

STEPS TO STAY SAFE NEAR SEAGOING SHIPS

- > Always **keep a lookout** for seagoing ships.
- > **Determine if the vessel is moving towards you** or away from you.
- > Always **keep a safe distance** away from a large vessel.
- > From the ship's bridge it is hard to see smaller boats. Some ships will have blind spots ahead of up to 600 metres. **Stay far enough away to be in sight.**
- > **Act early** so you can move away from these seagoing ships.
- > **Familiarise yourself** with the shipping channels or fairways.
- > **Stay clear** of the channels or fairways when seagoing ships are entering or departing the port and harbour.
- > **Be aware** of wakes of seagoing ships, particularly when the large vessel is in relatively shallow water and moving at higher speeds.
- > Always have your **navigation lights on at night** so other vessels can clearly see you.



- > You **MUST** stay well clear of the shipping channels and large ships and only cross the channel when it is safe to do so.
- > **DO NOT** anchor in a channel or fairway.
- > **DO NOT** block a channel or fairway.

SAFETY NOTICE TO ALL BOAT OPERATORS

Newcastle Harbour VHF 09



LOOK OUT SHIPS ABOUT
DON'T RISK YOUR LIFE



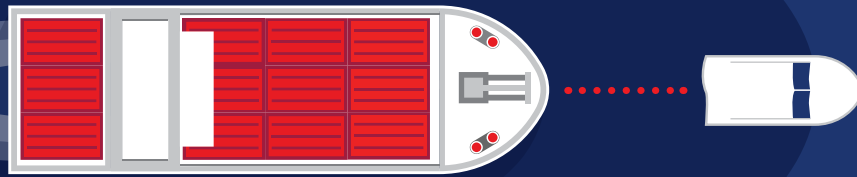
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ALWAYS LOOKOUT FOR SEAGOING SHIPS

DO NOT pass within 30 metres of the side or stern of a seagoing ship

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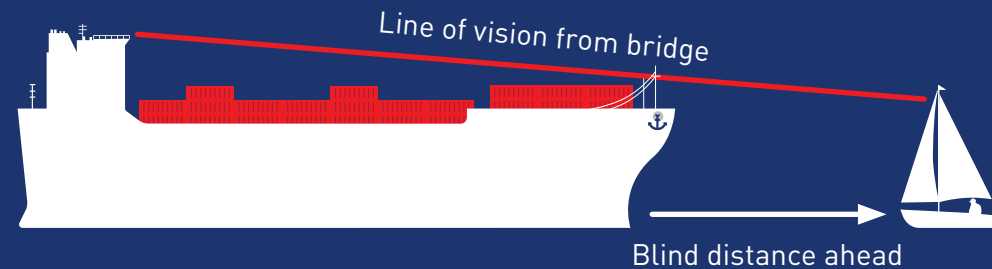
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- > Before heading out **check the Daily Vessel Movements** at portauthority.com.au/lookoutnewcastle

- > **Keep monitoring the safety broadcast** from Newcastle Harbour VTIC (24/7) **VHF Channel 09**

STAY FAR AWAY TO BE IN SIGHT

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BE AWARE IT'S THE LAW

Under NSW marine legislation you are required to never obstruct, restrict or impede access to:

- > any fairway or channel
- > any wharf or other landing place
- > the safe navigation of a vessel
- > the handling of cargo or movement of passengers
- > launching, removal, securing of a vessel.

It is an offence to:

- > fail to comply with the directions of the harbour master or any person acting under the direction of a harbour master
- > operate a vessel in any navigable waters negligently, recklessly or at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public.

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