

Variation to Berthing Allocation Rules

Dear Terminal User,

We want to draw your attention to an upcoming change to our Berthing Allocation Rules.

A recent review of our berthing protocols by the Port of Melbourne Harbour Master has raised some concerns about the current wording of our berthing rules.

“Berthing allocation and priority will be based on the overriding principle of “first come/first served” (measured from the time of actual boarding of the pilot), and subject thereto. Berthing allocations will be made having regard to the following:”

The Harbour Master has determined the current wording may result in;

- Inadvertently creating unnecessary congestion at the Pilot Boarding Ground;
- Conflict with traffic management undertaken by Lonsdale VTS; and
- In extreme situations, increased risk of close-quarters situations between competing vessels.

Therefore to address these concerns according to clause 6.5 of our ACCC Undertaking, the Harbour Master has directed MIRRAT to vary our Berthing Allocation Rules to the following.

“Berthing allocation and priority will be based on the overriding principle of “first come/first served” (measured from first to within a radius of 30 nautical miles from Point Lonsdale), and subject thereto, berthing allocations will be made having regard to the following:”

This change will come into effect **from 1st January 2023** and will govern our berth allocation process.

Regards



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