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## PREFACE

This book aims to fill a common need for practical, up-to-date information required to cruise the New South Wales coast. It will be useful to those who travel quickly up the coast, only stopping to refuel, and also the cruiser with more time on their hands who wants to work their way along the coast. For those already familiar with the coast, the book pulls together a litany of information from diverse sources, all arranged consistently.

Part I, Things to Know Before You Go, provides extensive reference information on New South Wales cruising, such as skills and experience, recommended apps, charts and books, equipping the yacht for cruising, cruising logistics, climate and weather systems, marine hazards, marine parks and aquatic reserves and rules for boating in NSW and on its waterways.

Part II, Guide to the NSW Coasts, is a coastal cruising guide for yachts cruising the New South Wales coast. Each of the 10 coasts, from the Sapphire Coast to the Far North Coast, is covered in detail, including passage plans, climate, wind and wave averages, marinas, courtesy moorings, anchorages, public wharves and quick reference information. It features chartlets and satellite photos to explain bar entrances, moorings and anchorages.

In the eBook version, available on Apple Books, Google Play Books, Rakuten Kobo and Amazon Kindle, there are many clickable external links. Links to GPX files are provided for passages and points of interest. This format is compatible with Navionics, C-Map, recent chart plotters and many other navigation apps.





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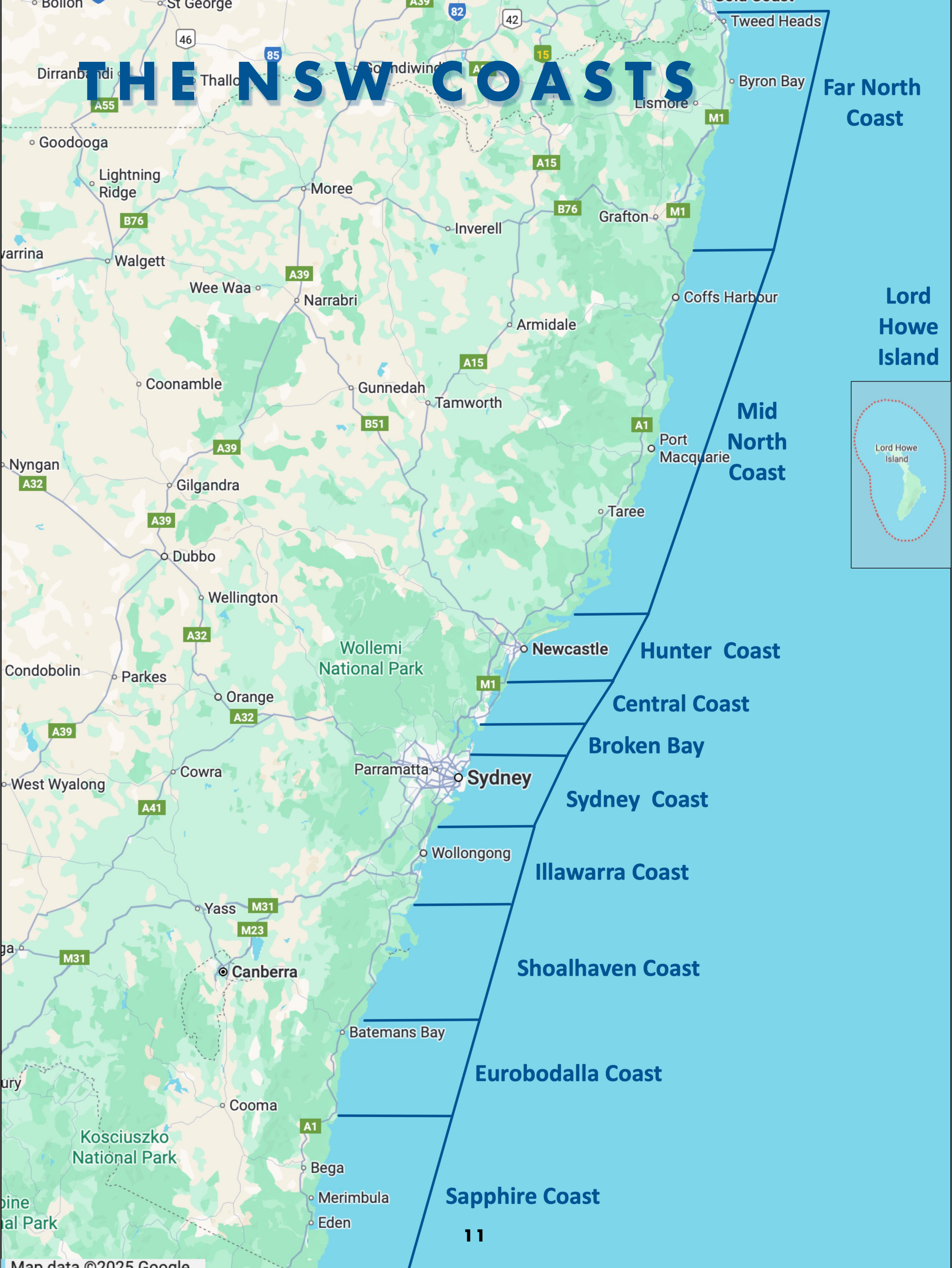
They cruise the east coast of Australia, along with Tonto, their brave Chihuahua and sometimes with sons, Curtis and Lewis. They have also raced *Curlew Escape* at Hamilton Race Week with modest success in various classes over the years.

Greg and Maria live on the Gold Coast.

*To Maria, Curtis and Lewis*  
*for sharing our southern adventures*



# **PART II: GUIDE TO THE COASTS**



# THE NSW COASTS

**Far North Coast**

**Lord Howe Island**

**Mid North Coast**

**Hunter Coast**

**Central Coast**

**Broken Bay**

**Sydney Coast**

**Illawarra Coast**

**Shoalhaven Coast**

**Eurobodalla Coast**

**Sapphire Coast**

# HOW TO USE THE GUIDE

In Part 2, the guide to the NSW coasts, we cover one coastal area per chapter, from the South Coast in the south to the Far North Coast in the north.

Each chapter starts with a Quick Reference, which contains links to key information such as rescue services, notices to marinas, weather links, tides, sewage discharge maps, marine park zoning maps, public moorings and marinas. Items are ordered from south to north and then east to west when they appear in lists.

Next are example passages, with distances, times based on an average speed of 6 knots, information, and hazards to look out for.

Then bars and entrances of interest to cruising yachts.

Transport for NSW provides free charts, based on the Australian Hydrographic charts, but annotated with lots of useful information for navigable areas. We provide thumbnails of these and links to download them. Print copies can also be ordered from TfNSW.

After that, the weather summary, with mean minimum and maximum temperatures, rain, typical wind roses for the summer and winter patterns for 9 am and 3 pm, and wave roses where available.

From there, depending on the coast, we have information on:

- courtesy moorings
- marinas and commercial moorings
- jetties and wharves, including pump-out facilities
- anchorages
- bridges

## ANCHORAGES/MOORINGS

For some anchorages, we have an infographic panel with depth, suggested wind direction and strength, bottom type, Telstra mobile signal strength, whether Starlink considers the



anchorage to be land or ocean and for moorings, the class of mooring. The digital TV signal

**TV Reception**

 Good reception

 Partial reception. Pixellation and drop outs.

 No reception

**Starlink Location Status**

 Land

 Ocean

 Boundary

*From Starlink coverage maps 12/23*

quality is also shown.

MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED WIND SPEEDS

The wind infographic shows the recommended maximum wind strength for 8 different directions. A white arrow indicates calm to 6 knots, grey is moderate wind from 7 to 21 knots, and black is 22 - 33 knots. The scale only goes to 33 knots, Beaufort 7.

**Anchorage Wind Strengths**

 Light: 0 - 6 knots; Beaufort 0 - 2

 Moderate: 7 - 21 knots. Beaufort 3 - 5

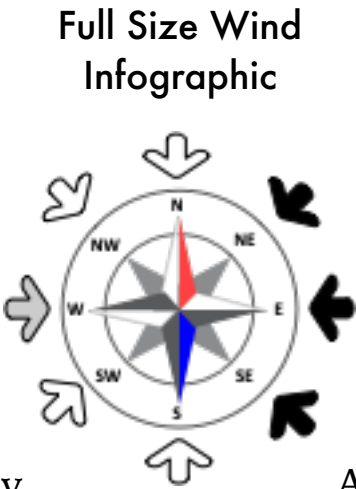
 Strong: 22-33 knots. Beaufort 6 - 7

The main consideration is significant wave height for the fetch from each direction, although in many anchorages, waves will propagate around headlands, so an anchorage might have a lower wind rating even though seemingly protected from a given wind direction.

Note that the scale only goes to 33 knots. Beyond that, vessels may drag depending on the bottom, the anchor, current, propagating waves, swell and the windage of the boat.

The same scale applies to public moorings. Classes 15, B, C and D have a maximum wind rating of 34 knots.

An example full-size wind infographic for the Currigee anchorage is shown to the right. Here, the anchorage is 70m from shore at South Stradbroke Island, on its western shore. As there is almost no fetch for SE, E and NE winds, it is suitable in strong wind conditions from that direction. The anchorage is protected to the west by Crab Island, which is 0.4nm away, and then the mainland is 0.6nm away.



Mini Wind Infographic



A 20-knot wind will generate a wind wave with a significant wave height of 17cm with a 0.4nm fetch. For this reason, the anchorage gets a grey

or moderate wind arrow from the west. From the southwest, the fetch is 1.6nm. A 20-knot wind will generate a significant wave height of 0.35m. A 15-knot wind will generate .0.25m. Neither is comfortable. For tables of public moorings, a mini infographic is used. No arrow is shown for light wind directions; a grey arrow is shown for moderate and a black arrow for strong. The example to the left is for Barren Island. Southeast is recommended for strong conditions, east and south for moderate conditions, and any other wind direction is recommended for light conditions only.

Anchorage positions generally allow enough swing room for a 15m vessel on a 4:1 scope with a 2m draught. This is what works for us. We have a 2m vessel, and our excellent oversized Ultra anchor does very well on 4:1. We provide GPX  marker links suitable in most conditions for yachts of that size and required scope.

#### **Anchorage Marker Warning**

Anchorage markers and mooring markers take into account hydrographic information at the time of writing and are made as a suggestion. The suitability of an anchorage depends on vessel draught and characteristics, wind and sea state.

Wrecks, obstructions, shoaling and new construction can all invalidate an anchorage. Approaches to anchorages and moorings can also be affected by these.

Mariners should check with Notices to Mariners for the area being passaged and with other sources of local information such as VMR and weather forecasts before anchoring.

You should fine-tune the exact position for your vessel's details and conditions. For example, we often see catamarans anchoring a little closer and 55-footer monohulls further out in deep water. If strong winds are expected, move further away from shore with more scope. The anchorage locations should be treated as a suggestion for the recommended conditions. As the skipper, you need to make the final call.

Western shores, in particular, are prone to suddenly becoming lee shores. Most weather systems (cyclones are a notable exception) move from west to east due to the Earth's Coriolis effect. Cold fronts will cause sudden backing to the SW as they arrive. For most of the NSW coast, the land is to the west, and therefore the land breeze comes from the west.

Anchorage chartlets are based on Navionics maps, used with their permission. The settings used to produce the maps, unless otherwise indicated on the chartlet, are:

- SonarChart mode. These are more detailed than the official nautical charts. Note that uncharted rocks and bommies are not picked by the SonarChart survey process, only the average depth of that location.
- White areas indicate average depths  $\geq 2\text{m}$ , unless otherwise indicated.
- Depth contours  $> 10\text{m}$  are hidden to improve readability.
- Drying areas are shown in green.

Anchorage with depths less than 2m are noted as shallow anchorages with the depth shown in red. There are only a few of these.

## PASSAGE PLANNING

Each coast features a table of common passages with illustrative routes. Passage information includes the distance and an illustrative route, which can be imported into Navionics by clicking the  icon as a start to planning.

### Illustrative Route Warning

Illustrative routes take into account hydrographic information at the time of writing and are made as a suggestion to permit accurate calculation of *minimum* passage distances. Actual distances travelled for sailing vessels will depend on the wind at the time, so passage distances can be considerably longer.

Wrecks, obstructions, dredges, FADs, buoys, seabed movements and weather can all invalidate a route.

Mariners should check with Notices to Mariners for the area being passaged and with other sources of local information, such as Marine Rescue NSW.

Illustrative passage routes featured in the book are planned as follows:

- Direct routes where possible
- Avoidance of hazards known to exist at the time of writing.
- Routes start and stop several hundred metres from known hazards.
- No routes through bar crossings. These are dynamic, and up-to-date information is required. Instead, the sources of information that should be checked when planning a crossing are given.



- Areas marked on the charts as having breaking seas in built-up conditions are avoided. These are typically shallow seamounts.
- Headlands, which often have projecting rocks that are not always charted, are given a wide berth.
- Some passages are tidal and may not be appropriate for vessels with deeper draughts. We feature shallow passages that we have done with Curlew Escape, with a 2.1m draught and warn about sections with LAT depths < 2m.
- Shipping channels are crossed at right angles. Where a shipping channel must be used due to depth, the route passes along the edge of the channel. When operating near a shipping route, you should maintain a watch on VHF channel 16 and use AIS and radar if you have it, with collision warning enabled. Ships steam at 20-30 knots, so they can be on you before you know it. The usual watch-keeping technique of scanning all around and checking the instruments every few minutes is insufficient. A ship travelling at 30 knots will travel 2.5nm in 5 minutes.

These routes should be treated as illustrative routes only, to help you in planning your route and are not to be used for navigation.

For example, if you are sailing upwind, then your actual route will not be a straight line but a series of tacks.

If you are planning your route using electronic charts like Navionics, remember that hazards and shallow areas do not show up until you are at a high level of zoom. It is good practice to create a draft route and then trace the route at a high zoom level. Many tragic marine accidents have been found on investigation to have been caused by this issue, including by very experienced racing skippers.

The NSW coast has numerous examples of isolated rocks and reefs that rise out of deep water.

Finally, notices to mariners should be checked for the route. New hazards, not yet on charts, such as sunken vessels and missing or altered aids to mariners, should be noted, and the route altered, before proceeding on a passage.

## **MARINE NOTICES**

Marine notices provide updated marine information. You should read through these for the areas you will be operating in. Those relevant to each coast are in the Quick Reference section for each coast. There are three types:

- Transport for NSW Marine Notices
- Port Authority Notices to Mariners
- Latest Berths and Depths Surveys

### **TRANSPORT FOR NSW MARINE NOTICES**

Transport for NSW Marine Notices provide information to vessel operators about navigation hazards, restrictions, and special events.

### **PORT AUTHORITY NOTICES TO MARINERS**

Port Authority of New South Wales' Local Marine Notices provide marine safety information on changes that could affect the safety of vessels within the ports controlled by the Port Authority.

Local Marine Notices advise of:

- changes to buoyage and other aids of navigation
- changes to depths in channels or berths
- navigation warnings and hazards
- works that may affect the safe navigation of vessels, e.g., dredging, construction, and cable laying.

Information contained in Port Authority Notices to Mariners is reproduced regularly in the Australian Notices to Mariners produced by the Australian Hydrographic Office.

