

Coastal Notice to Mariners

Exercise BLUEGUM 2026 – Live Firing Area

To	Coastal Mariners	Location	Angalarri River NT
Date of issue	18 August 2026	Ref number	Coastal NtM 2026-020(T)

Notification

Coastal Navigators are advised of Exercise BLUEGUM 2026, a Major Land based military activity involving long range live firing.

Date of activity:	22 August to 23 August 2026
Time of activity:	07000 22 Aug to 1900 23 Aug 26
Location of activity:	Bradshaw Field Training Area (BFTA)
Assets/ Vessels involved	Land based firing systems
Description of Activity:	Mariners are advised that there will be military activity that extends from the southern end of BFTA to the northern end of BFTA from 22 August to 23 August. The western edge of the live fire activity crosses over the Angalarri River. BFTA will be activated for military exercises including live firing over the Angalarri River east of: 15°21'52"S. 130°21'30"E. A military presence will be on the banks of the Angalarri River at the above location to ensure no boats and personnel are east of this location. Waterways will be cleared by combination of helicopter and drones. Vessels should expect that live firing will take place within BFTA during the period of the exercise at any time. Merchant traffic will not be able to alter course to facilitate training maneuvers. Vessels transiting the area during the exercise period are advised to navigate with caution, monitor VHF Channel 16, and ensure their vessels Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) are activated. Mariners are advised to navigate with additional caution during this period.

Conducted by:	Department of Defence
Communication: Radio	VHF Channel 16
Mobile	Maritime Industry enquiries related to Exercise BLUEGUM should be directed to: Training Area Manager BFTA + 61 (0) 427185058 or Email dotam.rangecontrol.bfta@defence.gov.au
Additional information	
Cancel this notice on:	0600 24 August 2026

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