

Local Marine Notice 016-2026

NSW Pilotage Ports

Special Recreational Vessel Permit

Port users are advised of amendments to the Marine Safety Regulation 2016 (NSW) relating to the operation of Special Recreational Vessels (SRVs) within NSW pilotage ports.

SRVs between 35 metres and 80 metres LOA are subject to compulsory pilotage unless the Master holds a valid Special Recreational Vessel (SRV) Permit.

The SRV Permit is issued under section 29 of the Marine Safety Act 1998 (NSW) and permits eligible Masters to conduct unsupervised vessel movements within the relevant pilotage port, subject to conditions.

The permit:

- Is valid for 60 days
- Requires the Master to demonstrate appropriate competency
- Is subject to compliance with Harbour Master Directions, port procedures, and permit conditions

Further information is available on the Port Authority of New South Wales [website](#).

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