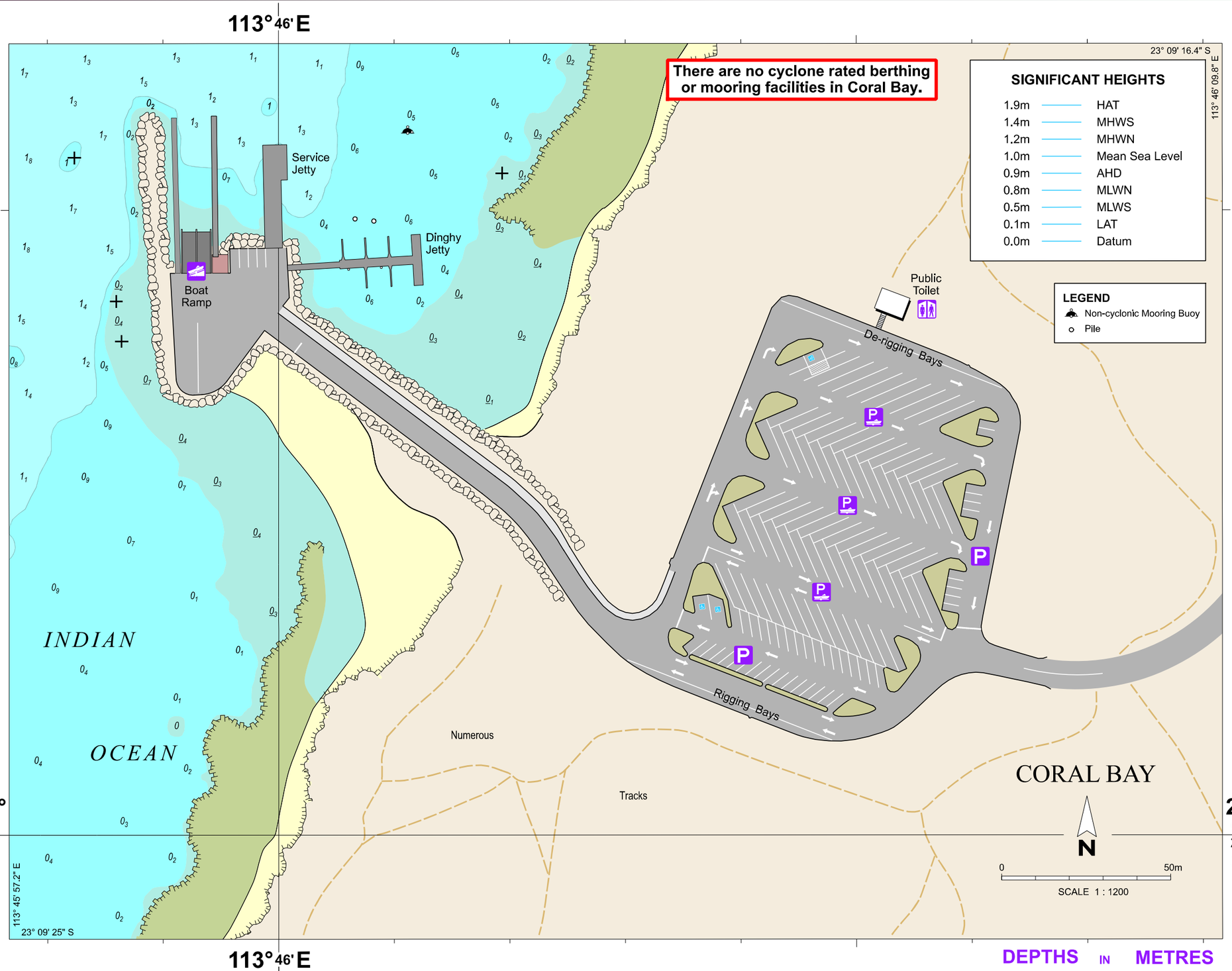
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Community Information Sheet

Coral Bay Maritime Facility
2026/27 Cyclone Season



CYCLONE WARNINGS

Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) issues Tropical Cyclone (TC) Advice whenever a TC is expected to cause winds in excess of 62 km/hr (gale force) over land. A TC Advice may be a Watch and/or a Warning, depending on when and where the gales are expected to develop.

