

Local Notice to Mariners

Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV)-Operations within Darwin Port

To	Port Users	Location	Darwin Harbour
Date of issue	25th August 2026	Ref number	Local NtM 2026 – 077 (T)

Notification

Port Users are advised that an Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV) will be operating on Darwin Harbour. Navigators are advised to exercise caution when navigating near the USV.	
Date of activity:	Friday, 28 th August 2026 to Friday, 11 th September 2026.
Time of activity:	All hours-24/7
Location of activity:	Operations within port limits All activities will occur within Darwin Harbour limits Transits from/to Fisherman's Wharf and Hudson Creek areas in accordance with commercial shipping channels and Port of Darwin speed limits.
Assets/ Vessels involved	Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV), At times support vessel Kenbi
Description of Activity:	Trials operations will occur within Darwin Harbour, port limits and outside of the main shipping channels and nominated anchorages and clear of commercial and recreational operations. The USV will be at times be accompanied by a support boat, Kenbi, with onshore operators controlling the vessel.
Conducted by:	Leidos Australia and contractors
Communication : Radio	VHF Ch 16 (watch), Ch 10 (watch) and Ch. 72 (working)
Mobile	Operators Phone 0461 576 502 Miguel Vaca 0418487976 Matt McKenzie 0408456995
Additional information	
Cancel this notice on:	14 September 2026

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A/Regional Harbourmaster