

Title: Grassy RoRo berth – Vessels overnighting

Port: Port of Grassy

References: Port Procedures Manual, June 2019, s.12.4.3
Regulation 63(1) (f) & (g) of the *Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017*
Section 44 of the *Marine and Safety Authority Act 1997* (Tas) - Instrument of Appointment dated 28 June 2012)

Purpose: This Harbour Master’s Instruction advises that vessels greater than 35m LOA will not be permitted to remain on the Grassy RoRo ramp overnight until further notice.

Background:

The Port of Grassy is exposed to conditions of swell that produce surge within the Grassy Inner Harbour. The surge conditions result in excessive vessel movement whilst alongside the berth which puts at risk the integrity of the berth infrastructure. This infrastructure forms a vital component of the King Island logistics supply chain.

Unforeseen escalating conditions of surge within Grassy Inner Harbour could require vessels to be departed from the berth to sea. Should such conditions be experienced during hours of darkness, vessels would be compelled to navigate the port at night. It has been recognized that the Port of Grassy requires improved Aids to Navigation for safe nighttime navigation for vessels certified to use Paper charts as the principal means of navigation.

The risk of departing a vessel during hours of darkness is mitigated by temporarily revoking the opportunity for vessels to remain on the berth overnight.

There may be individual and exceptional circumstances that require the overnight berthing of vessels on the Grassy Ro-Ro berth, these will be assessed by the Harbour Master Team in conjunction with Grassy shoreside operations on a case-by-case basis.



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