### **LATEST BERTHS AND DEPTHS SURVEYS**

The Berths, Channels and Depths document is the official, formally declared depths of all berths and channels in Yamba, Eden, Sydney, Botany and Port Kembla by the respective Harbour Masters. This is important information to ensure the safe passage of vessels travelling in these areas. The NSW Government also makes some surveys available. Links for these are provided, where they exist, for each bar/entrance in the Quick Reference section in each coast and also in the sections describing each bar.



# SHOALHAVEN COAST



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# QUICK REFERENCE

| Marine Rescue NSW                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kioloa<br>VHF: 16<br>Phone: <a href="tel:0244571109">02 4457 1109</a><br>Local Hours: 24/7                                          | <a href="#">Ulladulla</a><br>VHF: 16<br>Phone: <a href="tel:0244559500">02 4455 9500</a><br>Local Hours: 24/7                                                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="#">Sussex Inlet</a><br>VHF: 16<br>Phone: <a href="tel:0244428100">02 4442 8100</a><br>Local Hours: 24/7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Jervis Bay</a><br>VHF: 16<br>Phone <a href="tel:0244415433">02 4441 5433</a><br>Local Hours: 24/7                          |
| <a href="#">Shoalhaven</a><br>(Crookhaven Heads)<br>VHF: 16<br>Phone <a href="tel:0244474466">02 4447 4466</a><br>Local Hours: 24/7 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                        |
| Marine Notices                                                                                                                      | Climate & Weather                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Charts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">Transport for NSW Marine Notices</a><br><br><a href="#">TfNSW Bar Warnings</a>                                          | <del>⊗</del> Decln 7/25<br>13° 9' E Jervis Bay<br><br><a href="#">Climate</a><br><a href="#">Average Wind Conditions</a><br><a href="#">Forecast Illawarra Waters</a><br><br>NSW Nearshore Wave Forecast<br><a href="#">Ulladulla</a><br><a href="#">Jervis Bay</a><br><a href="#">Crookhaven Heads</a> | <a href="#">Index of Transport for NSW Maps</a><br><b>Coastal</b><br><a href="#">11 Crookhaven Heads to Brush Island (2/16)</a><br><br><b>Location</b><br><a href="#">11B Front Jervis Bay, Currambene and Currarong Creeks (12/14)</a><br><a href="#">11B Back St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Sussex Inlet inset (12/14)</a><br><a href="#">11A Front Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, Nowra and Culburra insets (12/14)</a><br><a href="#">11A Back Kiama, Gerringong, Gerroa and Crookhaven Heads insets (12/14)</a> |                                                                                                                                        |
| BOM Tides                                                                                                                           | Marine Park Zoning Maps                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Anchorage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Marinas & Moorings                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">Ulladulla Harbour</a><br><a href="#">Jervis Bay</a><br><a href="#">Huskisson</a><br><a href="#">Crookhaven Heads</a>    | <a href="#">Jervis Bay Marine Park</a><br><b>Waverider Buoys</b><br>None close                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Jervis Bay</a><br><a href="#">Crookhaven River</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <a href="#">Ulladulla Harbour</a><br><a href="#">Jervis Bay</a><br><a href="#">Huskisson Wharf</a><br><a href="#">Crookhaven River</a> |

# PASSAGES

| Passage            | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <del>⊗</del>      | Dist. | @6 kts |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|
| Eden to Jervis Bay | Exits Snug Cove on the Cocora Beach leads then exits Twofold Bay in the white sector of the Lookout Point sector light. Passes east of Montague Island. Keeps inside the continental shelf, rather than taking a straight line then enters Jervis Bay between Bowen Island and Bombora Rock.<br><br>Check <a href="#">Transport for NSW Marine Notices</a> for military exercises in the Tasman around Jervis Bay. | <a href="#">⊗</a> | 134nm | 23 hrs |

|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                       |      |        |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------|
| Bermagui to Jervis Bay                      | <p><b>Caution: Bermagui Bar.</b><br/> <b>Caution: Navionics and C-Map both have errors.</b> See bar entrance discussion in the <u>Bermagui</u> section.</p> <p>Starts on the leads 500m out. Passes west of Auginish Rock and passes midway between Montague Island and Bogola Head. Passes east of the Lobster Grounds Seamount. Keeps inside the continental shelf, rather than taking a straight line, and then enters Jervis Bay between Bowen Island and Bombora Rock.</p> <p>Check <u>Transport for NSW Marine Notices</u> for military exercises in the Tasman around Jervis Bay.</p> |    | 93nm | 16 hrs |
| Batemans Bay to Jervis Bay                  | <p><b>Caution: Bar at Clyde River.</b> Starts on the outer Corrigans Beach leads after exiting the bar to the north of Snapper Island. Joins the Square Head white sector light to guide you out on the northern approach. Passes south of Acheron Ledge, north of Tollgate Islands, south of Three Island Point, south of North Head, east of Brush Island, then enters Jervis Bay between Bowen Island and Bombora Rock.</p> <p>Check <u>Transport for NSW Marine Notices</u> for military exercises in the Tasman around Jervis Bay.</p>                                                  |    | 53nm | 9 hrs  |
| Jervis Bay to Crookhaven River              | <p><b>Caution: Bar at Crookhaven River.</b> Passes south of Bombora Rock, east of Sir John Young Banks and then joins the leads 1nm out from the bar.</p> <p>Check <u>Transport for NSW Marine Notices</u> for military exercises in the Tasman around Jervis Bay.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 35nm | 6 hrs  |
| Jervis Bay to Shell Cove Boat Harbour       | <p><b>Caution: Bar at Shell Cove Boat Harbour.</b> Passes south of Bombora Rock, east of Sir John Young Banks, east of Bass Point and north of the Bass Point Gravel Loader jetty. Route finishes in the white sector of the Shell Cove Boat Harbour sector light.</p> <p>Check <u>Transport for NSW Marine Notices</u> for military exercises in the Tasman around Jervis Bay.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | 46nm | 8 hrs  |
| Crookhaven River to Shell Cove Boat Harbour | <p><b>Caution: Bars at Crookhaven River and Shell Cove Boat Harbour.</b> Starts .5nm out from the bar on the line of the leads. Passes east of Black Head and Bass Point. Joins the white sector of the Shell Cove Boat Harbour sector light and ends 0.2nm from the entrance to Shell Cove Boat Harbour.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | 22nm | 4 hrs  |

\* These are illustrative routes only. See Illustrative Route Warning and instructions at the start of Part II of this book.

The East Australian Current comes in close to Jervis Bay. See the East Australian Current Forecast.

## Jervis Bay Heads, from Vincentia



*Photo G. Luck*

## **BAR WARNINGS**

The following is a list of bars and entrances with nominal depths of at least 2 - 5m, along with the depths and cautions or warnings, all taken from the TfNSW charts.

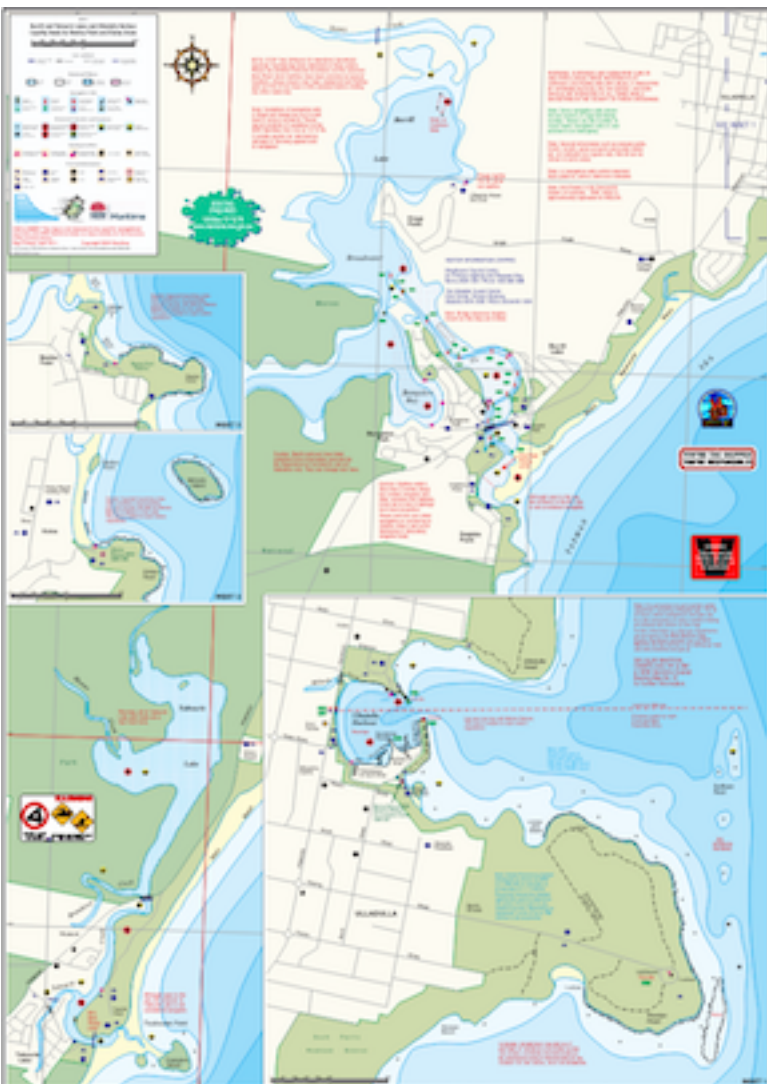




# CHARTS



11 Crookhaven Heads to Brush Island (2/16)



12A Back Ulladulla, Burrill and Tabourie Lakes, Bawley Point and Kioloa Areas (4/11)



11B Front Jervis Bay, Currambene and Currarong Creeks (12/14)





11A Front Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, Nowra and Culburra insets (12/14)



11B Back St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Sussex Inlet inset (12/14)



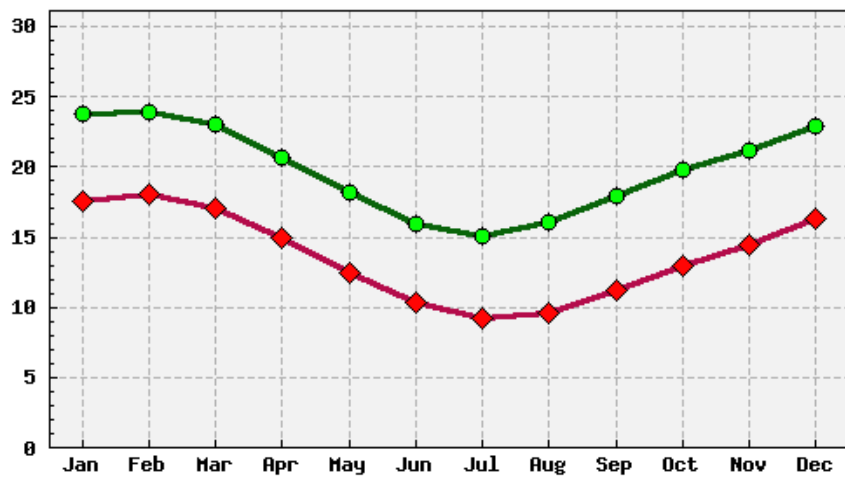
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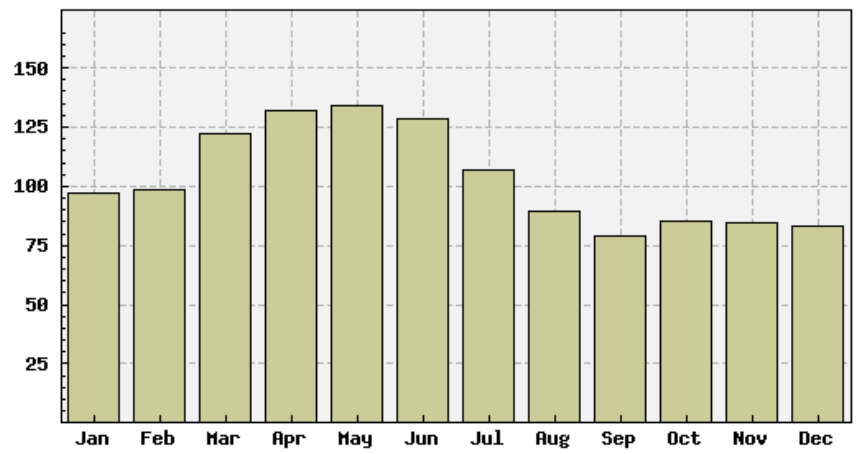


# SHOALHAVEN CLIMATE (FROM JERVIS BAY)

Mean Min & Max Temperatures

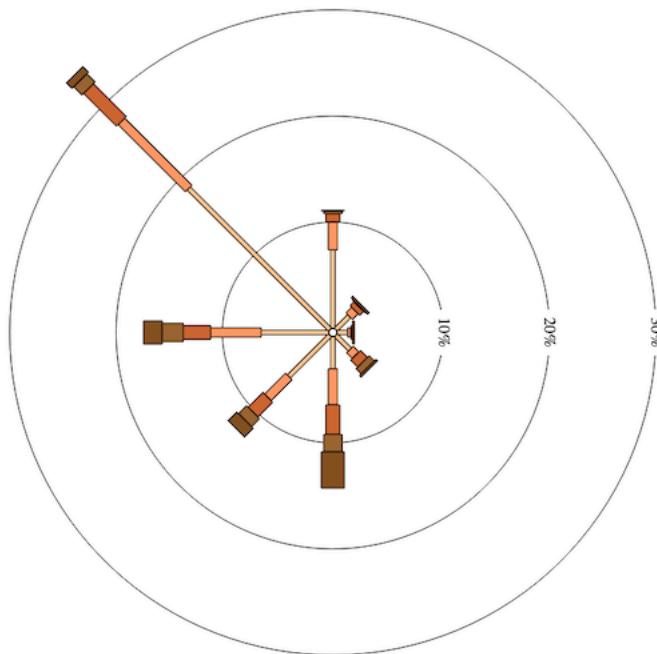


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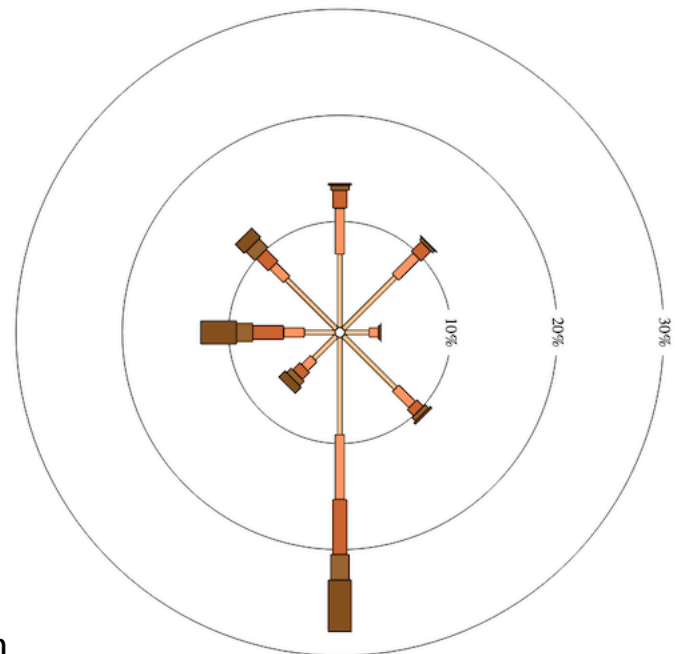


