

Pilotage Advisory Committee

Proposed Extension of the Yau Ma Tei Anchorage

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' comment on the proposed extension of the Yau Ma Tei Anchorage (YMTA).

Background

2. Established in 1996 to accommodate vessels not exceeding 100 metres in length, the YMTA is the most popular anchorage for commercial vessels due to its convenient location within the urban area with a wide range of port facilities available nearby. At present, the YMTA is always crowded with an excessive number of river-trade and small sea-going vessels. This had led to a number of collisions in the past few years although they were all minor bumps with no major damage or injury involved. To ease the congestion within the anchorage and to avoid further accidents, it is necessary to enlarge the existing YMTA.

Proposed Configuration

3. It is proposed to realign and extend the boundaries of YMTA as shown in the attached Annex. This will expand the existing anchorage area by approx. 47%. The "YMT 1" light buoy will need to be relocated to the southeast corner (Point D) of the YMTA.

Relocation of GMB

4. As a result of the extension, GMB B5 and A34 will need to be relocated near the southern end of the YMTA. Moreover, GMB A34 will be regraded as B-Class mooring. The relocation of these 2 moorings will not lead to operational difficulty because there will be sufficient A-Class moorings to meet the users' demand.

Legislative Amendment

5. Subject to members' comment, action will be taken to amend Item 3(h) of the Seventh Schedule to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313) to give effect to the extension.

Consultation

6. The Garrison was informed of the proposed extension of the YMTA, who made no comment on the proposal.

Presentation

7. This paper will be presented to members by Mr. C. Y. Tsang of Marine Department.

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