

Annual Hydrographic Survey and Dredging Campaigns

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Attachments:	Vessel Photographs

Mariners are advised of hydrographic survey and dredging activities scheduled to occur within the Port of Port Hedland between 26 August and 27 October 2026.

The works will involve specialist vessels undertaking hydrographic surveys, Zone 5 bypass dredging and annual maintenance dredging within the Navigation Channel, Inner Harbour and Zone 5 Bypass Area.

Mariners must exercise caution when navigating in the vicinity of these activities and comply with all directions issued by Port Hedland Vessel Traffic Services (VTS).

Mariners are requested to familiarise themselves with the information contained within this notice and exercise caution when navigating in the vicinity of the works.

1. ANNUAL HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

The annual hydrographic survey is scheduled to commence on **26 August 2026** and is expected to be completed by **11 September 2026**.

Survey operations will be conducted continuously, 24 hours per day and seven days per week, within the Navigation Channel and Inner Harbour.

The following vessel will be involved:

VESSEL NAME	VESSEL TYPE
Puriya	Hydrographic Survey Vessel

2. PORT HEDLAND ZONE 5 BYPASS DREDGING WORKS

The Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger (TSHD) Vasco da Gama is scheduled to arrive at Port Hedland on or around 9 September 2026. The vessel will initially berth alongside for quarantine clearance and provisioning before mobilising to the Zone 5 Bypass Area.

Dredging operations are expected to commence following mobilisation and continue until 9 October 2026.

Hydrographic survey activities associated with the Zone 5 bypass works are scheduled to occur between 28 August and 9 October 2026.

The following vessels will be involved in the works:

VESSEL NAME	VESSEL TYPE
Vasco da Gama	Trailer Suction Hopper Dredge
Sea Stryder	Hydrographic Survey Vessel

3. 2026 MAINTENANCE DREDGING CAMPAIGN

The 2026 maintenance dredging campaign is scheduled to commence on 10 October 2026 and is expected to continue for approximately 18 days, subject to operational and environmental conditions.

Hydrographic survey activities supporting the maintenance dredging campaign are scheduled to occur between 12 September and 27 October 2026.

The following vessels will be involved in the campaign:

VESSEL NAME	VESSEL TYPE
Vasco da Gama	Trailer Suction Hopper Dredge
MTS Vantage	Sweep Vessel / tug / workboat
Puriya	Hydrographic Survey Vessel
Zephyr	Hydrographic Survey Vessel

4. NAVIGATION REQUIREMENTS AND OPERATIONAL COORDINATION

All hydrographic survey and dredging activities will be coordinated with Port Hedland VTS and undertaken around programmed shipping movements.

The survey and dredging vessels will maintain continuous communication with Port Hedland VTS and must remain clear of the Navigation Channel and manoeuvring areas when required for scheduled vessel movements.

Port Hedland VTS will provide relevant information regarding the location and status of the works to pilots and vessel Masters, as necessary. Survey and dredging activities may be temporarily suspended or relocated to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of commercial shipping.

Mariners operating in the vicinity of the works should remain alert to the presence and movement of the campaign vessels and comply with any instructions issued by Port Hedland VTS.

Photograph 1: 'Puriya'



Photograph 2: TSHD 'Vasco da Gama'



Photograph 3: 'Sea Stryder'



Photograph 4: 'MTS Vantage'



The work schedule may be amended due to operational requirements, vessel availability or environmental conditions. Any significant changes affecting navigation will be communicated through Port Hedland VTS or by further notice.

For further information or clarification regarding this notice, please contact the Harbour Master Team.

Thank you for your attention and commitment to maintaining the safety and efficiency of Pilbara Ports.



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