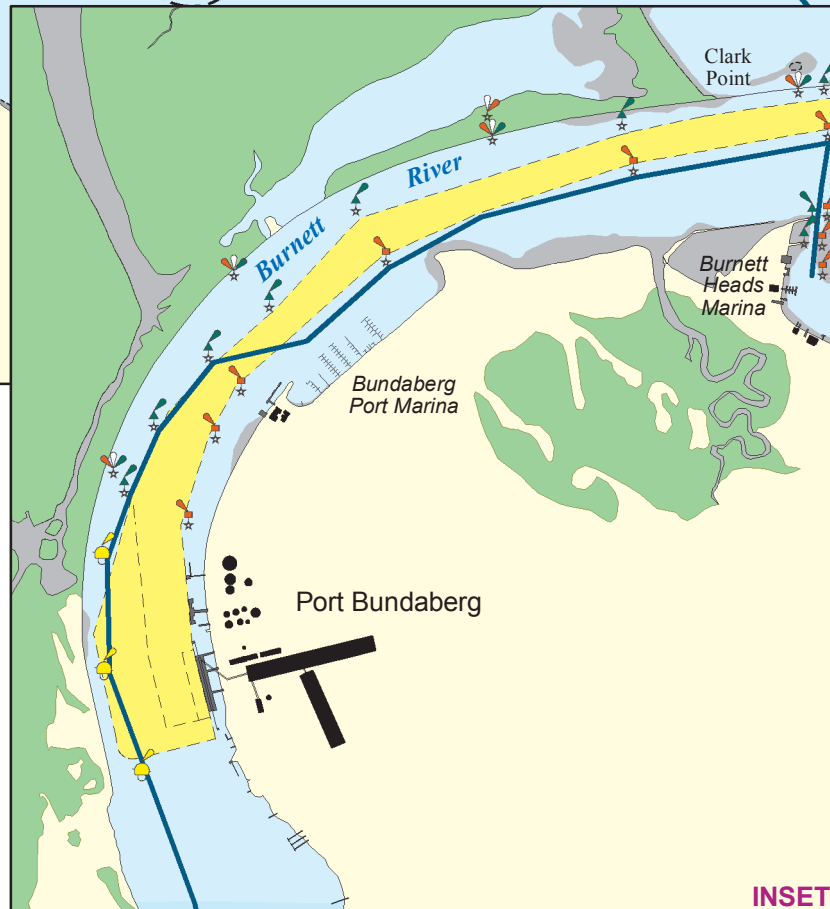
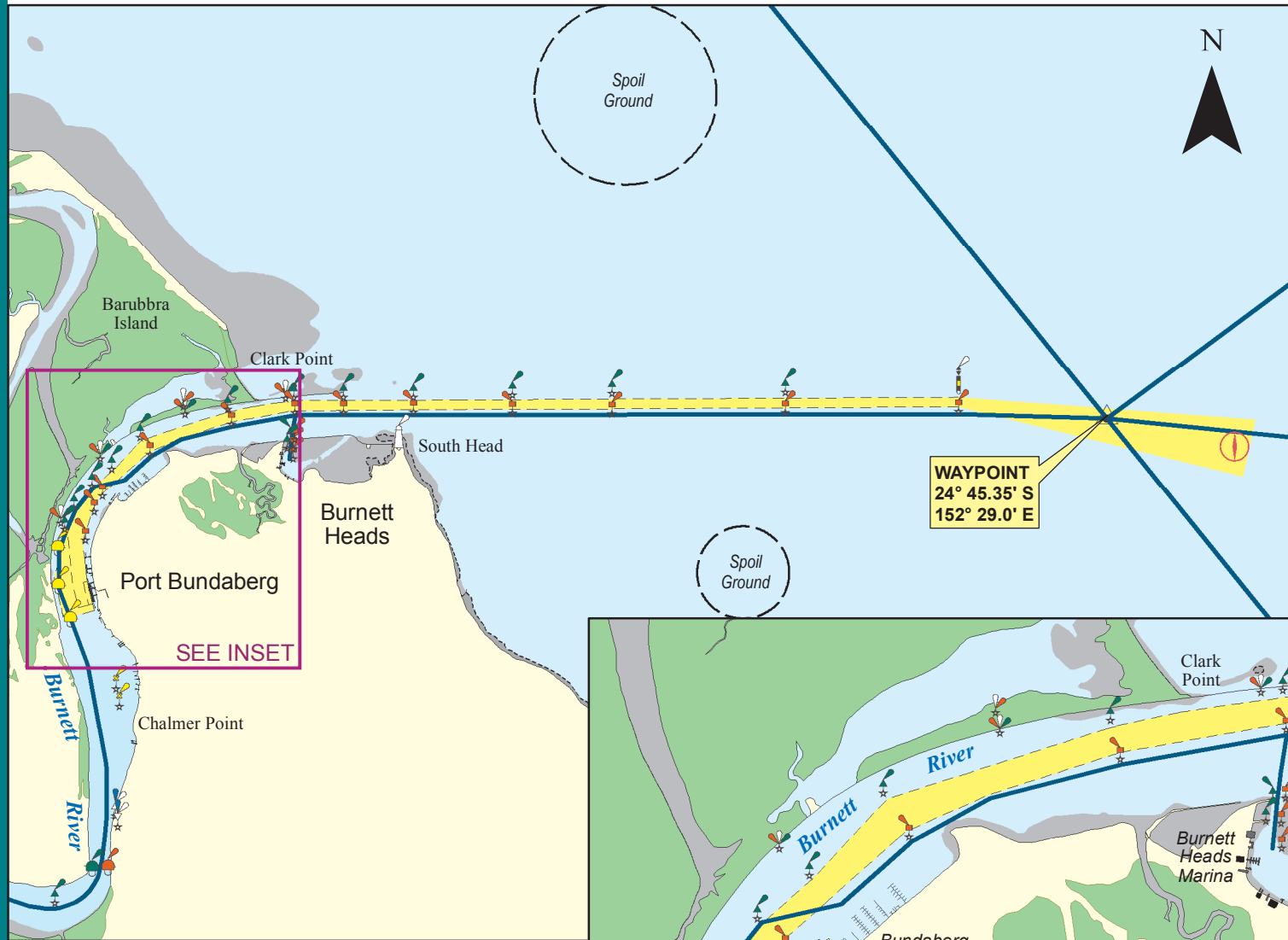


