

SHIP MASTER'S PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

BULK CARRIERS

COMMUNICATIONS

Port Operations

The port of Albany operates on VHF channel 12 (callsign "Albany Port") and vessels should maintain a listening watch on this channel 2 hours before arrival. **This channel is not manned continuously nor outside of normal office working hours(0830-1700)** but will be used by the pilot and/or agent to call the ship with arrival information. The pilot will call the vessel 1 hour before pilot boarding time to discuss which side to rig a pilot ladder.

Emergency Communications

The Albany Port Authority does not have the resources to maintain a 24 / 7 listening watch on VHF channel 16. In order to provide an appropriate emergency response capability, Albany Sea Rescue monitors VHF 16 on the port's behalf outside of normal office working hours (callsign "Albany Sea Rescue"). They hold emergency contact numbers for key port personnel and can arrange for the Harbour Master, or his nominated representative, to contact the vessel on VHF outside of office hours.

PILOTAGE

The pilot on board (POB) time is by arrangement with the duty pilot and is dependent on Pilot availability and other shipping movements.

Inward Panamax pilotage's at night are at the discretion of the duty Pilot.

The pilot boarding ground is in position King Point Light Bearing 294 degrees at 4.5 nautical miles. (Lat 35 degrees 04 minutes S; 118 degrees 00 minutes E).

Vessel speed for pilot boarding is 8 -10 knts. Pilot ladders should only be rigged with 2 manropes if advised by the Pilot, reach to 2.0 metres above the waterline, and comply with IMO requirements. If the vessel's freeboard exceeds 9 metres, a combination ladder is to be provided. The landing on the ladder is to be 5 meters or greater above the water line.

If the vessel is required to anchor in King George Sound, the agent will request an anchorage position from the Albany Port Authority and advise the ship.

A Pilot prepared passage plan will be discussed with the Master & Bridge team by the Pilot prior to commencing the Pilotage. The Master is to ensure all bridge equipment is operational (or advise the Pilot if to the contrary), bridge repeaters have covers off and are clean, bridge windows are clean and a competent, rested helmsman is available for the Pilotage. The helmsman must be able to understand IMO standard marine communication phrases.

DRAFT LIMITATIONS

- Minimum pilotage drafts as percentage of moulded depth: Forward 25% / Aft 37%
- Maximum height of propeller blade exposed on arrival = 0.6 metres
- Maximum draft at anytime alongside berth No.6 is 11.5 metres.
- Maximum draft at anytime alongside berth No 3 is 11.5 meters.
- Maximum draft at anytime alongside berth No.2 or berth No.1 is 9.8 metres
- Maximum draft for vessels using berths 1 or 2 (swinging off the berth) is 9.5 metres.
- Maximum air draft at berth No.3 is 15 metres at high water.

Vessels that cannot meet the criteria for minimum drafts may be delayed if the wind conditions are unfavourable.

BERTH INFORMATION

Berth:	1	2	3
Type of berth	Land backed with solid timber fendering	Land backed with solid timber fendering	Land backed with cotton reel rubber fendering
Berth length	209 metres	172 metres	227 metres
Berth usage	Common user berth. Maintenance work / hold cleaning. Overflow berth for some cargo operations.	Common user berth. Fertiliser discharging. Discharging petroleum products. Other self-loading/ discharging cargo operations. Vessel bunkering.	Common user berth. Primarily used for grain loading via 3 shore loaders (max of 2 discharging at once). Some silica sand cargoes also loaded by single loader.
Height above LAT	3.7 metres	3.7 metres	3.7 metres

Panamax vessels need to warp along berth No.3 to load hold No.1 and hold No.7. Silica sand ships also need to warp significant distances along berth No.3 during loading. Bulk carriers normally berth port side to unless otherwise required by the ship's Master or the Harbour Master.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

If requested in the "48 hour Notice Form", the Albany Port Authority will provide waste removal facilities for the vessel. The cost for the removal of up to 1 cubic metre of garbage is free (included in navigation charges). The removal of any waste over 1 cubic metre in volume will incur a charge of \$100 (including GST) for each additional

cubic metre of volume. Once ordered, the cost will be passed on to the ship irrespective of whether the service is used.

If this requirement has not been ordered on the 48 hr pre arrival form, or this form is received less than 48 hrs prior to arrival, the APA cannot guarantee that this service will be provided. Where the vessel is arriving during/after a weekend and/or public holiday, the 48 hr pre arrival form should be submitted earlier. Sufficient time must be allowed for the port to make arrangements during normal office hours to meet the ship's requirements.

Under no circumstances is any waste to be dumped outside of the skip(s) provided. This is a breach of AQIS regulations and a penalty may apply. If any ship's waste is found outside of the skip(s), the vessel will be instructed by the Harbour Master to clean it up. In the event that the Port Authority is required to clean up and dispose of such waste, all costs will be passed on to the ship and a service charge levied. Substantial callout costs will also apply if this occurs outside of normal work hours.

TELEPHONE CONTACT DETAILS

The ship's agent will provide the Master with a mobile phone on arrival.

The following contact details are provided:

Albany Port Authority (Office)	98929000
Duty Pilot mobile (voice only)	0488 929 095
Harbour Master	98929003 / 0427 479016
Deputy Harbour Master	98929015 / 0439 921589
Oil spill reporting	0427 479016 / 0439 921589
Albany Police	98410555
Albany Sea Rescue	0427 923557
Albany Customs	9845 5800 / 0427013253

Speed Restriction

From July to October (inclusive) a speed restriction of 10 knts within port limits will apply due to migrating whales.

Fishing

Fishing from the wharf apron or the vessel alongside is **prohibited**.

Fishing at anchor in King George Sound is **illegal** unless the crew member holds a valid WA Recreational fishing Licence. Bag limits and minimum specie sizes apply. See www.fish.wa.gov.au

***by authority of the Harbour Master
Capt. Sean Bolt***

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