

Harbour Master Instruction

HMI 005-2026

Title: Sydney Harbour & Port Botany – Pilot Boarding Ground

Scope: Agents, Sydney VTS, Pilots

Purpose: To ensure the Pilot Boarding Ground is booked accurately

Instruction

- Agents are instructed to select the correct Pilot booking ground depending on where the movement is occurring.
- If the movement is for Port Jackson, the Pilot Boarding Ground is 'Sydney'.
- If the movement is for Port Botany, the Pilot Boarding Ground is 'Botany'.
- If the incorrect Pilot Boarding Ground is selected when the booking is created, the booking will be denied by Sydney VTS in the Vessel Booking System.
- In the event that the Pilot Boarding Ground needs to be amended due to Operational reasons, this change will be communicated with the Agent and amended in the Vessel Booking system.

Please email HarbourMasterApprovals@portauthoritynsw.com.au if you have any questions or concerns regarding this instruction.

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