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Wind Rose for May. 1998 - 2025. Jervis Bay Lighthouse. Elevation 100m

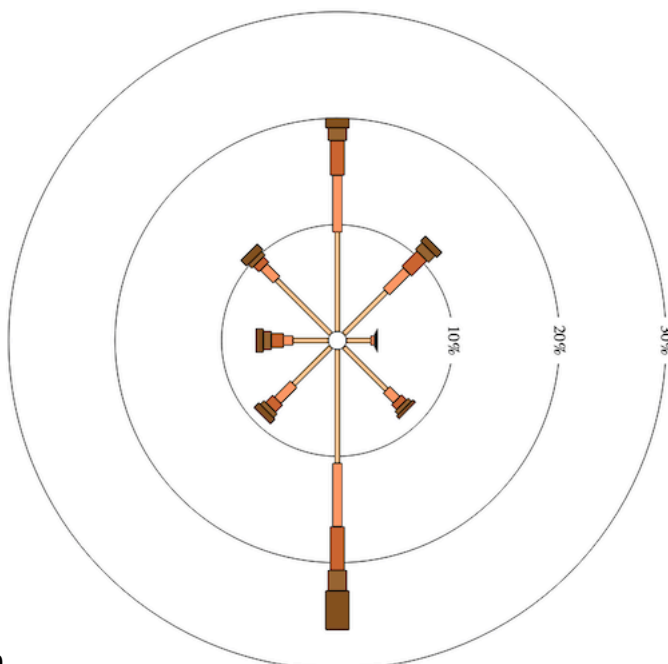


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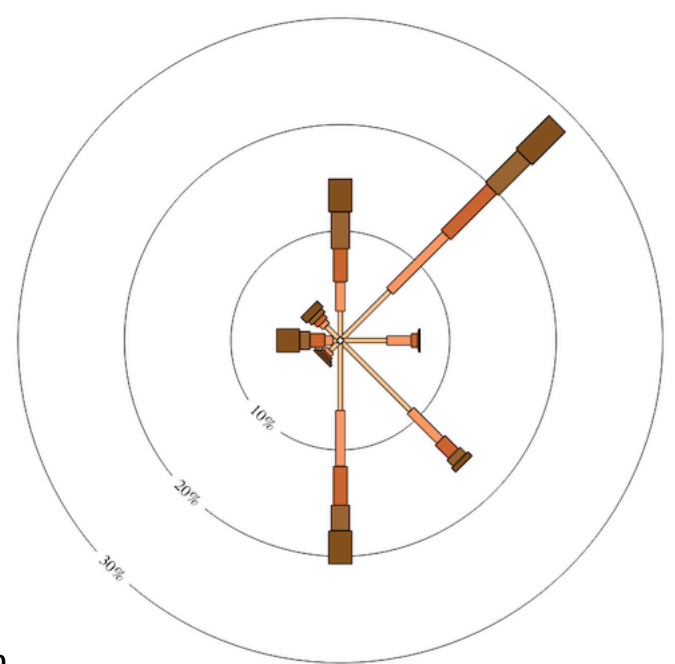


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Wind Rose for November. 1998 - 2025. Jervis Bay Lighthouse. Elevation 100m



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# ULLADULLA HARBOUR

The harbour is primarily a home to a commercial fishing fleet and secondly provides long-term recreational moorings. Fuel is available from the Ulladulla Fishermen's Co-Op wharf.

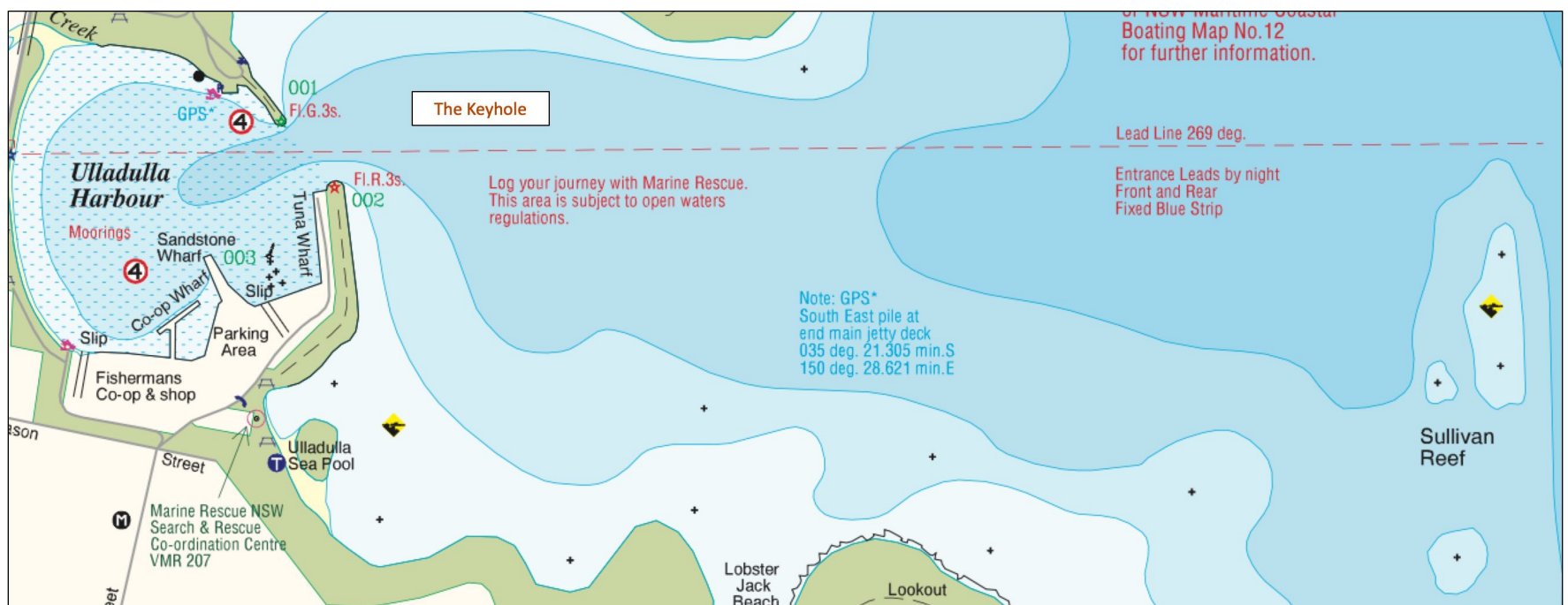
## ENTRANCE

Entrance is via the entrance leads, which are 269° T at the time of writing. Check chart [12A Back Ulladulla, Burrill and Tabourie Lakes, Bawley Point and Kioloa Areas \(4/11\)](#).

Watch out for Sullivan Reef, which is just 70m to the south of the line of leads when 0.8nm out from the harbour entrance. A yacht being delivered back from Hobart after racing hit this reef a few years ago and had to be trucked back to Sydney after suffering keel damage.

The ocean area outside the wall is known as the keyhole and is surprisingly well protected. It is protected from the SSW by Brush Island and from the south and southeast by nearby Warden Head, and from the NNE by St Georges Head and then nearby Ulladulla Head. From the east, Sullivan Reef with shoal areas < 8m extending to Warden Head help break up swell, particularly at low tide. Yachts have been known to anchor in the Keyhole in mild conditions. The bottom is sand and rock.

### Ulladulla Entrance



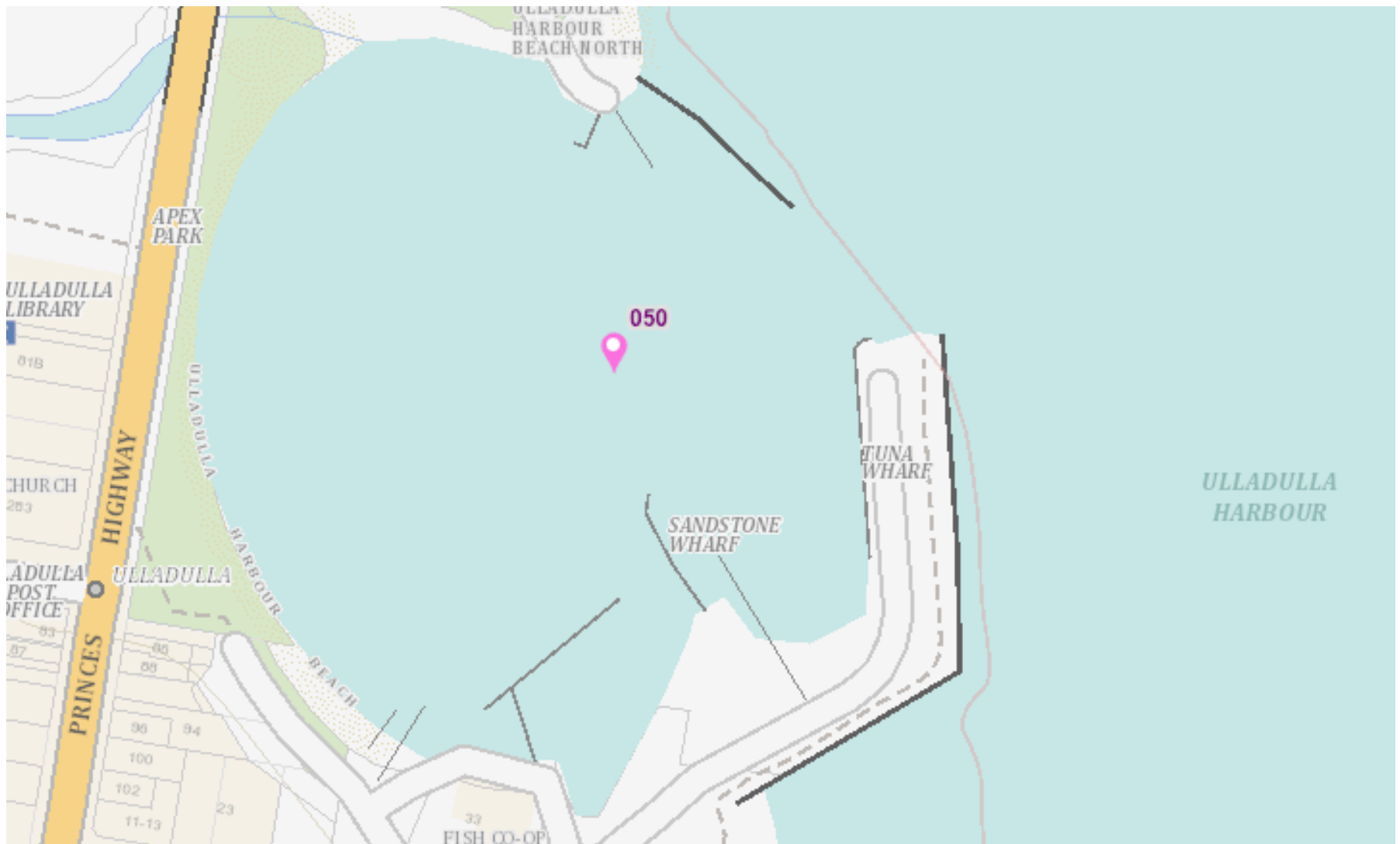
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You also need to clear Warden Head and its shoals, which project out 0.2nm from the head. Best to join the leads at least 0.5nm east of Warden Head.

If coming from the north, stay clear of Ulladulla Head and its rocks. If coming from the south, do not attempt to enter between Sullivan Reef and Warden Head. There are rocks and shoals.

## COURTESY MOORINGS

There is a single courtesy mooring in the harbour. It is in proximity to the private mooring field.



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## ANCHORING

Unfortunately, the available space is occupied by a mooring field.

You may be able to squeeze in between the moorings and the boat ramp at the northern end of the harbour.

## ULLADULLA WHARF TIE UP

There is a plan to turn the inner harbour into a floating pontoon marina for 19 berths.

In the meantime, contact the Ulladulla Fishermen's Co-Op, ph 0424 816 806 for rental of wharf tie-ups. The wharf is concrete with wooden piles and a rubber bunting. You will need fender boards. If full, the Co-Op might ask you to tie up to a tuna boat.

The 3 wharves from east to west are:



- Tuna Wharf, managed by the Co-Op
- Sandstone Wharf, private
- Co-Op Wharf or T-Head, managed by the Co-Op

Fuel is also available from the eastern outside end of the Co-Op wharf. You can arrange this with them or with Marine Rescue Ulladulla.

Water is available on the underside of the wharves and should be accessible from your tie-up.

In a southeasterly swell, it will wrap around the entrance and affect the Tuna Wharf. It is more comfortable on the Co-Op Wharf.

Co-Op Wharf, Ulladulla



Photo G. Luck

## JERVIS BAY

Jervis Bay is a large, natural and deep harbour. It is a Commonwealth-administered territory, meant to be a seaport for the ACT. It follows the laws of the ACT, not NSW. The whole of Jervis Bay is Naval Waters.

It is a heavily regulated bay with many complicated restrictions.

## ENTRANCE

There is no bar at Jervis Bay. The minimum depth is 20m until you are well inside the bay.

There is a lighthouse at Point Perpendicular on the northern side of the bay.

Also on the northern side, off Longnose Point, is Bombora Rock. There is a lateral marker to the east of it.

On the southern side, stay to the north of Bowen Island. There is a sector light at Iluka (just east of Jervis Bay Village) that shows a red sector if you are too close to Bowen Island.

## FETCH

The bay is 9nm north-south and 5 nm east-west. Compare this to Sydney Harbour, which has a north-south fetch of 1 to 2nm. North Harbour is 3nm. This is enough fetch for waves to develop. For example, a 30-knot wind will create a 1.37m wave height across a 9nm fetch in only 3 hours. From the wind rose, this is an area where stronger winds do occur with frequency.

For this reason, you need to be careful when mooring or anchoring in Jervis Bay.

