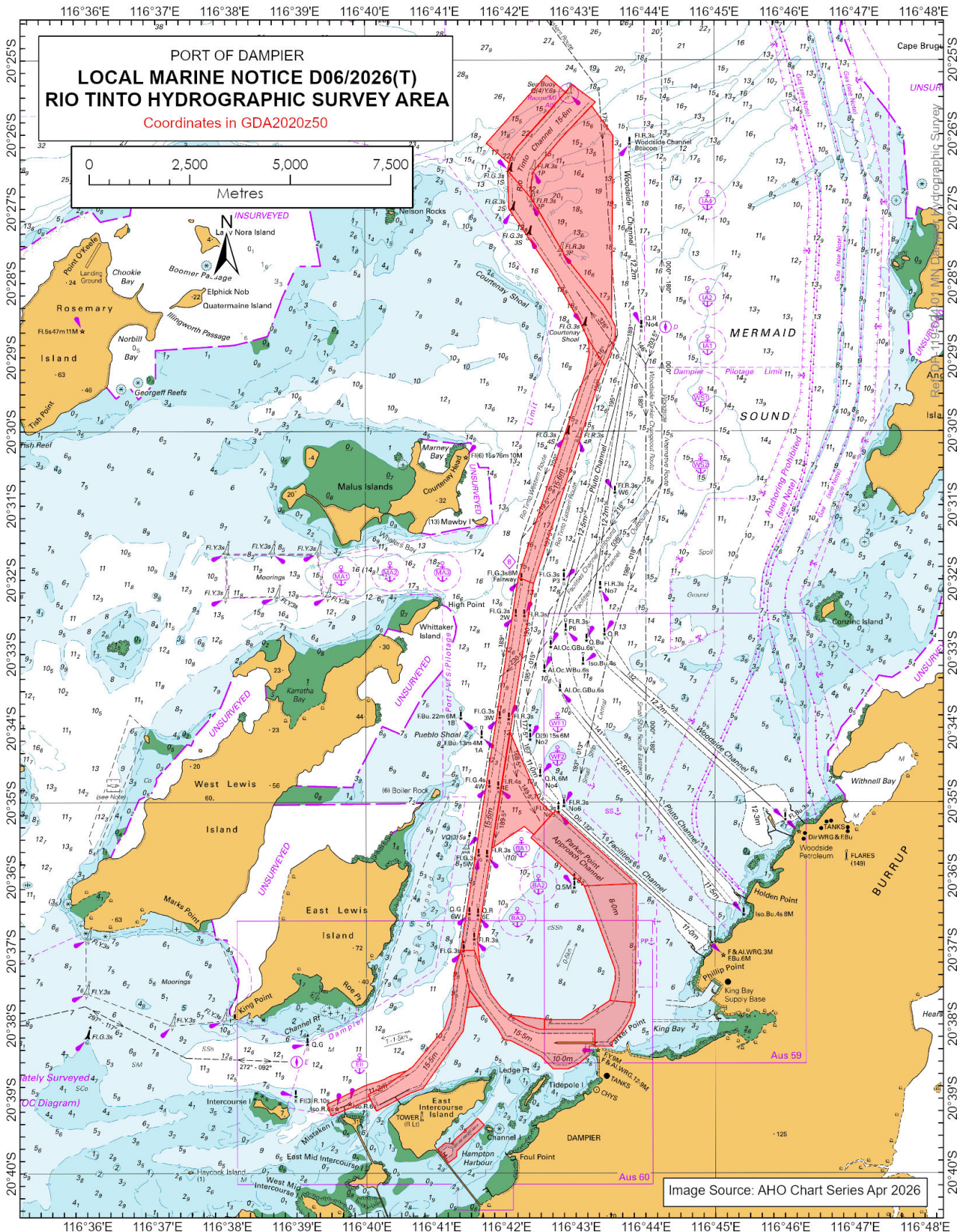


Figure 1

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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. [All current local Marine Notices are available on our website.](#)



Figure 2: Survey vessel *Red Dog*