

Port of Dampier - Aids to Navigation (AtoN) Maintenance in the Rio Tinto Channel and Hampton Harbour

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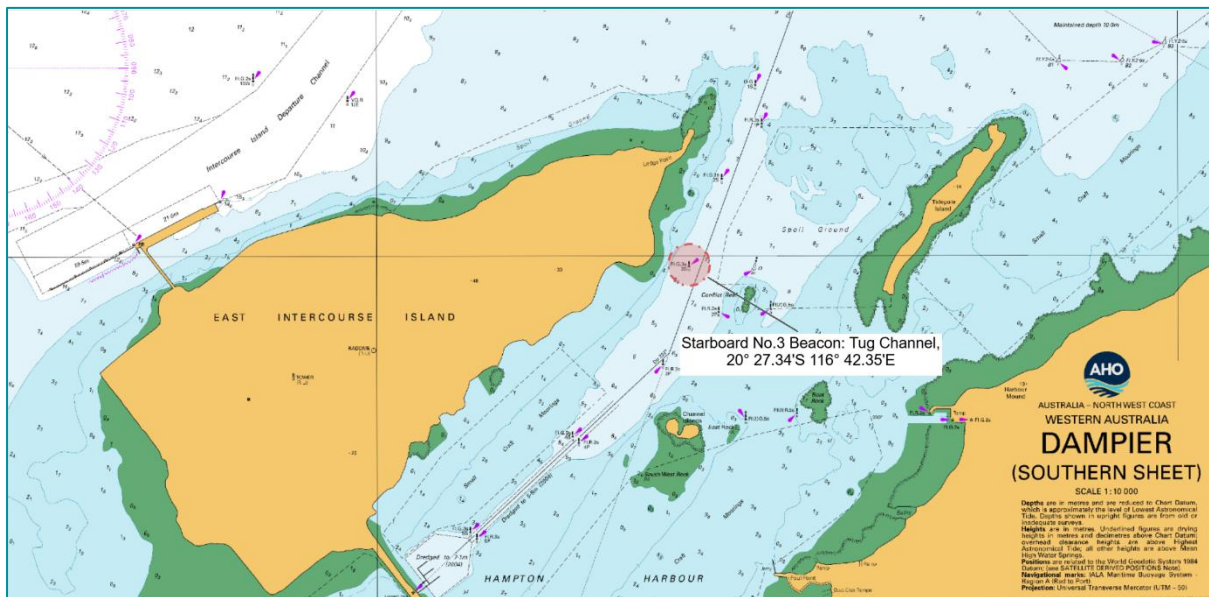
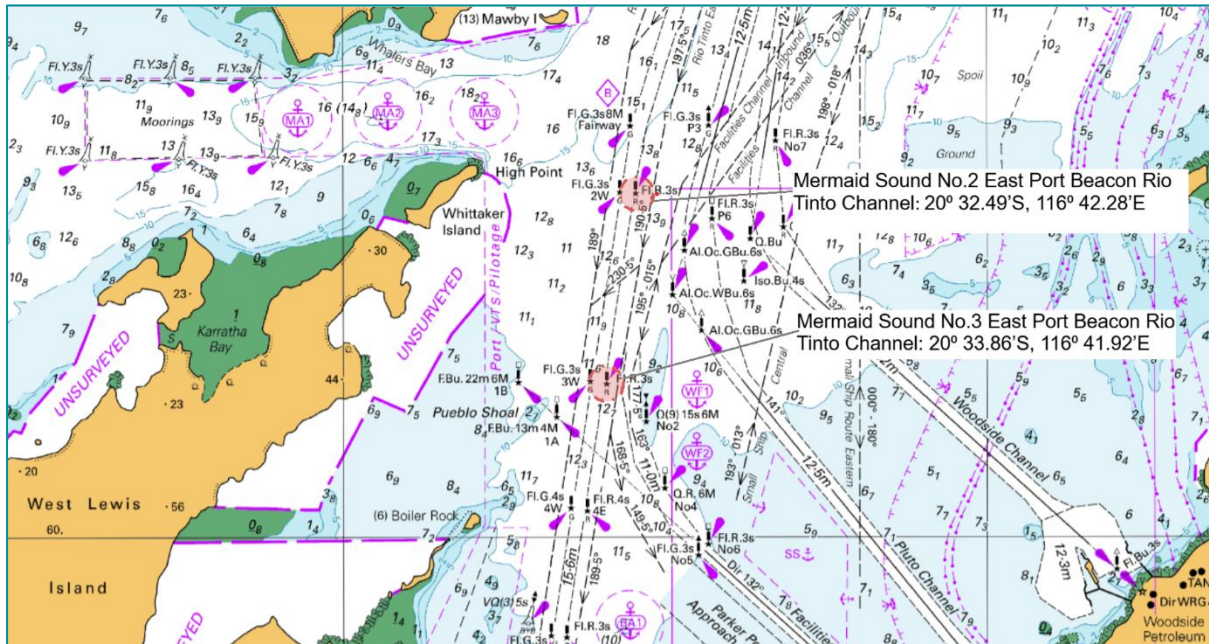
Date of effect:	8/06/2026
Details:	Aids to Navigation (AtoN) Maintenance in the Rio Tinto Channel and Hampton Harbour
Former notice:	N/A
Charts and publications:	AUS59 & ENC cell AU5DAM02
Further notice:	Will be cancelled on completion of maintenance operations (approximately 1 week)
Attachments:	Chartlets depicting the location of the impacted Aids to Navigation (AtoN)

Mariners are advised that on Monday 8 June vessel *Arabella* will be conducting works to replace the top platforms on two (2) beacons within the RioTinto Channel and one (1) within Hampton Harbour.

Aid To Navigation	Location
Starboard No.3 Beacon Hampton Harbour	20° 27.34'S, 116° 42.35'E
Mermaid Sound No.2 East Port Beacon Rio Tinto Channel	20° 32.49'S, 116° 42.28'E
Mermaid Sound No.3 East Port Beacon Rio Tinto Channel	20° 33.86'S, 116° 41.92'E

Each top platform of the beacons will be removed, lifted, and replaced with a new unit. All operations will be conducted during daylight hours, utilising the vessel *Arabella* who will be contactable on VHF Channels 11 and 16. The works duration is expected to be around one week during this period, there is no planned disruption to the light characteristics during hours of darkness.

Mariners are requested to maintain a minimum clearance of 100 metres from the works where practicable and proceed at minimum safe speed to ensure reduced wash. Where this clearance cannot be achieved, vessels must obtain positive confirmation from *Arabella* prior to passing.



**Capt. Mike Minogue
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