Navigation Restriction

(Marine Safety Act 1998 s.12)

Farm Cove, Sydney Harbour
HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR 2016

Monday 29 February 2016 – Sunday 8 May 2016

THE EVENT

Vessel operators are advised that Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) has declared that the above event, which is to be held on the waters in Farm Cove, Sydney Harbour is a Special Event pursuant to Section 12(2) of the Marine Safety Act 1998.

SPECIAL EVENT and EXCLUSIVE USE AREA

Due to the potential to affect the safety of navigation, RMS has granted an Exclusive Use Aquatic Licence to Opera Australia to conduct the event, and a Special Event/Exclusive Use Area will be declared for the navigable waters of Farm Cove, Sydney Harbour as follows:

• During the ‘construction periods’ from 29 February 2016 to 22 March 2016, and then during the dismantling period from 25 April 2016 to 8 May 2016 – 24 hours per day;
• During performances (22 March 2016 to 24 April 2016), between 5.30pm and 11pm

An Exclusive Use Area will be established inside the Special Event Area, within which unauthorised vessels are strictly prohibited. The Exclusive Use Area will be marked by lit buoys and patrolled by control and security vessels.

Vessel operators should keep clear of two lit yellow buoys placed approximately 100 metres to the south-west and north-west of the stage to allow fireworks barges to be moored each evening during the performance period of the event.

DIRECTIONS

RMS advises:

a) Persons within the vicinity of the Area must comply with any directions given by a Boating Safety Officer or Police Officer in relation to the Special Event or to marine safety. Failure to comply with any such direction is an offence (Marine Safety Act 1998, s.15A – Maximum Penalty $3,300).

b) No unauthorised vessels are permitted to enter, stop, or anchor within the marked Exclusive Use Area under any circumstances, and to do so may be an offence (Marine Safety Act 1998, s.12(6) – Maximum Penalty $1,100).

MAPS and CHARTS AFFECTED

RMS Boating Map – 9D Hydrographic Chart AUS 202

For further information concerning this Navigation Restriction, please contact Roads & Maritime Services Info Line: 131 236 (8:30am to 4:30pm 7 days a week) or go to rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime

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