For ongoing information from BoM during Tropical Cyclone periods refer to:

Recorded Cyclone Warning Service: 1300 659 210
Internet: http://www.bom.gov.au/cyclone/

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) will release a Cyclone Community Alert to keep people informed and safe. Alert levels change to reflect the increasing risk to life and advises what you need to do before, during and after a cyclone. DFES issues the following cyclone alerts, ADVICE, WATCH & ACT, EMERGENCY WARNING and FINAL ADVICE.
(see reverse side)

Internet: http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/

NOTES

1. Positions on this plan are related to the Geodetic Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA 2020). For GPS use, this approximates WGS 84.
2. Portions of this plan are from Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure Nautical Chart Coral Bay - WA1108.
3. Sounding Datum is Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT) which is 0.86m below AHD (1991).
4. Hydrographic survey composite includes the latest harbour survey from May 2026.

KEY CONTACTS NUMBERS

DoT Incident Control Centre:	P: 1300 966 459
During an "EMERGENCY WARNING":	P: 9949 1189
DFES Recorded Emergency Info	P: 133 337
SES Emergency Assistance	P: 132 500
WA Police Exmouth:	P: 9947 8700
Shire of Exmouth:	P: 9949 3000
Shire of Carnarvon:	P: 9941 0000
All Emergencies:	P: 000

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The information contained in this publication is provided in good faith and believed to be accurate at time of publication. The State shall in no way be liable for any loss sustained or incurred by anyone relying on the information. This information in no way takes away the responsibilities of a Vessel's Master.

This Community Information Sheet has been prepared for community safety advice to preserve life and property.
The support of the reader is crucial to the effectiveness in protecting life, property and the environment.

Tropical Cyclone - Community Information Sheet

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1. Purpose of the Community Information Sheet

This Community Information Sheet has been developed to assist users of the Coral Bay Maritime Facility during the period leading up to, the impact of and recovery from, a Tropical Cyclone. It is important that commercial and recreational boat users are well prepared and meet their Legislative requirements in having their own Cyclone Contingency Plans in place.
The Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) has a number of preparedness, response and recovery arrangements, including DTMI Cyclone Management Plans to manage the impact of a Tropical Cyclone on its facilities.

2. Activation of the DTMI Cyclone Management Plan

This DTMI Cyclone Management Plan will be activated once a Cyclone Watch or Warning has been issued for the Coral Bay area by the Bureau of Metrology (BoM). This activation is an internal process of the DTMI.

3. DTMI Appointed Incident Controller

An authorised DTMI Incident Controller will be appointed upon activation of the plan to initiate cyclone preparedness actions for the Coral Bay Maritime Facility, including some involving harbour users. The Incident Controller will be assisted by the appointment of a Harbour Controller in Coral Bay.

4. Communication Mediums

While the DTMI will not be providing scheduled radio broadcasts, frequencies will be monitored, while practical, by DFES staff at Coral Bay DFES building located at Banksia Drive Coral Bay:

- VHF Channel 16 and 80/82
- 27 MHz Channel 88 and 90 UHF Channel 30 (CB)

A 24 hour, 7 day/week HF service operates from the Water Police Coordination Centre that monitors the 4125, 6215 and 8291 kHz distress and calling frequencies. This service covers WA coastal waters within 200 nautical miles offshore. The closest transceiver is at Port Hedland and the call sign is “Coast Radio Hedland”.

Key Contacts listing can be seen on the reverse side of this Sheet.
Refer to DFES website ‘Emergency WA’ or BoM website for current cyclone information and alert levels.

