

# Reef VTS Direction 01/2023

## Passenger ship reporting

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### Background

Cruise Ships routinely depart the REEFREP area into ports and anchorages. They also depart and enter the REEFREP area via passages either to reach offshore destinations, or to access waters beyond the Territorial Sea for discharging black and grey water.

### Direction

1. Time Based Reporting (TBR) is no longer supported by Reef VTS systems.
2. Reporting requirements under MO 63 are still required in the REEFREP area.
3. Ships entering the REEFREP area from a port or anchorage within the REEFREP area are to provide an entry report on each occasion in accordance with Schedule IV of Marine Order 63. Similarly ships departing the REEFREP area are to provide a final report on each occasion in accordance with Schedule IV of Marine Order 63.
4. Multiple legs or advice of voyage intentions may be provided to Reef VTS in a separate email.
5. Ships anchoring within the REEFREP area and outside of port limits will be considered to be still on a reef voyage. The ship will not receive Ship Encounter Information (SEI) whilst at anchor and will be required to notify Reef VTS when underway.
6. Ships entering the REEFREP area on a northerly or southerly track between Swains Reef and Sandy Cape will be exempt from providing an Entry and Final Report providing their intention is not to re-enter the REEFREP area, such ships will not be provided with SEI.
7. This direction applies to all reporting vessels, including Cruise Ships, transiting and anchoring in the Great Barrier Reef.

This direction replaces Reef VTS Direction 01/19 and will remain in effect until further notice.



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### Appendix: Document prepared by Auriga for pilot guidance

## **APPENDIX**

IN LINE WITH MO64, AND AS REQUESTED BY REEFVTS, USING A SINGLE-ENTRY REPORT LISTING ALL THE PORTS OF CALL IS NO LONGER ACCEPTED PRACTICE TO AVOID FILING INDIVIDUAL REPORTS FOR ALL PORTS OF CALL AND ANCHORAGES.

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

1. PRE ARRIVAL REEF AREA – STANDARD REPORT AS PER VTS GUIDE (EMAIL)
2. ALL OTHER PORT ENTRY, EXITS, ANCHORAGES REQUIRE A FINAL AND ENTRY REPORT.
3. WHITSUNDAY:  
ON ENTRY AT CPL, FINAL REPORT TO REEF VTS, INWARD REPORT TO WHITSUNDAY VTS VHF10.  
PRE-DEPARTURE: ENTRY REPORT TO REEF VTS (EMAIL)  
ON DEPARTURE WHITSUNDAY CPL, EXIT REPORT TO WHITSUNDAY VTS, ENTRY REPORT TO REEF VTS.
4. EXIT REPORT TO REEF VTS WHEN LEAVING THE REEF AREA
5. SWAIN REEF NO REPORTING REQUIRED.