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**PORT MELBOURNE SWANSON DOCK
OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION IN FORCE TRIAL FOR NIGHTTIME
ARRIVAL OF OVERSIZE CONTAINER VESSELS TO
SWANSON DOCK**

Date: 17 December 2021

Refers: N/a.

Details: Mariners are advised that the following Operating Instructions here attached is in force from 17 December 2021.

**OI 05 - 2021 TRIAL FOR NIGHT-TIME ARRIVAL OF OVERSIZE
CONTAINER VESSELS TO SWANSON DOCK**

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affected** Harbour Masters Directions Edition 12

Further notice: No further Notice will be issued



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Operational Instruction No. 05 / 2021**TRIAL FOR NIGHT-TIME ARRIVAL OF OVERSIZE CONTAINER VESSELS TO SWANSON DOCK****Date: 17 December 2021**

This Operational Instruction (OI) details the conditions of a Trial that will apply to oversize container vessels transiting the Yarra River inbound and berthing at Swanson Dock during hours of darkness.

Specifically, vessels that have:

- a length overall (LOA) greater than 310 metres but less than 337 meters and/ or
 - a beam greater than 42.9 metres, but equal to or less than 45.6 meters, and
 - vessel has completed two successful assessment visits to Swanson Dock during daylight hours
1. For first visit vessels that this notice applies, Shipping lines/ Agents shall supply the Vessel details a minimum 48hrs prior to arrival of the vessel to the Berth Allocator (BerthAllocator@vicports.vic.gov.au) for consideration
 2. Each vessel nominated to participate in this trial will be reviewed by the Harbour Master for approval as a compliant vessel in accordance with this OI, and if so, will be issued a permit to undertake the night time entry. The Ports Victoria Berth Allocator will maintain a database of compliant vessels.
 3. Special conditions:
 - a) Maximum steady wind restrictions:
 - For vessels with LOA less than 325m:
 - i. 15 kts for the river transit (Breakwater gauge) and
 - ii. 15 kts for berthing and unberthing (South Wharf gauge).
 - For vessels with LOA equal to or greater than 325m:
 - i. 15 kts for the river transit (Breakwater gauge) and
 - ii. 10 kts for berthing and unberthing
 4. All other conditions detailed in Harbour Masters Directions 3.17.19 will apply.
 5. These protocols will be trialled until further notice.



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