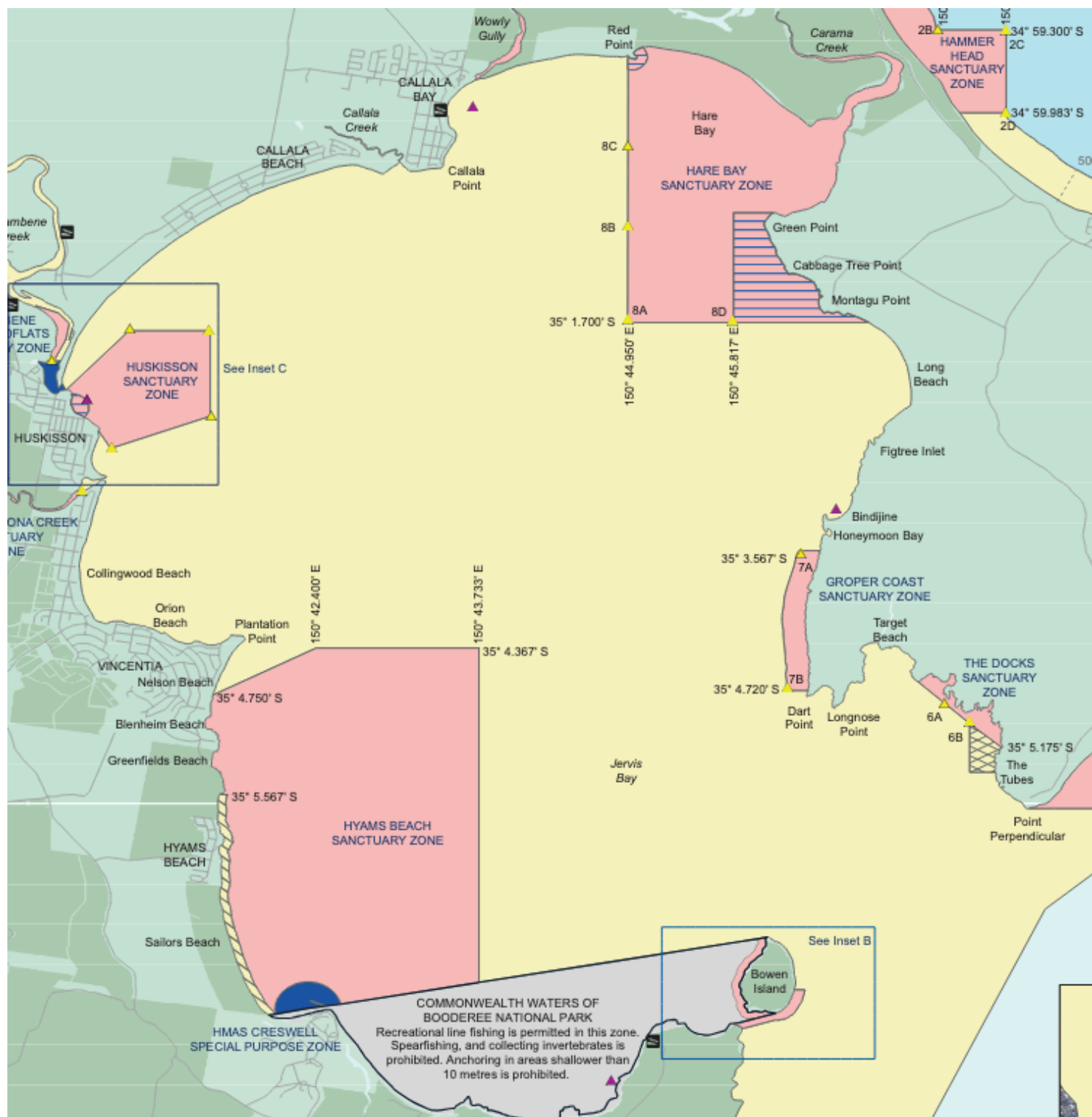
## JERVIS BAY MARINE PARK

All of Jervis Bay is within the Jervis Bay Marine Park. Note that you cannot fish or anchor in the sanctuary zones, shown in pink below. On water, the boundaries are marked with yellow markers. You can anchor in the small areas within the pink zones with horizontal [blue lines](#).

From November to April, there is a seasonal prohibition on anchoring extending 300m seaward of the Outer Tubes, south of the Docks sanctuary zone and near Point Perpendicular.

The dark blue semicircle shows the naval waters for HMAS Creswell. Anchoring is prohibited in this area.





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The grey area at the bottom of the map is the waters of the Booderee National Park. The park is jointly managed by the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council and the Federal Department of Environment, etc.

Bowen Island and the waters 30m to the west cannot be visited. There is a large no-anchoring zone for the national park. Anchoring is not allowed in depths less than 10 metres at mean low tide.

## DOGS

Dogs on leash are allowed on the shore in Jervis Bay, except for the following areas:

- The rock platform at Green Point

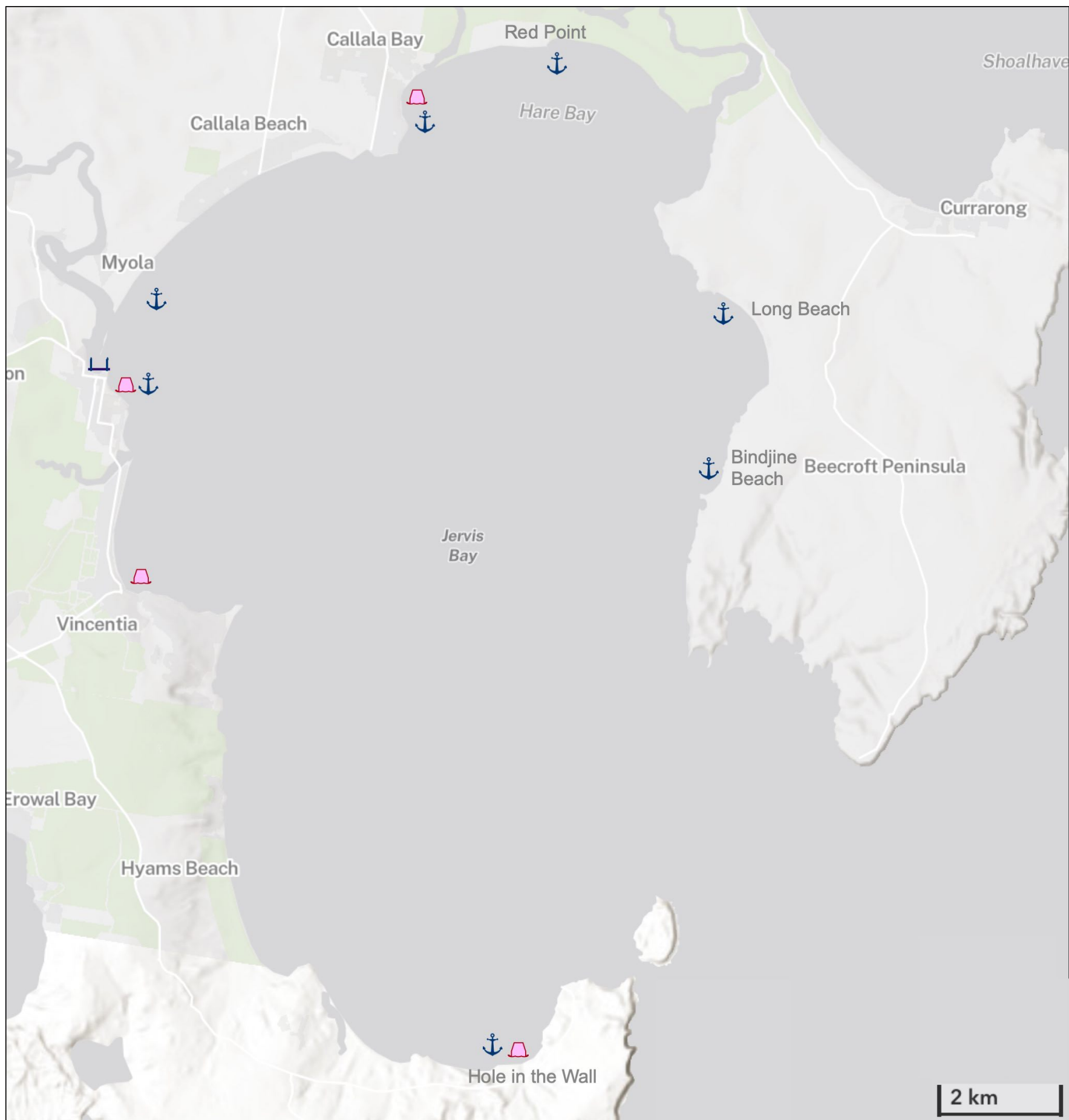


- The Currambene Creek Mudflats Sanctuary Zone
- The Myola sand spit at the southern end of Callala Beach

## NO DISCHARGE

Jervis Bay is a no-discharge area. Pump-out is available at Huskisson Wharf. Contact Dolphin Explorer Cruises on [02 4441 54555](tel:02444154555) for the key. It is very shallow, however.

## MOORINGS & ANCHORAGES



## JERVIS BAY PUBLIC MOORINGS

| Location                    | # | Type                                                                              | Wind                                                                              | Internet*                                                                         | Info                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hole in the Wall            | 5 |  |  |  | 2 are close to the shore in <b>1.5 - 2m</b> . The other 3 are in deeper water. The waters and shore are within Booderie National Park. No dogs are allowed on shore. |
| Vincentia                   | 1 |  |  |  | Can be rolly from swell entering the bay. Coles and service station.                                                                                                 |
| Shark Net Beach (Huskisson) | 3 |  |  |  | Can be rolly from swell entering the bay. Post office and shops ashore at Huskisson.                                                                                 |
| Callala Bay                 | 1 |  |  |  | IGA.                                                                                                                                                                 |

There are also public moorings at Bindjine, but these are limited to boats up to 5m.

Currambene Creek has a large number of private moorings, as does Callala Bay.

## JERVIS BAY ANCHORAGES

While most anchorages are in sand, there is quite a lot of seaweed, which can reduce holding. Try to anchor in clear sand.

Due to the large fetch in the bay, a shore offering protection can quickly turn into a lee shore with waves over 1m. Allow enough swing room and have a plan for where you will go if there is a wind change.

### HOLE IN THE WALL

Anchor outside the 10m contour in sand. Good for southerlies to easterlies. The waters and shore are within Booderie National Park, so no dogs are allowed on the shore.

### VINCENTIA

Anchor outside the public mooring. Good in west to southerly winds. This anchorage is affected by swell coming into the bay.

Coles Vincentia is only 100m back from the beach. The Ampol Vincentia service station is about 75m back from the beach.

### SHARK NET BEACH, HUSKISSON

There is a designated anchorage area here in **2 - 2.5 m** LAT within the Huskisson Sanctuary Zone. This is too shallow for keelboats but might be Ok for catamarans.

## Reef Break protecting Callala Bay



*Photo G. Luck*

Good for westerlies. Can be rolly from ocean swell.

The Huskisson Supermarket is in town, along with a bottle shop, hotel, club, restaurants and so on.

The Huskisson public pontoon at the mouth of the Currambene Creek has a 20-minute time limit. There is a water tap there. It is very shallow there, around **1m** LAT, and so is the entrance. For resupplying, you will need to take your dinghy ashore.

### **SOUTH CALLALA BEACH**

Anchor between the sanctuary zone and the sand spit protecting Currambene Creek in 4m. This can be swell-affected. Being a sand spit close to the Currambene Creek bar, the sand can move around here, so enter the anchorage with caution on a rising tide.

### **CALLALA BAY**

Anchor outside the private mooring field. Good for southwest to northeast winds. The mooring field is partly protected by a rocky shoal that breaks up the swell. The locals surf on it in stronger conditions. As you can see in the photo, the reef break lies directly between the bay and the opening to Jervis Bay, the source of the swell.

Water is available from a tap near the end of the jetty on its northern side, about 5m from the end. It is only **0.5m** LAT depth, so this might be a dinghy exercise.

Callala Bay has an IGA, a 1 km walk from shore, together with a post office, bakery and bottle shop. The Jervis Bay National Park starts just east of the town.



## RED POINT

Anchor west of Red Point, which is where the sanctuary zone starts. Good for northwest to northeast winds. There are no facilities here, but it is only 1nm east of Callala Bay.

Most of Red Point is part of the Jervis Bay National Park.

## LONG BEACH

Just to the south of the Hare Bay Sanctuary zone, this anchorage is good for north to northeasterly winds.

The shore here is part of the Beecroft Weapons Range. You can only go ashore on Friday afternoons, weekends and on school and public holidays. See the Department of Defence's Beecroft Weapons Range and Peninsula page. Regular notices about opening hours and closures for live firing are posted on their Facebook page. Dogs are not allowed on the range.

## BINDIJINE BAY

Anchor outside the small boat public moorings.

The unique Honeymoon Bay is nearby. No powered vessels are allowed in the bay. There is a campground there, and it is a popular swimming spot.

## HUSKISSON WHARF

|                      |                                                                                                                |                     |          |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| <b>Address</b>       | <u>Martins Point Rd, Harwood NSW 2465</u>                                                                      | <b>Water</b>        | Y        |
| <b>Location</b>      | 29°25.680'S 153°14.322'E    | <b>Power</b>        | Y        |
| <b>Pontoon Depth</b> | 1 - 1.5m LAT                                                                                                   | <b>Toilet</b>       | Y        |
| <b>Managed By</b>    | Maritime NSW                                                                                                   | <b>Lit at Night</b> | Y        |
| <b>Restrictions</b>  | Many. See the notice below.                                                                                    | <b>Size</b>         | 28m x 3m |

There are piled sections for which fender boards will be necessary and also a floating section where you can use ordinary fenders. The floating section has a pedestal with water and electricity. There is also a sewerage pump-out on the dock.

Being shallow, it is more usable by catamarans and shallow-draught vessels. The phone number on the notice does not work.



## Huskisson Wharf, Currambene Creek Entrance



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### Complex Wharf Rules, from sign on wharf

**Shoalhaven City Council** **HUSKISSON WHARF BERTHING ZONES**

Skippers of Vessels outside of the **Unattended Berthing Areas** are to remain with the vessel at all times and be ready to move or stand off into the Creek if necessary to allow for other vessels to access the wharf and services as required.

**Berthing Restrictions BETWEEN 7am and 5pm Mon to Sun**

**UNATTENDED BERTHING PERMITTED**

- Vessels may be left tied to the wharf (Unattended Berthing) in these areas only when the areas are not in use or demand by other vessels.
- Small vessels may berth up to the floating wharf in the middle areas.
- Maximum Stand Time Berthed (attended or unattended) is 1 hour.**
- If longer stays are required approval must be obtained from the Wharf Liason Officer.

**PUMP OUT**

**LOADING AND UNLOADING**

- Can be undertaken at any free Wharf Space as marked.
- Vessels are exempt from time restrictions while Directly undertaking these activities.
- Skipper **MUST** remain with the Vessel.

**RAMP**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES MEETING POINT**

**SMALL VESSELS**

**SERVICES ACCESS ZONE**

- Vessels in these Service Areas are to be or using the sewerage pump out, loading/unloading or accessing, Water or Fuel for resupply or maintenance.
- Vessels carrying out activities that require cranes or other large support vehicles are exempt from timing restrictions.
- Berthing outside of these activities is limited to 20mins.

**NAVIGATION EXCEPTIONS**

- Vessels that may be Restricted in their Ability to Manoeuvre in the Creek due to conditions or low tide may remain berthed contrary to notices preferably under the weighbridge.
- Vessels over 1.4m Draft, are considered Restricted in their Ability to Manoeuvre and should leave the wharf before major events or Low Tides.
- Vessels requiring Emergency Maintenance that cannot safely operate should berth under the weighbridge if possible.

**ENQUIRIES OR REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Are to be directed to the Wharf Liason Officer care of:

Dive Jervis Bay, 64 Owen St (Directly up the road).

Phone 44415255 during business hours.

A person who fails to comply with this notice may be Guilty of an Offence under S.632 of the Local Government Act. Maximum penalty 10 penalty units.

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# CROOKHAVEN RIVER

The Crookhaven River lies 18 nm north of Jervis Bay.

