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PORT OF MELBOURNE PORT MELBOURNE CHANNEL SUBMARINE GAS PIPELINE INSPECTION

Date: 18 March 2026

Refers: N/A

Details: Mariners are advised that inspection works, involving diving operations, will be undertaken on the **submarine gas pipeline** in the Port Melbourne Channel, between beacons E1/E2 and 1A/2A, from **20 March 2026** until further notice.

The inspection works will be conducted **around shipping movements** from **0700 hrs to 1730 hrs**, subject to weather conditions.

The following conditions will apply for **diving operations**:

- **30 minutes** prior to the passing of a **commercial vessel (SOLAS)**, including passing of the bunker vessel, the following applies:
 - **Diving operations to cease**
 - **Work vessels to vacate area**

Restrictions for passing **domestic commercial vessels** and **recreational vessels** during diving operations are as follows:

- ***Minimum passing distance of 50m***
- ***Passing speed less than 5 knots***

The works supervisor is contactable on 0488 198 299 and 0409 666 272. Dive support vessel (**Pro Diver** or **Jazz**) is contactable on VHF Channel 12.

For further information, please email the Navigation Services department at NavigationServices@ports.vic.gov.au or contact Melbourne VTS on 9644 9700 / VHF Channel 12.

Mariners are advised to navigate with additional caution in the vicinity of the submarine gas pipeline during diving operations.

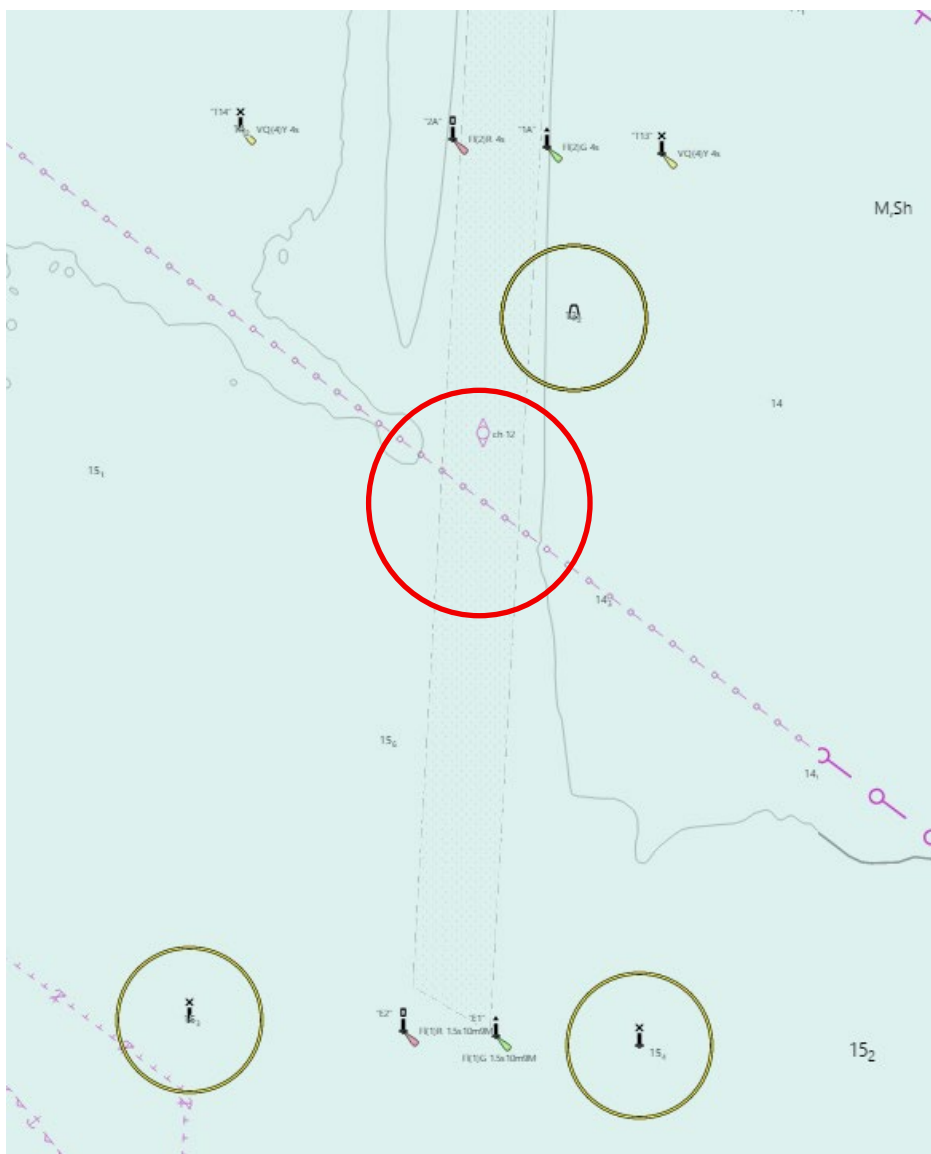
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