Victorian Notice to Mariners

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PORT OF MELBOURNE
PORT PHILLIP
DREDGING TRIAL SOUTH CHANNEL

Date: **12 November 2026**

Refers: **N/A**

Details:

Mariners are advised that a **dredging trial** will be undertaken in the port waters of the port of Melbourne from approximately **16 November 2026** until further notice.

The dredging trial will be conducted **around shipping movements** in the following location (refer Figure 1):

- **South Channel**

The trial will involve the following vessels:

- ***Molly Grace*** – Tug (refer figure 2) fitted with a *Control Flow Excavation Tool*
- ***Waveforce*** – Crew Transfer vessel
- ***John Norgate*** – Survey vessel

No channel closures will occur during the dredging trial.

Vessels engaged in dredging trial works will utilise **VHF Channel 68** as a working channel and monitor VHF Channels 12 and 16.

Restrictions for passing **domestic commercial vessels** and **recreational vessels** during the dredging trial:

- **Minimum passing distance of 50m**

For further information on the dredging trial, contact Port of Melbourne Operations on 1300 857 662.

Mariners are advised to navigate with additional caution in the vicinity of dredging trial works.

Charts & Publications affected:

AUS 143, AUS 144

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Further notice: Further notice will be issued

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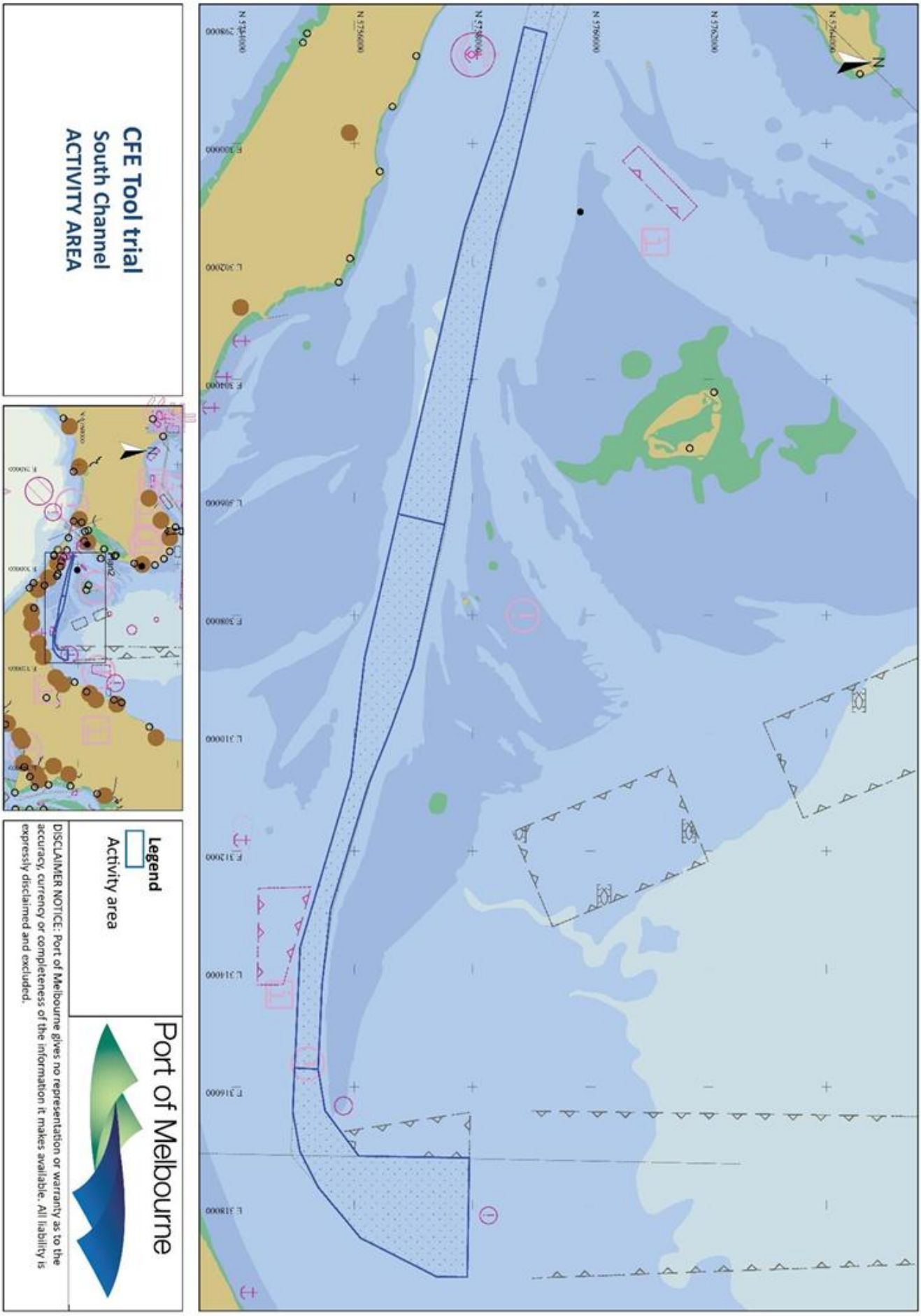


FIGURE 1 – DREDGING TRIAL AREA – SOUTH CHANNEL



FIGURE 2 – *MOLLY GRACE*