5. Responsibilities of Masters and Owners of Vessels

The information contained within this Community Information Sheet in no way replaces the existing legal obligations of owners and masters of vessels, nor does it seek to over-ride the responsibilities of a Master to take appropriate precautions for the safety of the crew, or to interfere with the Master’s independent discretion.

In general terms, Vessel Owners or Masters should undertake the following tasks in order to prevent or minimise damage by ensuring:

- All vessels are removed from the maritime facility during the Cyclone Advice / Watch & Act Alert phases.
- Vessel Operators also need to comply with requirements of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (DBCA) with respect to vessels use of the Marine Park and any operator licence that has been issued.

No vessels are permitted to remain alongside the maritime facility at the late stages of Watch & Act Alert before the Emergency Warning Alert has been called.

6. Mooring Pens and Mooring Positions

It is important to recognise that the Coral Bay Maritime Facility has no mooring pens and mooring positions suitable for use during a cyclone. Masters should be prepared (as part of their own Cyclone Contingency Plan) to seek alternate shelter if necessary.

7. Cyclone Emergency Welfare Centre

There are no suitable onshore Cyclone rated shelters at the Coral Bay Maritime Facility for crew during a Cyclone and **all crews** must relocate to suitable shore based accommodation following the removal of their vessel from the water.

8. Tidal Storm Surge

Harbour users need to be aware that a significant positive storm surge may result from the extreme meteorological effects of a Tropical Cyclone. Storm surge may be exacerbated when a Cyclone impacts on a coastal community in conjunction with high tide. Masters of a Vessel need to factor in the effects of storm surge when mooring and preparing their Vessel.

9. Cyclone Mooring Arrangements

Use of jetties, pens and DTMI Moorings at Coral Bay is not considered to be a safe practise during a cyclone event and Masters and Owners need to make alternative arrangements for their vessels (Including dinghies). Prior to or upon announcement of cyclone watch or warning for the Coral Bay area Masters and Owners need to remove their vessels from the water.

10. Masters and Owners Actions during Alerts and Warnings

BoM Declares Tropical Cyclone WATCH or WARNING

- Initiate actions in line with vessel or Company cyclone contingency plan.

DFES ‘Advice’ Declared

- If en route to Coral Bay, establish/maintain contact with the Incident Controller.
- Pens, Jetties and DTMI Moorings at Coral Bay are not designed for use during a Cyclone Event. Make alternative arrangements.
- Operators with vessels capable of being removed from the marine park using a jinker should make preparations and take actions well in advance with regards to tides. Operators should remove vessels on a suitable tide if the opportunity is available, rather than waiting for Watch & Act alert to be called, which may not coincide with favourable tides for use of jinkers.
- Ensure tenders and any equipment are removed from the maritime facility.
- Comply with DBCA’s operator licence conditions.

DFES Watch and Act Declared

- Ensure vessels have been removed from the maritime facility and marine park.
- Relocate to suitable shore based accommodation.

DFES Emergency Warning Declared
There are no actions defined during this phase of ALERT and appropriate rated shelter should be used for your own safety and observe standard DFES guidelines and procedures for a Tropical Cyclone.

DFES Watch and Act <u>OR</u> ‘Advice’ is declared

- ***Be mindful of related action statements attached to warning level***
- Exercise care in launching vessels back into the marine park over the maritime facility.
- Extreme caution is to be taken in the post impact phase of a Cyclone both on land and on the water and where hazards or damage is observed it is to be reported to the Incident Controller and /or DBCA officers.
- Caution is to be exercised when navigating in the area as navigation aids may be displaced or missing and there could be additional floating/submerged hazards.

Note: ***Masters and Owners must consider their own “DUTY OF CARE” responsibilities to remain safe, to protect people, property and the environment.***

This Community Information Sheet is available online from the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure at the following web address: **https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine/cyclone-community-information.asp**

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