



# PORT of COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

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#### **Conditions of Entry**

- 1. Vessels entering the Port will be directed to anchor in the area designated for visiting vessels.
- 2. It is the owner's/occupier's responsibility to ensure that any actions or activities undertaken do not pollute or pose a risk to the environment.
- 3. Fees and charges will apply to all vessels entering the Port; a receipt for fees and charges paid will be issued and must be presented to the relevant authorities in order to obtain Port clearance prior to departure.
- 4. Vessels are not to be left unattended for more than 48 Hrs. If owners or occupiers wish to leave their vessel for extended periods they must obtain prior approval from the Port Manager.
- 5. Vessel Anchorage Registration Form must be completed and returned to the Cocos Island Shire office, on Home Island, within 24 hrs of arrival weekdays (Monday Thursday) or on the first working day after arrival weekends (Friday Sunday).

### Bilges, Sullage, Rubbish, Waste Oil

- 1. Manual bilge pumps are not to be operated within the Port boundaries or within 3 nautical miles of the atoll.
- 2. Automatic bilge pumps should be set to operate for use in an emergency only; where the volume of water may severely affect the stability or safety of the vessel.
- 3. Flow through sullage/toilet systems are not to be used within the Port boundaries or within 3 nautical miles of the atoll.
- 4. Sullage tanks are not to be pumped out within the Port boundaries or surrounding waters. Vessels fitted with holding tanks shall ensure that their waste is discharged 3 Nautical Miles from the entrance of the lagoon prior to entry into the Port. Vessels must periodically depart the Port and transit at least 3 nautical miles from the coast in order to discharge their waste.
- 5. Vessels that are not fitted with sullage tanks will be required to make other appropriate arrangements, in consultation with the Port Manager, for the disposal of sullage: or may be directed to depart the Port within 72hrs or at the discretion of the Port Manager
- 6. There are no facilities for the discharge of solid waste provided onshore.

- 7. Fuels, oils and lubricants are not to be discharged.
- 8. Grey water (sinks, shower) discharge should be avoided where possible.
- 9. Unauthorised discharge of waste from a vessel could result in the vessel being required to leave Port within 24 hours.
- 10. Persons responsible for the unauthorised discharge of waste from a vessel may be prosecuted under the provisions of the relevant legislation.

#### **Vessel Maintenance**

- 1. The Port Manager is to be contacted prior to any major repairs or maintenance works being commenced on vessels within the Port area.
- 2. Any work on vessels within the Port must not pollute the environment or cause any inconvenience to the public or other users.
- 3. Cleaning of hulls is **PROHIBITED**.
- 4. Beaching of vessels is **PROHIBITED**.

#### Living on Board Vessels

- 1. Subject to the following conditions, bona fide travellers visiting the Cocos (Keeling) Islands will be permitted to live on board their vessels, within the Port area, for a period of up to one month.
- 2. Persons intending to live aboard there vessel within the Port area for a period longer than one month, are required to obtain written approval from the Port Manager.
- 3. The person in charge of a vessel must agree to observe the conditions of this Code of Conduct.
- 4. The person in charge of a vessel must agree to pay the applicable fees and charges as gazetted by the Commonwealth.
- 5. Persons that live onboard for more than six consecutive days or more than ten days in any given month shall be deemed to have lived onboard for the whole month.
- 6. The Cocos (Keeling) Islands do not provide dedicated facilities within the Port for persons living permanently onboard their vessels. However, persons wishing to live onboard their vessels for a period in excess of six months will be accommodated on a monthly live onboard tenancy. This will be in circumstances where the Port Manager can provide sufficient space, without disadvantaging bona fide travellers, and where live onboard tenants have agreed to the conditions at 2. And 3. Above.
- 7. Live onboard tenancies may be varied at short notice to comply with health, safety or environmental requirements; and other operational exigencies and may be withdrawn for non-compliance with the conditions imposed in this Code of Conduct.

#### Fuel, Water

- Diesel and unleaded fuel can be obtained from Home Island. For small quantities you must provide your own suitable containers; the fuel station is open from 0730 - 0830 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and from 0730 - 0930 on Friday. If you require quantities of fuel > 5000 litres you must contact Island Petroleum to arrange for delivery.
- 2. Potable water is available from the Home Island wharf. The rainwater tanks on Direction Island contain untreated water. The water is not recommended for drinking without prior treatment.

#### **Cyclones**

1. In the event of a cyclone, owners/occupiers are to prepare their vessel as best they can. They will be picked up from their vessel and transported to the Home Island cyclone shelter for the duration of the cyclone. They will be returned to their vessel only when the all clear has been given by the Territory Controller or Port Manager.

#### General

- Domestic Pets are the responsibility of the owners and MUST be kept on the vessel at all times. Animals found on shore will be destroyed.
- 2. Dinghies, rafts etc. associated with a vessel must be stored onboard or made secure as to not interfere with other vessels or the general public.
- 3. The Port of Cocos will provide limited moorings for recreational vessels for day use. The Port will also maintain a number of moorings for operational requirements that will be approved for use at the discretion of the Port Manager.
- 4. Private moorings, ether temporary or permanent, **will not** be allowed within the port boundaries of Direction Island.

## Schedule of Fees

1. The Schedule of Fees for anchorage at the Cocos (Keeling) Islands are:

a) Per day AUD\$10.00b) Per week AUD\$50.00

2. Fees are to be paid at the Shire of Cocos Island office. Located on Home Island. If you intend departing on a weekend or public holiday you are required to pay your anchorage fees prior to COB on the last working day prior to your departure.

3. Vessels intending to stay for periods longer than 1 month are required to pay their fees on a monthly basis.

Port clearance will not be provided unless proof of payment (receipt) is produced

By Order:

Harbour Master Cocos Keeling Island 1st June 2008

## **List of Contacts**

Port Manager 9162 6501 Marine Channel 20

Australian Federal Police 9162 6600, Marine Channel 20

Cocos Co-Op 9162 6708

Indian Ocean Health Service 9162 6655 Marine Channel 24

Island Petroleum 9162 6670

Shire of Cocos Keeling Island 9162 6649