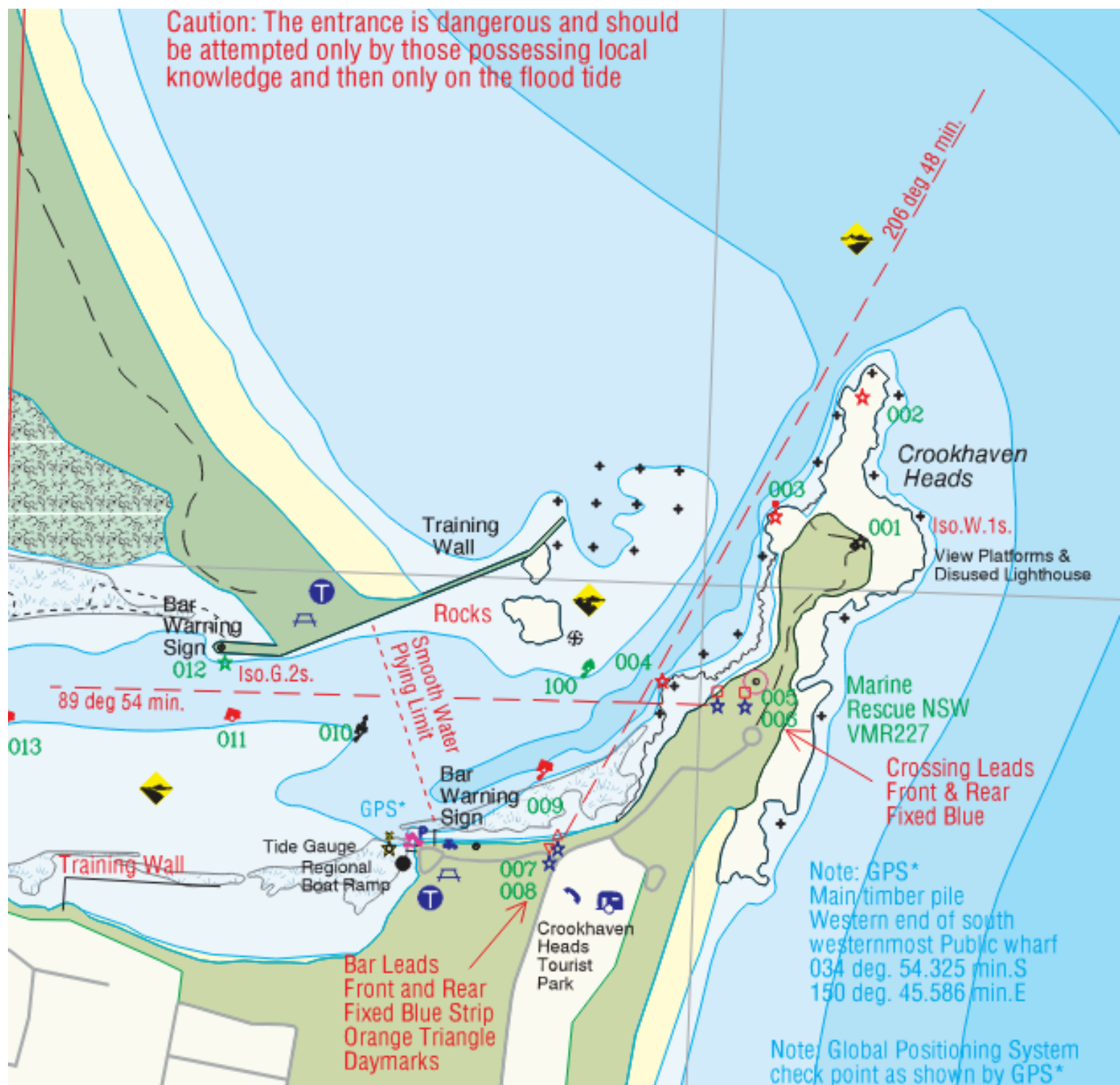
## ENTRANCE

The entrance is very narrow and rocky, but is protected by Crookhaven Heads. Note the “+” symbol denoting Dangerous Area Breaks at Times.

Entrance is via leads, as shown on the chart below.

It is very important to stay within the lateral channel markers. Rocky shoals lie on either side. Note the starboard lateral in the last photo. It is close to the port lateral - narrow here.

When you get level with Marine Rescue, a set of crossing leads takes you into the river. The shoals are also marked with a north cardinal.





See the Wave Rose for average wave conditions. For forecast conditions, see the Crookhaven Heads nearshore wave forecast. Contact Marine Rescue Shoalhaven for local conditions.

The bar is protected from the common southern swells by Crookhaven Heads but is exposed to northerlies. TfNSW states: *Caution: The entrance is dangerous and should be attempted only by those possessing local knowledge and then only on the flood tide.*

The bar develops pressure waves on an outgoing tide. Enter on an incoming tide and avoid entering in northerlies. In northerlies, you can use Jervis Bay, 16nm to the south.

**Crookhaven Entrance, showing rocks either side of the channel**



*Photo G. Luck*

## **CROOKHAVEN RIVER ANCHORAGES**

There are no facilities at the heads. You need to go 1.8nm up to Greenwell Point.

Anchor outside the private moorings along Greenwell Point.

There is a jetty and boat ramp along Shaws Creek on West St where you can tie up your dinghy.



# CROOKHAVEN RIVER COURTESY MOORINGS

There is a single mooring in Berrys Canal just up from Greenwell Point.



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Entrance facing upstream. Note how close the port and starboard laterals are.



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# ILLAWARRA COAST



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# QUICK REFERENCE

| Marine Rescue NSW                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |
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| <a href="#">Shellharbour</a><br>VHF: 16<br>Phone: <a href="#">02 4296 2640</a><br>Local Hours: 24/7                                                                          | <a href="#">Port Kembla Hill 60</a><br>VHF: 16<br>Phone: <a href="#">02 4274 4455</a><br>Local Hours: 24/7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |
| Marine Notices                                                                                                                                                               | Climate & Weather                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Charts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                     |
| <a href="#">Transport for NSW Marine Notices</a><br><br>Port Authority Notices to Mariners:<br><a href="#">Port Kembla</a><br><br><a href="#">TfNSW Bar Warnings</a>         | <del>⊗</del> Decln 11/25<br>12° 55' E Wollongong<br><br><a href="#">Climate</a><br><a href="#">Average Wind Conditions</a><br><a href="#">Average Wave Conditions</a><br><br><a href="#">Forecast Illawarra Waters</a><br><br>NSW Nearshore Wave Forecasts:<br><a href="#">Kiama</a><br><a href="#">Shellharbour</a><br><a href="#">Wollongong Harbour</a> | <b>Coastal</b><br><a href="#">10 Garie Beach to Crookhaven Heads (11/16)</a><br><br><b>Local</b><br><a href="#">11A Back Kiama, Gerringong, Gerroa and Crookhaven Heads insets (12/14)</a><br><a href="#">CP2022-17-A Shell Cove Boat Harbour (1/22)</a><br><a href="#">10B Front Lake Illawarra and Bass Point area (6/11)</a><br><a href="#">10B Back Windang, Minnamurra and Shellharbour insets (6/11)</a><br><a href="#">10A Front Wollongong and Port Kembla area (6/11)</a><br><a href="#">10A Back Bellambi, Wollongong Harbour, Austimer, Shellharbour and Port Kembla Boat Harbour insets (6/11)</a> |                                     |
| BOM Tides                                                                                                                                                                    | Marine Park Zoning Maps                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Anchorage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Marinas & Moorings                  |
| <a href="#">Port Kembla</a><br><br><b>Destinations</b><br><br><a href="#">Kiama Harbour</a><br><a href="#">Shell Cove Boat Harbour</a><br><a href="#">Wollongong Harbour</a> | <a href="#">Shellharbour Aquatic Reserves</a><br><br><b>Waverider Buoys</b><br><br><a href="#">Port Kembla</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Shellharbour Marina</a> |

# PASSAGES

| Passage                                     | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    | Dist. | @6 kts   |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Jervis Bay to Shell Cove Boat Harbour       | <b>Caution: Bar at Shell Cove Boat Harbour.</b> Passes south of Bombora Rock, east of Sir John Young Banks, east of Bass Point and north of the Bass Point Gravel Loader jetty. Route finishes in the white sector of the Shell Cove Boat Harbour sector light.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |    | 46nm  | 8 hrs    |
| Crookhaven River to Shell Cove Boat Harbour | <b>Caution: Bars at Crookhaven River and Shell Cove Boat Harbour.</b> Starts .5nm out from the bar on the line of the leads. Passes east of Black Head and Bass Point. Joins the white sector of the Shell Cove Boat Harbour sector light and ends 0.2nm from the entrance to Shell Cove Boat Harbour.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    | 22nm  | 4 hrs    |
| Kiama Harbour to Shell Cove Boat Harbour    | <b>Caution: Bars at Kiama Harbour and Shell Cove Boat Harbour.</b><br>Starts on the leads 0.3nm out from Kiama Harbour. Passes east of Bass Point. Joins the white sector of the Shell Cove Boat Harbour sector light and ends 0.2nm from the entrance to Shell Cove Boat Harbour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |    | 8nm   | 1.25 hrs |
| Shell Cove Boat Harbour to Port Hacking     | <b>Caution: Bar at Shell Cove Boat Harbour.</b><br>Leaves via the white sector. Passes east of Martin Islet and the Five Islands. Crosses the southern fairway and northern shipping channel into Port Kembla. Passes through the Port Kembla ships anchorage. Passes east of Jibbon Bombora, then enters Port Hacking in the white sector of the Port Hacking sector light.<br><br>Caution: Keep watch on VHF11 for Port Kembla VTS. See <a href="#">Port Kembla Information for Recreational Boaters</a> . |  | 36nm  | 6 hrs    |

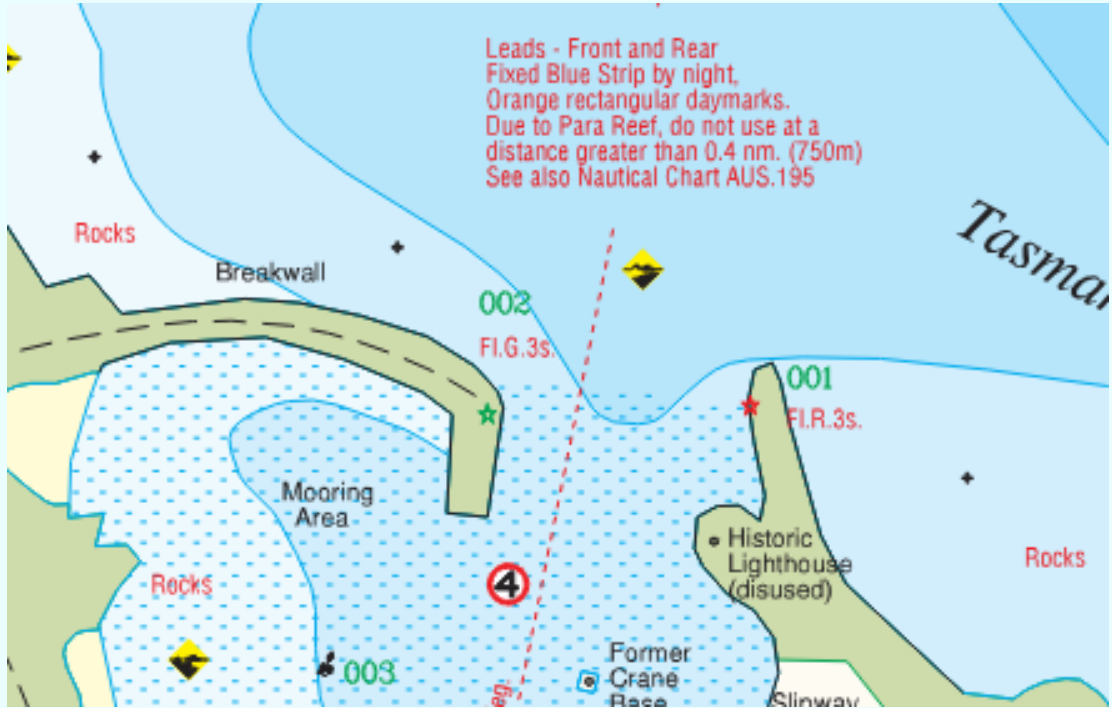
\* These are illustrative routes only. See *Illustrative Route Warning* and instructions at the start of Part II of this book.

# BARS/ENTRANCES

Following is a list of bars and entrances with nominal depths of at least 2 - 5m, along with the depths and cautions or warnings, all taken from the TfNSW charts.

| Bar/<br>Entrance                       | Depth LAT<br>(from<br>TfNSW<br>chart) | Caution/Warning (from TfNSW chart)<br>+ symbol: “Dangerous Area Breaks at Times”     | Cam  |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Kiama<br>Harbour                       | 2 - 5m                                |   |      |
| Shell Cove<br>Boat Harbour<br>Entrance | 2 - 5m                                |  | [●]* |



| Bar/<br>Entrance      | Depth LAT<br>(from<br>TfNSW<br>chart) | Caution/Warning (from TfNSW chart)<br>+ symbol: “Dangerous Area Breaks at Times”    | Cam |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Wollongong<br>Harbour | 2 - 5m                                |  |     |

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\* This webcam is located at Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club at Shellharbour Beach, 2km north of the entrance to the harbour. The stream includes footage towards the south.

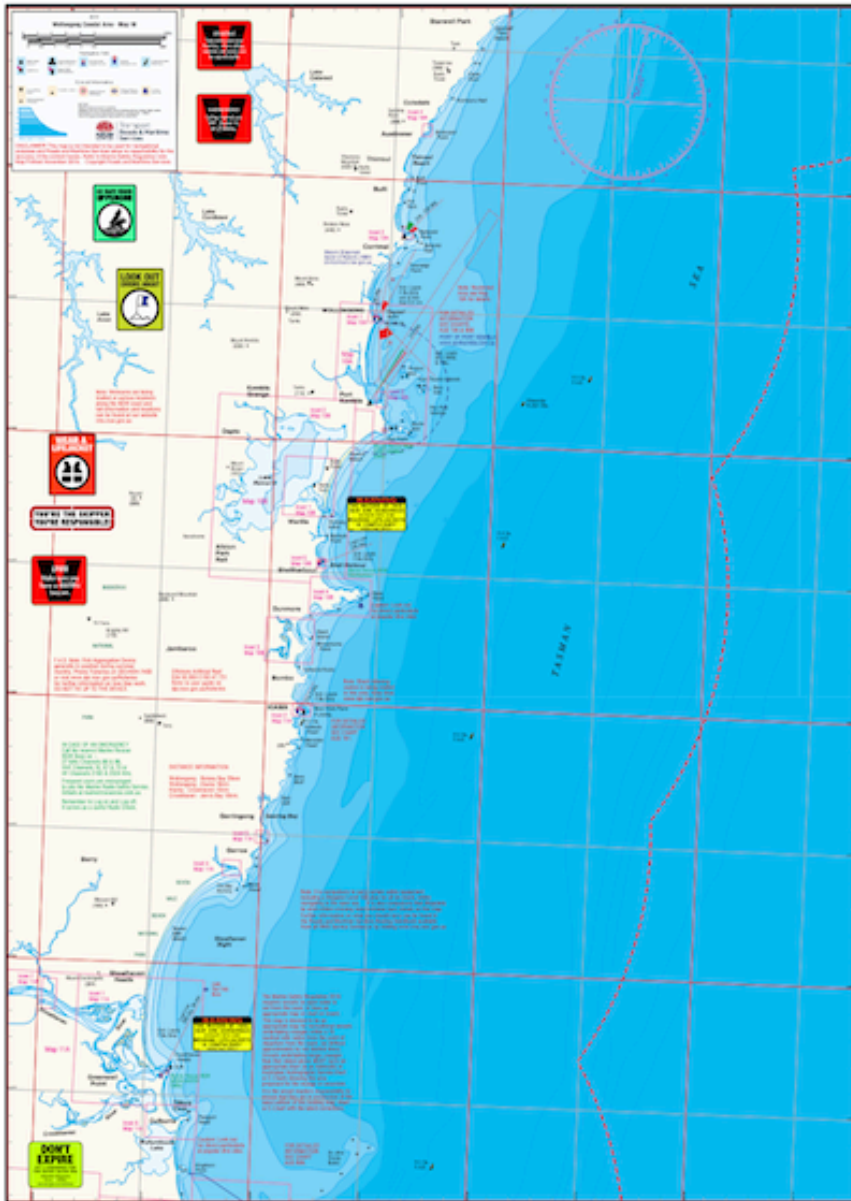
Panoramic photo of the boardwalk, public pontoon and marina, Shellharbour



