

Local Marine Notice 025-2026

Sydney Harbour

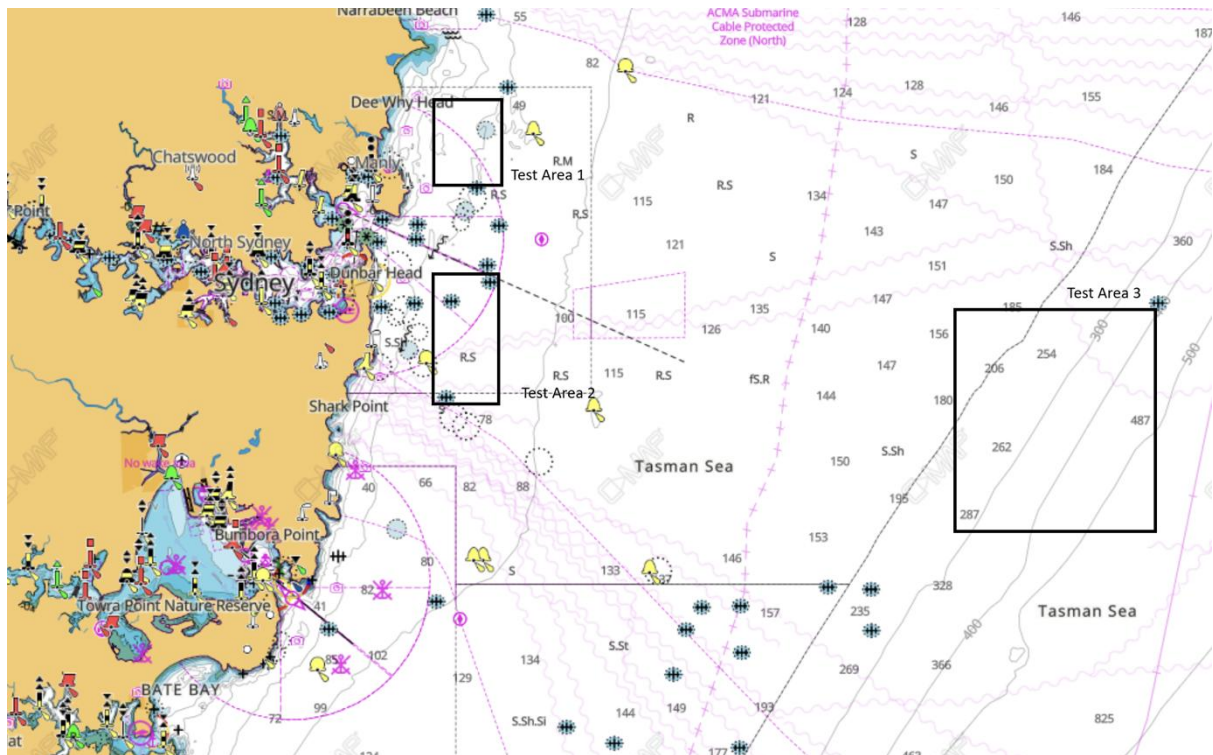
Autonomous Underwater Vessel (AUV) Testing Operations

Mariners are advised that Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) testing operations will be conducted at Sydney Harbour between 24 August 2026 until 28 August 2026. The testing will include AUV launching and recovery, towing, surface and subsurface operations. The asset will be launched from Garden Island to sea, each morning and retrieved each evening. An exemption from the Harbour Masters Direction will apply for this operation during the specified period.

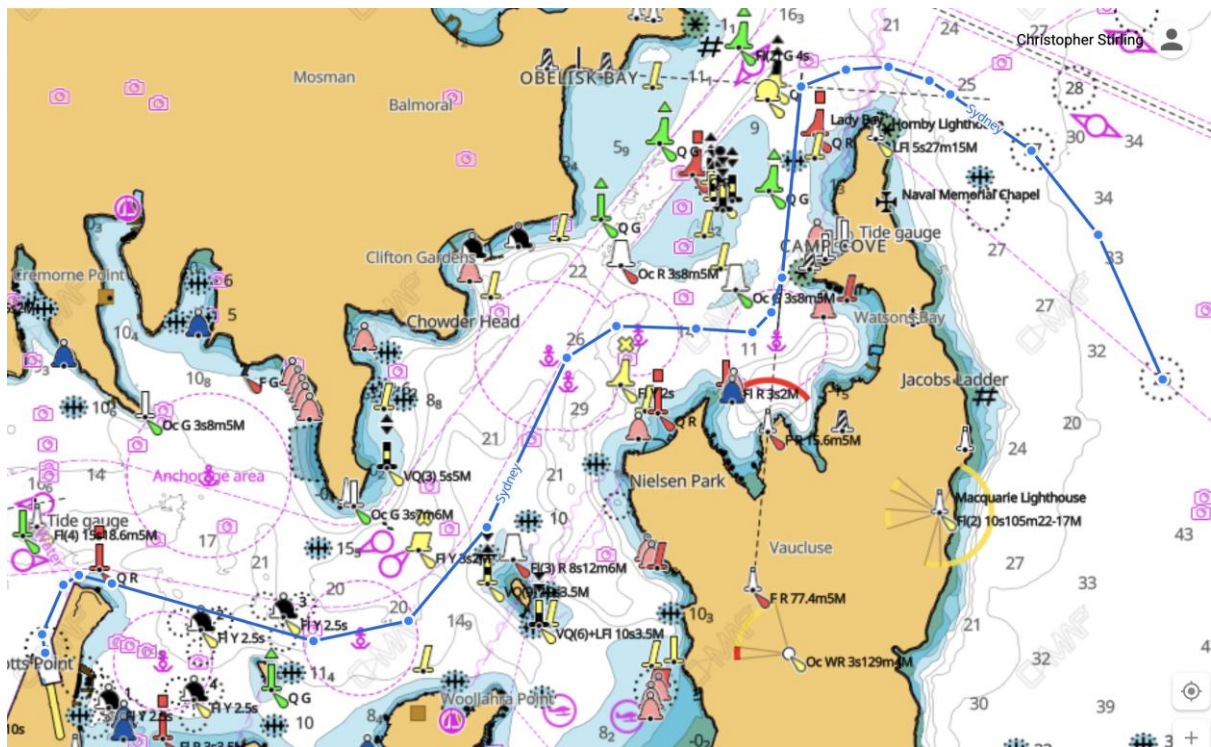
The following vessels will be involved to support these activities.

- Vital
- Protector

The activity is not expected to affect normal navigation; however, mariners are advised to navigate with caution, maintain a proper lookout, and keep clear of vessels engaged in the AUV testing operation where practicable.



The testing areas are indicated in the map above.



Tow route within Sydney Harbour with nominal release from tow outside of the heads.

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