

To accompany Australian Notice to Mariners 952/2018

CORAL AND SOLOMAN SEA MACKAY TO SOLOMON ISLANDS

SCALE 1:1 500 000 at lat 23°00'

Depths are in metres.
Heights are in metres above Mean Higher High Water.
Projection: Mercator.

SATELLITE DERIVED POSITIONS

Positions obtained from the Global Positioning System (GPS) in the WGS 1984 Datum can be plotted directly onto this chart.

COASTAL NAVIGATION

This chart has been produced for route planning and ocean transit purposes. Certain lights and other aids to navigation have been omitted. For coastal navigation the largest scale Australian navigation charts must be used.

CURRENTS

For information on ocean currents in the area of this chart, see Admiralty Sailing Directions and Ocean Passages For The World.

REEFREP MANDATORY SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM (SRS)

The ship reporting system area encloses Torres Strait and the Great Barrier Reef. For details and categories of ships required to participate see Australian Seafarers Handbook AHP 20, Australia Pilot Volume III, NP 15 and Admiralty List of Radio Signals Volume 6(4).

When reporting within the REEFREP area, vessels are to call 'REEFVTS' on VHF channels 11 or 14 depending on the ship's position. INMARSAT-C should be used for communicating with REEFVTS when VHF communications are limited.

REEFVTS VHS Contact Channels

AREA	VHF Ch
Inner Route 18°00'S to 20°00'S	14
Inner Route 20°00'S to 22°00'S	11
20°00'S to Sandy Cape	14

MAGNETIC VARIATION CURVES ARE FOR 2017

The Magnetic Variation is shown in degrees, followed by the letter E or W as appropriate, at certain positions on the curves. The annual change is expressed in minutes with the letter E or W and is given in brackets, immediately following the variation.

AUSTRALIAN MARITIME JURISDICTION (AMJ)

The territorial sea baseline and the outer limit of Australian maritime zones shown on this chart are sourced from the Geoscience Australia product Australian Maritime Boundaries (AMB). For Australian maritime boundary information see Seafarers Handbook for Australian Waters AHP 20.

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

All vessels of 70 metres or greater in LOA, and all loaded oil, chemical and liquefied gas tankers regardless of length are to carry a pilot when transiting Torres Strait, the northern waters of the Great Barrier Reef between latitude 10° 41'S and 16° 40'S, Whitsunday Passage, the Whitsunday Group, the Lindeman Group and Hydrographers Passage. For details see Seafarers Handbook for Australian Waters AHP 20 and Australia Pilot Vol III NP 15.