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# CHARTS



10 Garie Beach to Crookhaven Heads (11/16)



CP2022-17-A Shell Cove Boat Harbour (1/22)



11A Back Kiama, Gerringong, Gerroa and Crookhaven Heads insets (12/14)

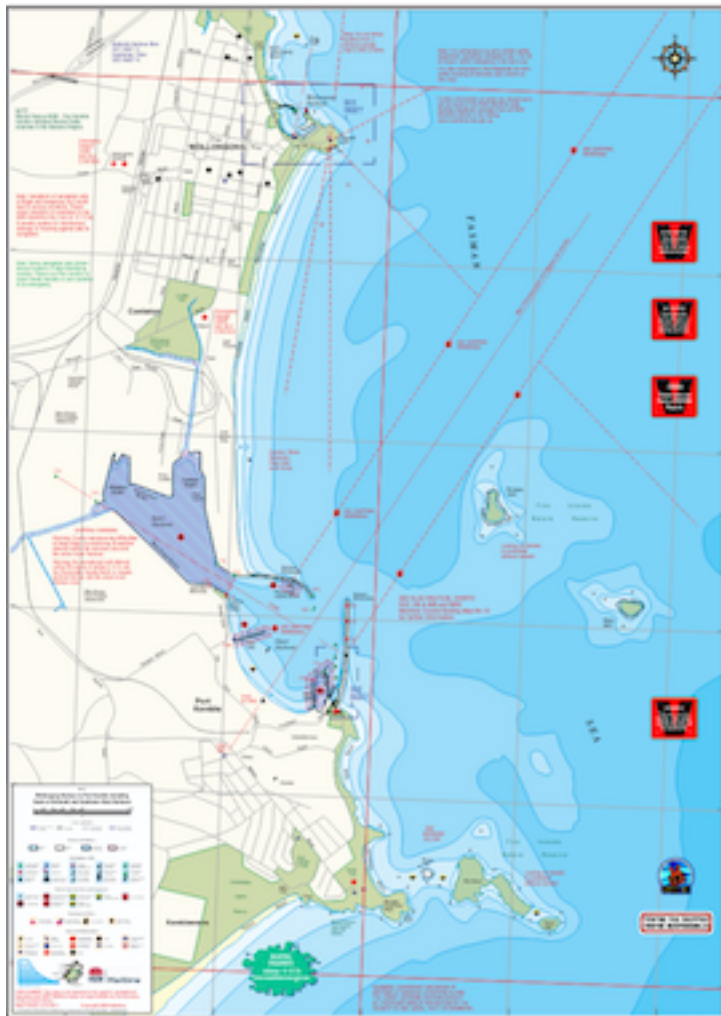




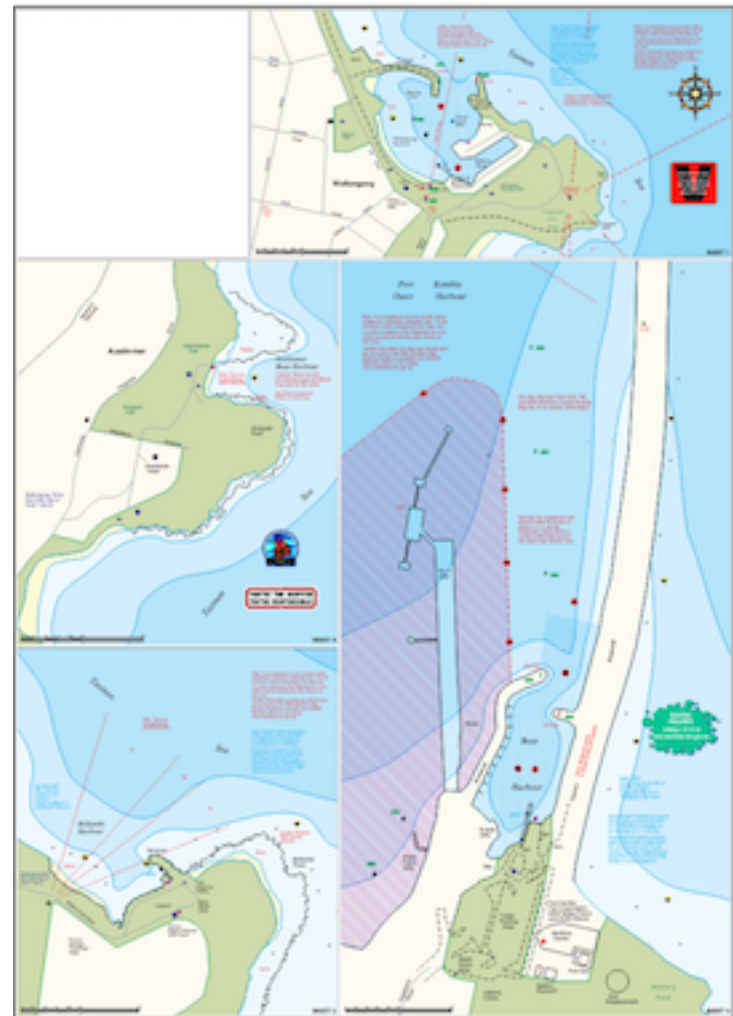
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10B Back Windang, Minnamurra and Shellharbour insets (6/11)



10A Front Wollongong and Port Kembla area (6/11)

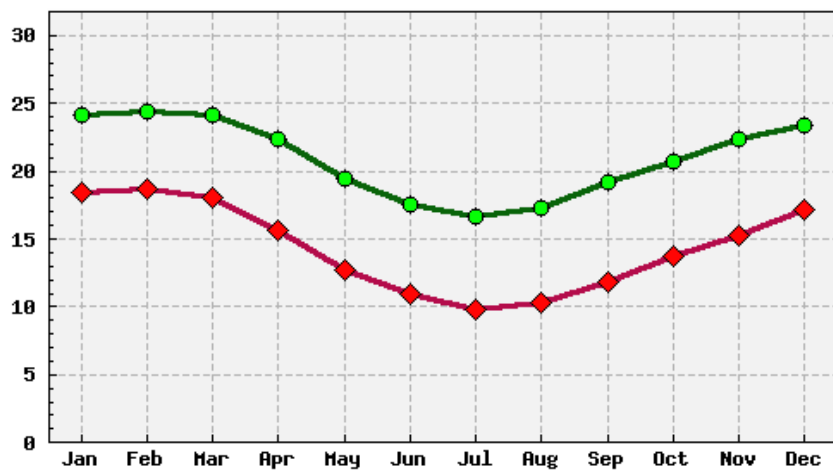


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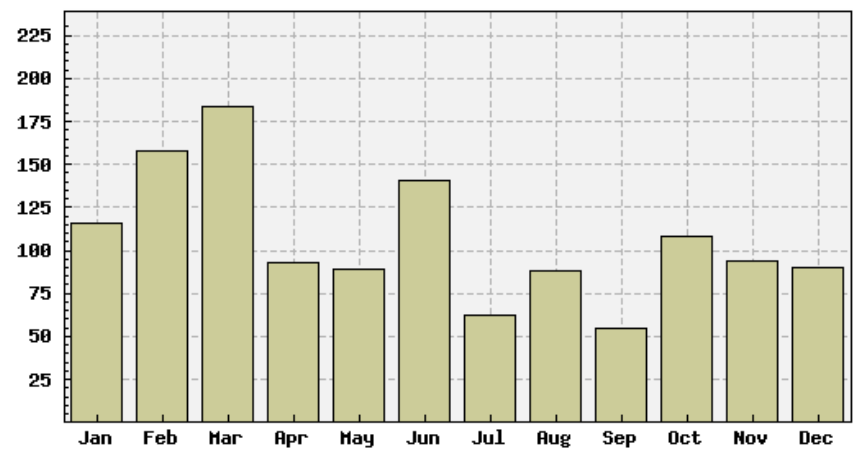


# ILLAWARRA CLIMATE (PORT KEMBLA)

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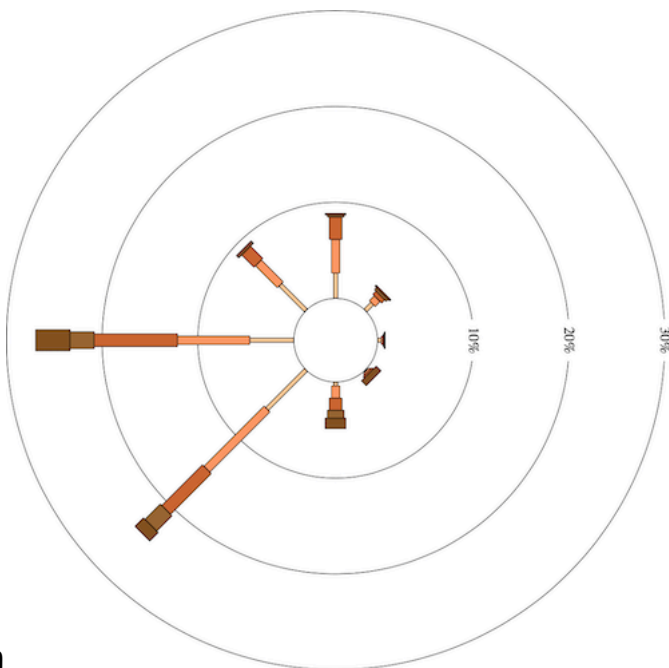


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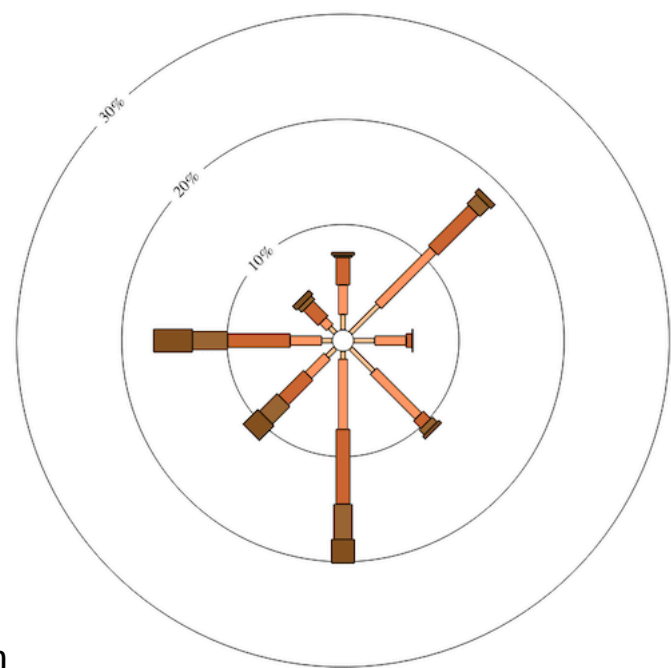


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Wind Rose for May. 1998 - 2025. Port Kembla, 3m elevation, 200m from the beach

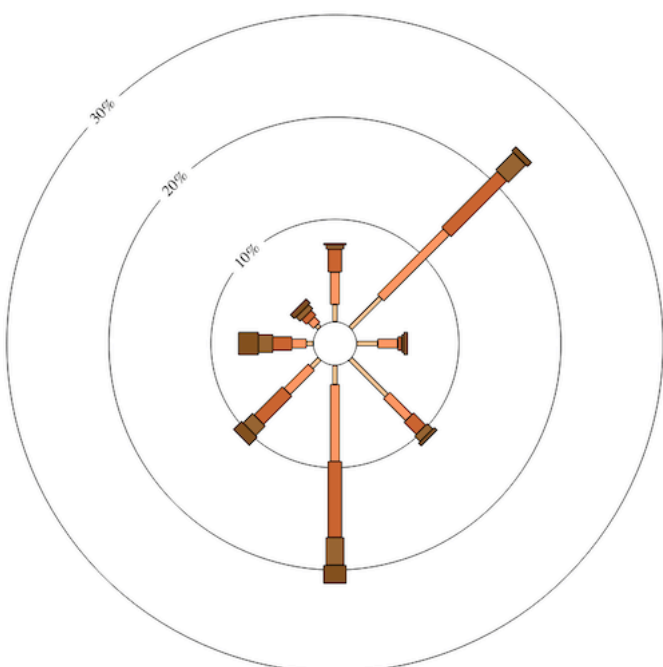


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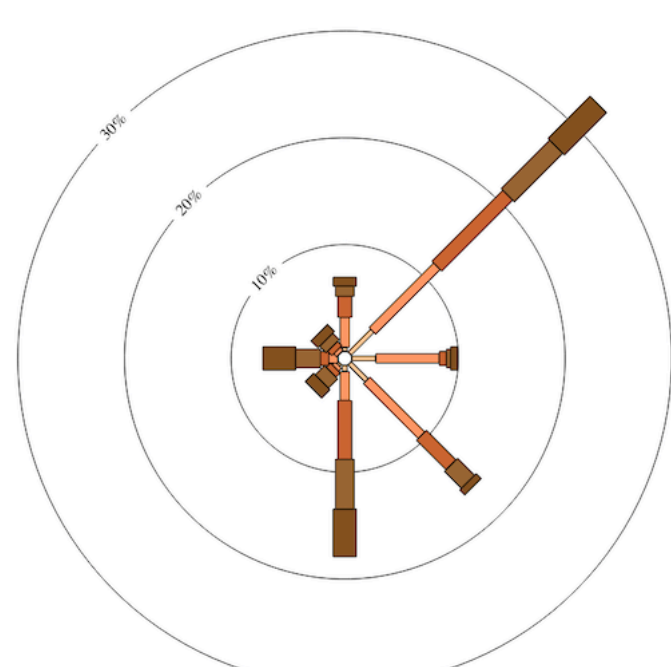


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Wind Rose for November. 1998 - 2025. Port Kembla. 3m elevation, 200m from the beach



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# SIGNIFICANT WAVES - PORT KEMBLA

