

The Port and Recreational Vessels

When you are boating on Cleveland Bay, the Port has important information to keep you safe.



Sharing the Port with other vessels

The Ross Creek channel is a shared zone for all vessels. For your safety and the security of the Port, small vessels should remain well clear of all commercial ships and wharves. This includes a prohibition from fishing closer than 60 metres from a commercial wharf or under a wharf.

Small vessels may transit through the Ross Creek entrance and the 14.9km shipping channel. However, keep clear of all ships and do not anchor inside the channel markers.

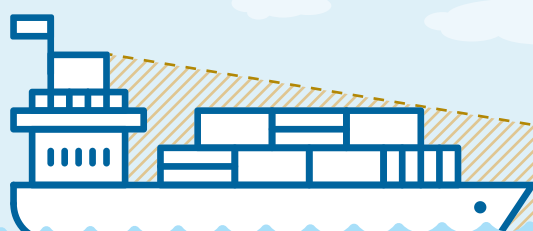
For specific information about the rules for moving in and around the port, visit www.townsvilleport.com.au and search *Port Notices*.

Safety and Security

The Port of Townsville is the largest multi-cargo Port in northern Australia. Due to the nature of its operations, the Port must identify and manage safety and security risks. This means that some parts of the Port cannot be accessed without authorisation.

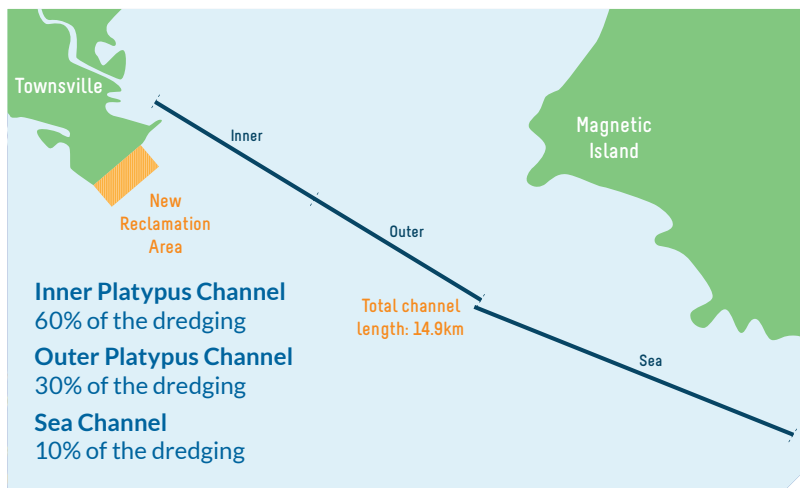
Fast Tips

- Stay at least 60 metres from any berth or berthed vessel.
- Do not anchor in the swing basin, near or under a berth, or inside the shipping channel markers.
- Ships have blind spots. If you can't see the bridge of the ship, the crew can't see you.
- Cross the channel behind a ship at 90 degrees, and only when safe to do so.
- Townsville Coast Guard – VHF 16 and 22.



Stay out of the way!

Larger vessels have blind spots that obscure smaller vessels.



The new rock wall and vessel movements

The rock wall along the mouth of the Ross River will be extended by approximately 550 metres seaward.

Project operating hours and safety

Rock wall: Monday to Saturday daylight hours.
Lighting and buoys will indicate construction zones.

Channel widening: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (weather permitting).

**Capital Dredging* removes previously undredged material from the seabed to widen the shipping channel. *Maintenance Dredging* occurs, when required, to remove fine sediment that has been naturally deposited in the channel.



Townsville Channel Upgrade Project

With a width of 92 metres, Townsville's 14.9km shipping channel is one of the narrowest in Australia compared to other multi-cargo ports. The channel needs to be widened to accommodate longer cruise, commercial and defence vessels.

By 2023, the shipping channel will be 180 metres wide at the inshore (Port) end, then taper to a width of 120 metres at the seaward end.

The vessel length limit will increase from 238 metres to 300 metres.

Closer to the Port, where wind and currents have the greatest impact on a vessel's maneuverability, the channel needs to be wider.

A 62-hectare reclamation area will be constructed using all of the capital dredge* material removed during channel widening.



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