

## Notice No. 04 / 2020

### Management of work vessels VTS notifications prior commencement of work

**Date:** 13 October 2020

**Details:** This Operational Instruction (OI) applies to the management of work vessels.

All commercial vessel masters are reminded of the notification requirements to VTS prior to the movement of commercial vessels and work boats in the port of Melbourne.

Reference to be made to the following sections of the HMD's:

#### 2.13 Diving activities

Any company undertaking contractor diving activities or under-wharf work, for construction or maintenance purposes, must apply for and be issued with an Occupational Diving Permit and Under Wharf Works Permit.

#### 3.12 VHF radio communications

The master of a vessel while underway or at anchor in port waters of the port of Melbourne must ensure that the vessel maintains VHF radio communications through Lonsdale VTS when south of latitude 38° 05' S, and through Melbourne VTS when north of latitude 38° 05' S.

##### 3.12.1 Requirement to maintain a continuous listening watch

The master must ensure that a listening watch on VHF Channel 12 is maintained for the entire period the vessel is in port waters, whether underway, at anchor or moored alongside a berth at the port of Melbourne

#### 4.10 Port working vessels

##### 4.10.1 Melbourne VTS sector

Port working vessels must call Melbourne VTS before each departure and provide the following information:

- Vessel's name.
- Point of departure and intended destination.
- Whether the vessel will be engaged in towing.
- The nature of any work to be undertaken and any special requirements for passing vessels (e.g. minimum wash, pass with a wide berth).



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