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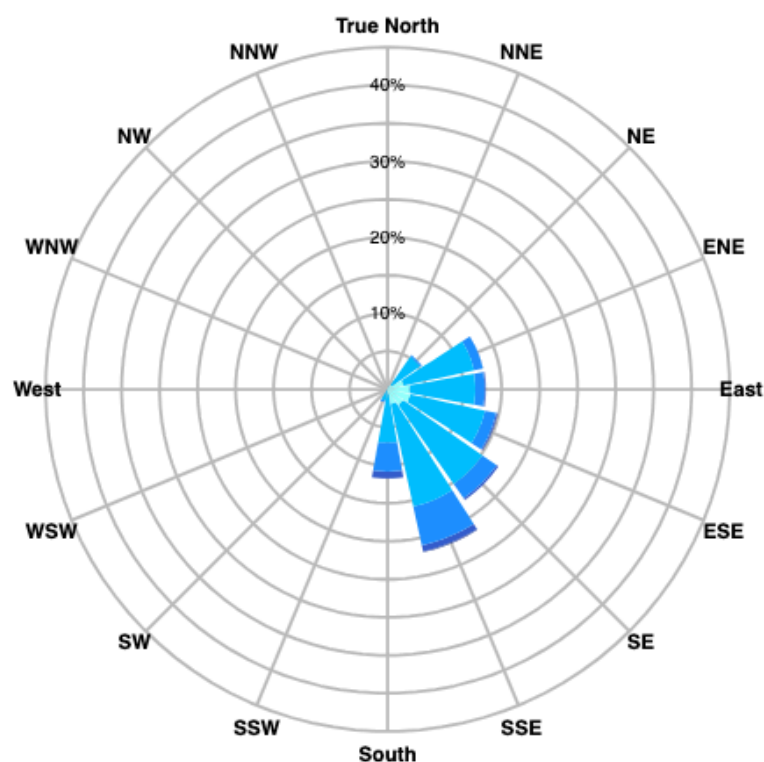
Port Kembla (MHL)

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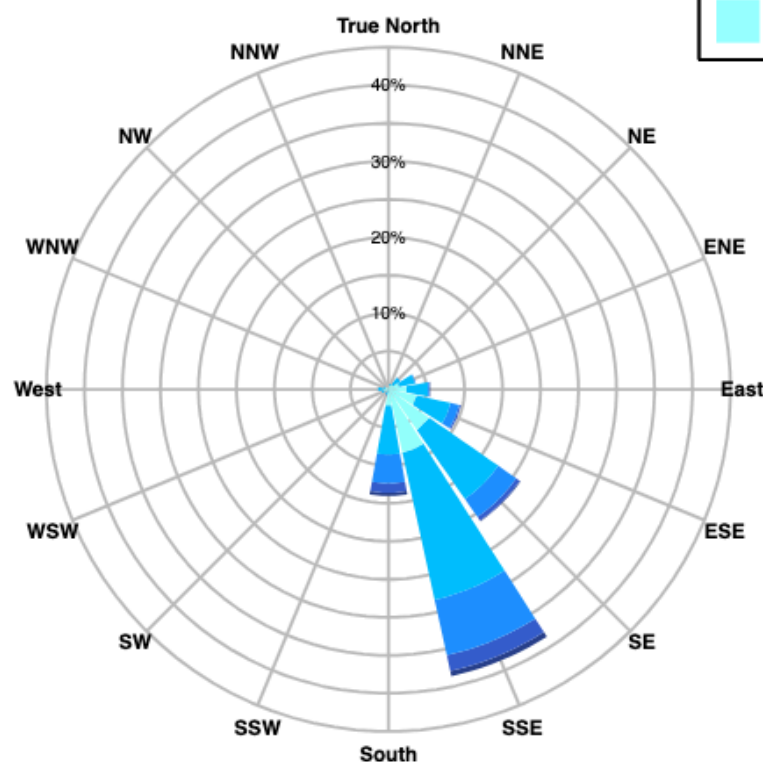
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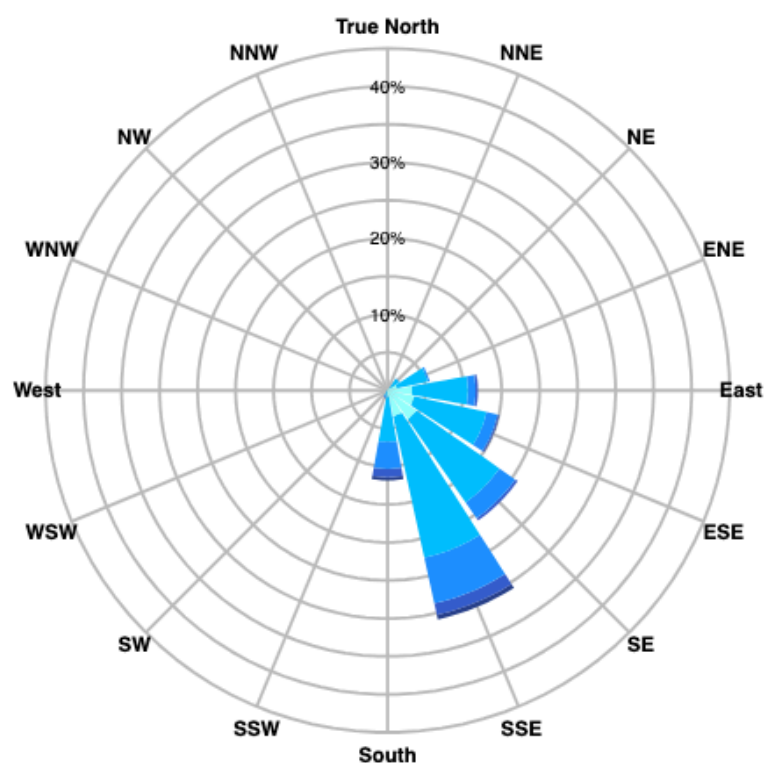
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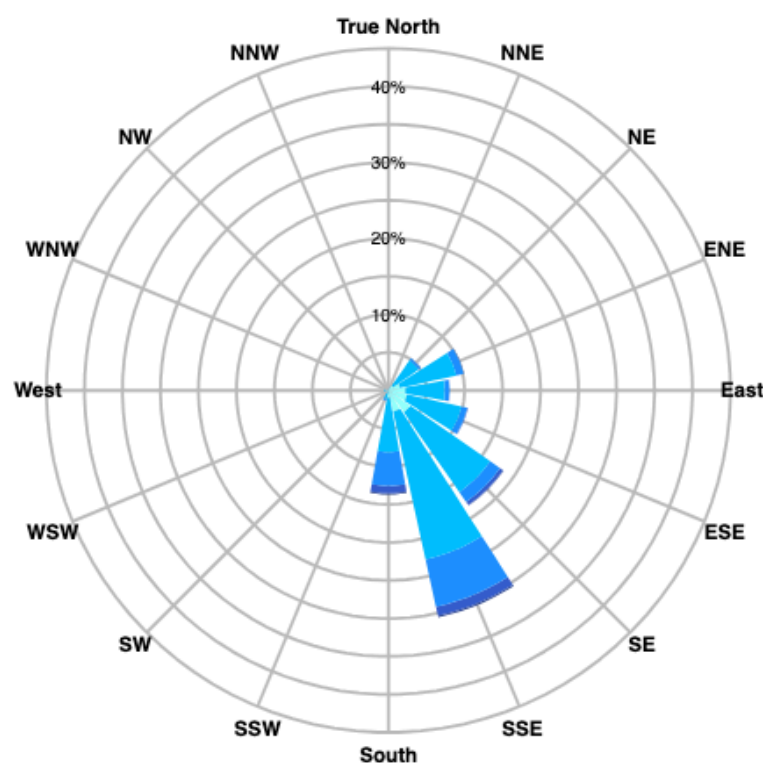
### WINTER



### AUTUMN



### SPRING



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Waves are from the south to southeast 77% of the time in winter. In summer, they are from the East to the northeast 35% of the time.

Significant Wave Height by Month in metres. 1974 - 2024

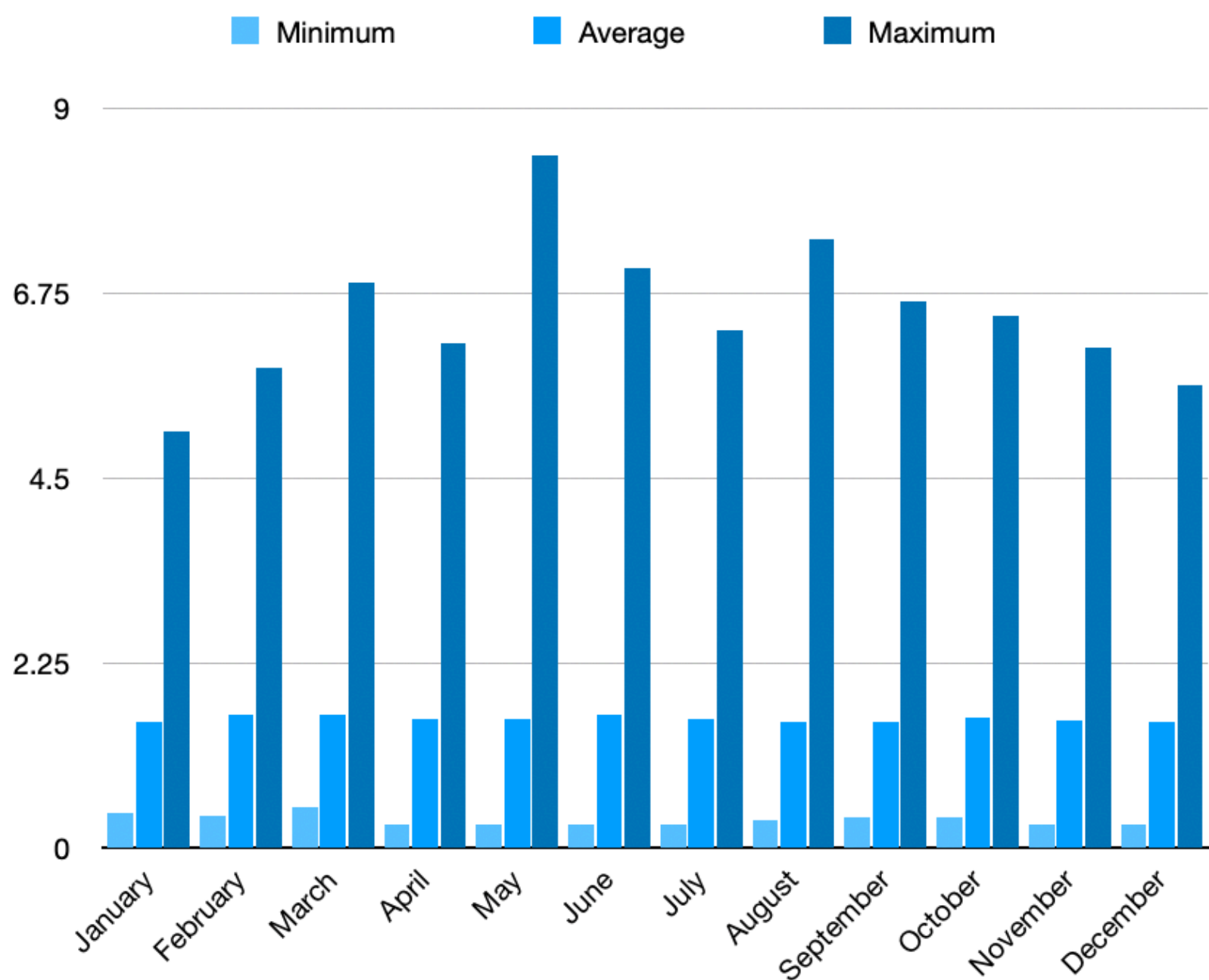


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Minimum significant wave heights are lowest from April to July, possibly due to offshore winds. The average significant wave height is 1.58m. Maximum significant wave heights are lowest in summer. Importantly, every month can bring large waves.

## SHELLHARBOUR AQUATIC RESERVES

| Name                            | Est. | Region / Area             | Summary of Restrictions<br>(See links for details)                         |
|---------------------------------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Bushrangers Bay</a> | 1982 | Shellharbour / Bass Point | No take.                                                                   |
| <a href="#">Cook Island</a>     | 1998 | North Coast / Tweed Heads | Fishing by all methods and collecting is prohibited in the sanctuary zone. |



# KIAMA HARBOUR

Kiama Harbour is a small harbour 7nm down the coast from Shell Cove Boat Harbour and 17nm north along the coast from Crookhaven. The Robertson Basin, on its southeastern side, is an artificial harbour. It has stern-to berths.

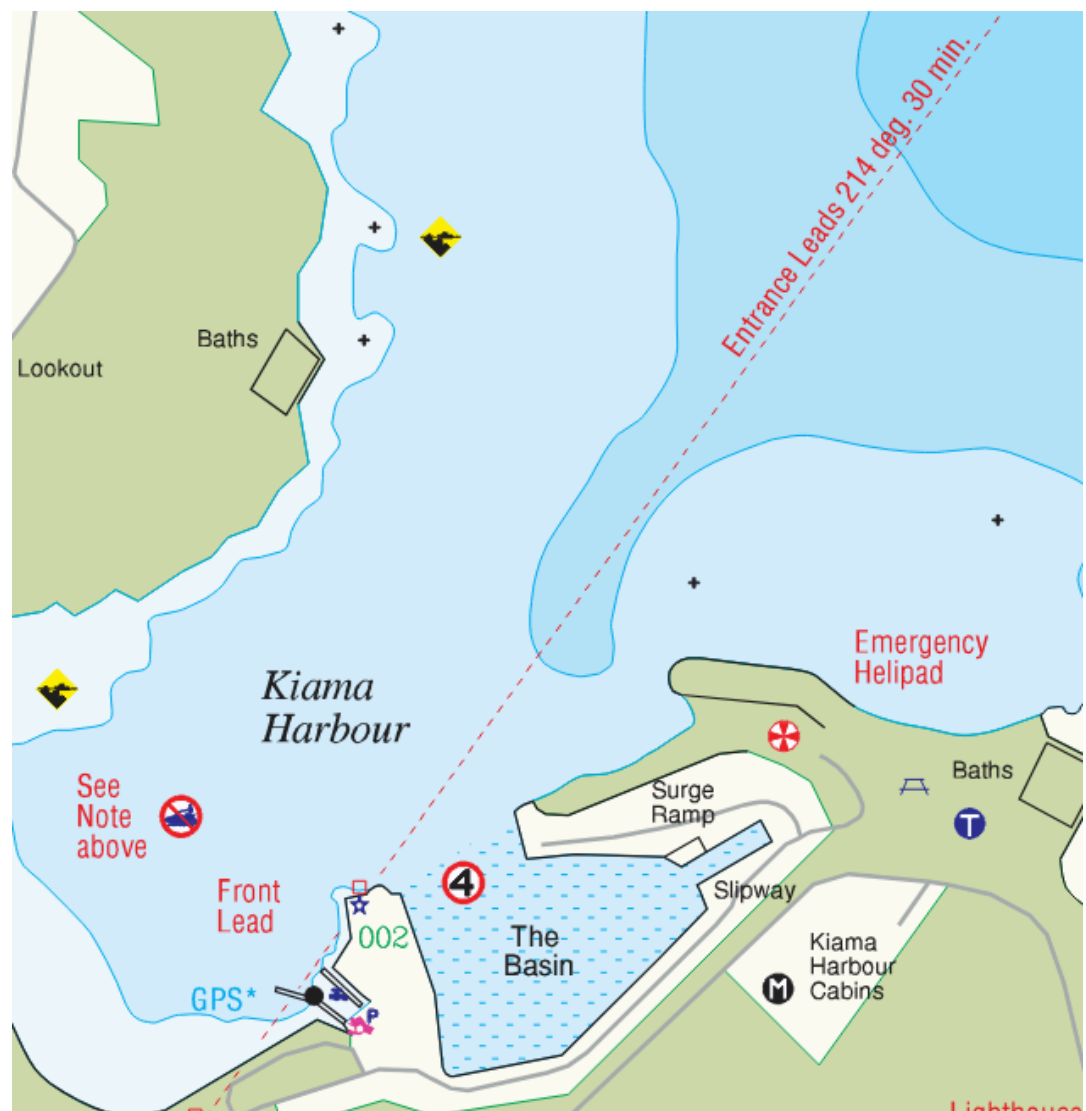
The harbour is sheltered from westerly through to southerly winds and exposed to easterly and northerly winds.

