

Victorian Notice to Mariners

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EAST BASS STRAIT – SEASPRAY

UNCREWED SURFACE VESSEL (USV) OPERATIONS

Date: 4 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JANUARY 2025

Details: Mariners are advised of a remotely piloted Uncrewed Surface Vessel (**USV**) engaged in offshore survey operations between Port Albert and Seaspray, Victoria, from 4 December 2024 to 31 January 2025.

The operations will occur in two areas adjacent to and approximately 3NM south-west of Seaspray and up to 3NM from shore, bound by the coordinates shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Coordinates of each survey area

Block corner	Latitude (DDM)	Longitude (DDM)
B1	38° 33.6258' S	147° 3.267' E
B2	38° 27.2922' S	147° 11.1684' E
B3	38° 25.1934' S	147° 8.3982' E
B4	38° 27.3168' S	147° 5.6364' E
A1	38° 25.3398' S	147° 13.5246' E
A2	38° 19.476' S	147° 21.0648' E
A3	38° 22.0248' S	147° 12.4788' E
A4	38° 23.2056' S	147° 10.893' E

Mariners are asked to avoid contact with the vessel and be aware of the operational areas during this period. Figure 1 indicates the operational areas.

Figure 1: Operational Areas



Although the USV is physically uncrewed, it is crewed via USV Pilots throughout the 24-hour operation, piloted remotely using 360-degree cameras and other navigational aids. A support vessel provided by Seapride Charters will escort the USV in and out of its launch location of Port Albert. The vessel (Seapride) will be stationed in Port Albert as data collection is undertaken by the USV.

Table 2: USV Details

Name:	X 14 UNCREWED
MMSI:	232035680
Call sign:	MJCF8
Flag:	UK / Work Boat Code Area Category 0
Length:	4.5m
Beam:	2.2m
Speed:	3.5kts
Draught:	1.00m
Tonnage:	1,000kg

Figure 2: XO-450 USV



Safety Precautions: The USV is equipped with the following to make it conspicuous to other marine traffic:

- AIS
- VHF
- Navigation Lights & Sound Signal
- Active Radar Reflector
- Superstructure Painted Yellow

Mariners are advised to navigate with caution in the vicinity of the operational area.

AUS Charts and Publications Affected: AU439147

Victorian Charts and publications affected: Nil

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