# ENTRANCE

Entrance is via fixed entrance leads. Note the “+” symbol denoting Dangerous Area Breaks at Times, just to the southeast of the leads.

# KIAMA VISITOR MOORINGS

2 visitor moorings are in the harbour; these are maintained for short-term use for travellers, for emergencies and bad weather harbouring (overnight or 2 days maximum at a time and no more than 5 days in a year). These are owned by the Kiama Harbour Boat Owners Association (KHBOA). Contact the KHBOA on 0481881915 to find out if another mooring is available.



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# BERTHING IN ROBERTSON BASIN

The basin has berths for yachts up to 16m and 24 tonnes.

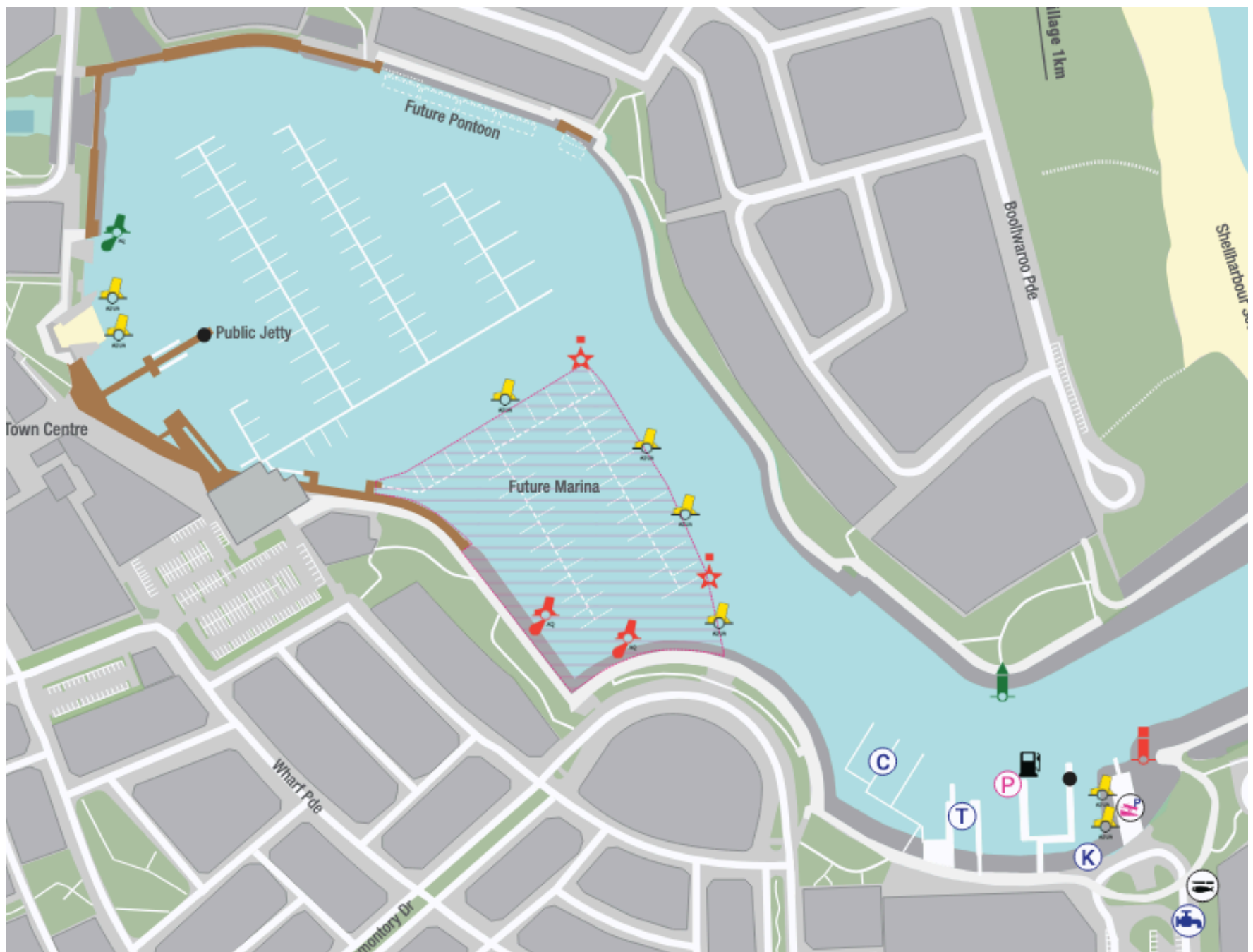
You berth stern-in to the basin wall. Drop your anchor and reverse back, then use mooring lines to tie to the dock.

# SHELL COVE BOAT HARBOUR

Shell Cove Boat Harbour is a new facility. It opened in 2021. It is a boat harbour with 2 public jetties having a total of 6 tie-up pontoon faces, a marina and a fuel dock. Further facilities, such as a boat yard, are in planning and due at the end of 2026.

There is a much older boat harbour, Shellharbour Boat Harbour, 0.6nm to the north. It is small and shallow and not suitable for cruising yachts. Be careful not to get confused between the two.

Shell Cove Boat Harbour. Stage 2 “Future Marina” has now been completed.



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Anchoring is not permitted in the harbour. There is a public jetty operated by the Shellharbour City Council at the western end of the harbour, southwest of the marina. You

can moor there for 2 hours. It has a central fixed jetty with two 30m floating pontoons: one on the northwest side and one on the southeast side.

There is also a marina jetty behind security with pump-out and fuel on the southern side just inside the breakwater (shown as P on the map). It consists of two floating pontoons connected via a walkway and then to the shore. The west one is 35m and has a pump-out facility and fuel (P and 🛢️ on the map). The T on the map is the travelift for the new boatyard.

The boat harbour, marina, shops and new suburb master planned around it are very modern and much to my taste. It feels like a little bit of Hamilton Island or the Gold Coast dropped in the Illawarra.

## ENTRANCE

The harbour entrance is protected from the south by Bass Point, which protrudes almost 3nm from the coastline.

The approach is from the northeast. There is a White, Red, Green sector light located 400m south of the marina entrance. Stay in the white sector. When approaching from the south, stay clear of Bass Point and its rocks and reefs off the point, as well as the Bass Point Gravel Loader jetty, which extends 320m north from the shoreline. When approaching from the north, keep east of the 5 Islands. Staying in the white sector keeps you clear of these hazards.

The northern breakwater wraps completely around so that the entrance is from the SSE, close to shore. Design depths for the marina were 4 - 5m. It could do with a set of entrance leads, which it does not currently have, although this is perhaps due to the location of the gravel loader jetty 0.5nm to the ESE. In any case, care must be taken not to come too close to shore for the final approach.

See the [Wave Rose](#) for average conditions. For forecast conditions, see the [Shellharbour](#) near-shore wave forecast. See [📹] for a surf cam from the Shellharbour Surf Lifesaving Club. There is also the [Port Kembla Waverider Buoy](#) 8nm to the north, although it is not necessarily representative of Shellharbour for southerly waves, as it is not protected by Bass Point.



# SHELLHARBOUR MARINA

|                  |                                                                                                               |                |                           |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Website          | Shellharbour Marina   Marina Map                                                                              |                |                           |  |                                                                                      |
| Address          | 13 Marina Drive Shell Cove NSW 2529 Australia                                                                 |                |                           |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |
| Email            | admin@shellharbourmarina.com.au                                                                               |                |                           |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |
| Location         | 34°35.229’S 150° 52.950’E    |                |                           |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |
| Berth Sizes      | 12 to 35m berths mono and cat<br>Superyachts to 40m                                                           |                |                           | Berths                                                                              | 270                                                                                  |
|                  |                                                                                                               |                |                           | Swing Moorings                                                                      | N/A                                                                                  |
| Hours            | Monday – Friday 8:30am-5:00pm<br>Saturday – Sunday 8:30am-5:00pm<br>Closed Xmas Day                           |                |                           | VHF                                                                                 | 16                                                                                   |
|                  |                                                                                                               |                |                           | Phone                                                                               | (02) 4250 4100                                                                       |
| After Hours      | Arrangements can be made                                                                                      |                |                           | Internet                                                                            |  |
| Power            | 15 amp, 32 amp, 64, 125 (for superyachts)                                                                     |                |                           | Berth Depths                                                                        | 3.5 - 4.4 m LAT                                                                      |
| \$ 15m mono      | \$112 per night (12/25)                                                                                       | Laundry        | Y. Free                   | Diesel                                                                              | Y                                                                                    |
| \$ 15m cat       | \$145 per night (12/25)                                                                                       | Showers        | Y                         | Petrol                                                                              | Y                                                                                    |
| Chandlery        | Onsite in office   <u>BCF</u> 6km                                                                             | Toilets        | Y                         | 24 Hr Fuel                                                                          | N 8:30 -4:30                                                                         |
| Dining           | <u>Waterfront Tavern</u>   <u>Waterview Japanese</u> & many more                                              | WiFi           | Y                         | LPG Refill                                                                          | Marina will organise                                                                 |
| Bar              | <u>Waterfront Tavern</u>   <u>Georgia Rose</u>                                                                | Dogs           | Pet friendly.<br>On-leash | Lift-Out                                                                            | 100t Straddle Carrier 8.8m beam                                                      |
| Groceries        | <u>Woolworths</u> 100m                                                                                        | Sewage         | Y                         | Hardstand                                                                           | Y                                                                                    |
| Security Barrier | On Arm. CCTV.                                                                                                 | Tender Service | N/A                       | Mechanic                                                                            | Y                                                                                    |
| Public Transport | <u>Illawarra Taxis</u>   Uber   Train   Illawarra Buses Network. See <u>route 53</u> , stops   Airport        | Car Hire       | N                         | Electrical                                                                          | Y                                                                                    |
|                  |                                                                                                               | Car Park       | Y                         | Shipwright                                                                          | Y                                                                                    |

This is a modern, full-service marina within a master-planned community. Interestingly, the streets in that community have nautical names. This is a very conveniently located marina, a day sail away from Jervis Bay to the south, and Port Hacking to the north.

The local train station provides trains to Sydney. The Shellharbour Airport has direct flights to Brisbane and Melbourne.



Maria & Tonto on the boardwalk in the dining precinct.



Photo G. Luck

## PORT KEMBLA

Due to the manoeuvring difficulties of large ships, no anchoring at any time is allowed within the entrance area and the entire Outer Harbour.

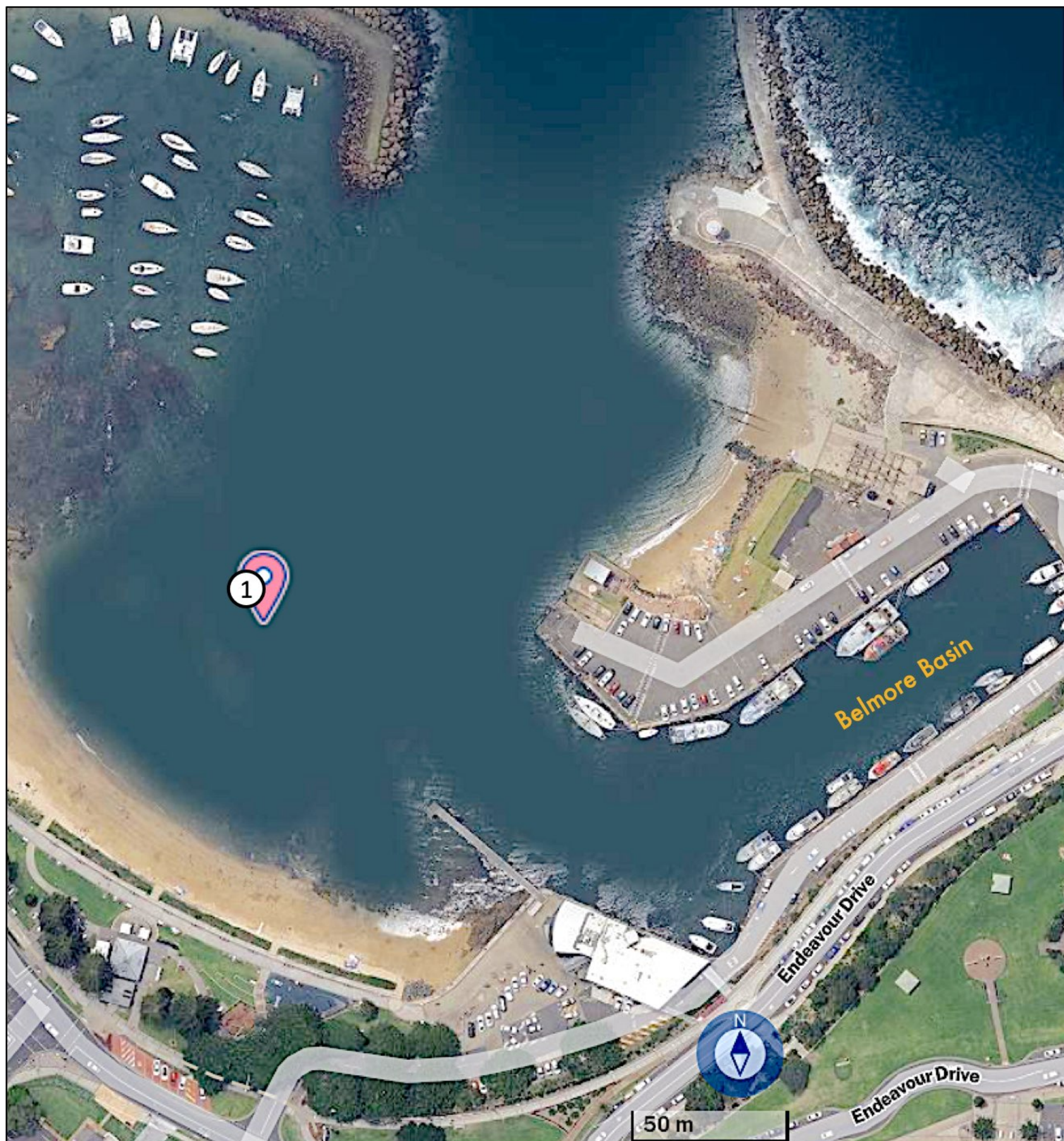
No recreational vessels are allowed within 50m of jetties 3, 4 and 6, and the Flammable Liquids Berth in the outer harbour and the whole inner harbour.

## WOLLONGONG HARBOUR

Wollongong Harbour is a very small harbour, 26 nm SSW of Port Hacking and 12 nm north of Shell Cove Boat Harbour. Entrance is via the leads. See the TfNSW chartlet below.

There is good depth through to Belmore Basin. Watch the crane base just east of the leads. There is a single courtesy mooring here (see marker 1) in **< 2m LAT**.





Casual berths are available within the Belmore Basin, tied up to a concrete dock. There are large tyres on the wall to fend off, although you would be best to add your own fenders to these to stop marking your hull. As you can see in the photo, rafting up is done here.

The mooring field on the northern side of the harbour is chock-a-block.

Given the difficulties here, it is often easier to go to Port Hacking or Shell Cove Boat Harbour.