WARNING FOR ALL SMALL CRAFT NEAR SHIP NAVIGATION AREAS

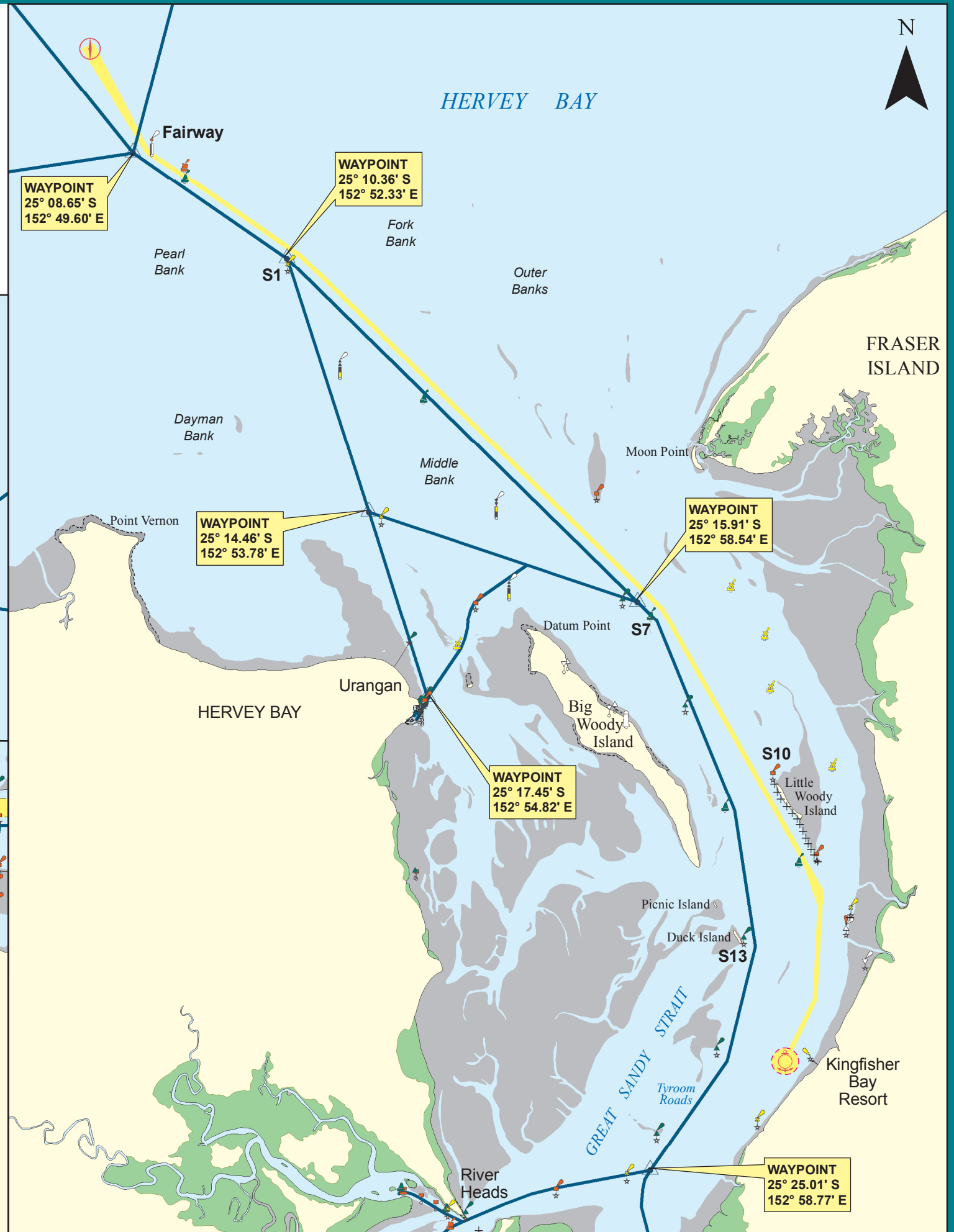


BUNDABERG

- KEY**
- Ship Navigation Area
 - Recommended Small Craft Course
 - Anchorage Position
 - Pilot Boarding Ground



INSET



HERVEY BAY

WAYPOINT
25° 25.01' S
152° 58.77' E

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Interaction between large ships and small craft is rapidly increasing in Queensland coastal waters.

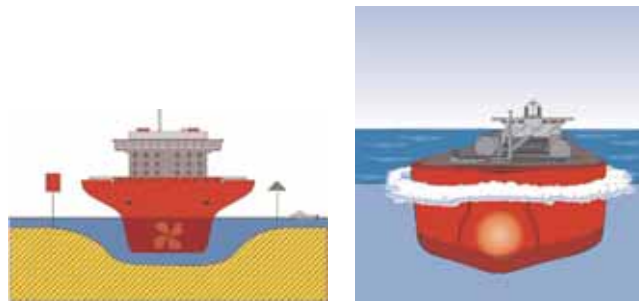
Trade through the Ports of Bundaberg and Hervey Bay is growing.

Where possible, keep clear of ship navigation areas (major shipping routes, pilot boarding grounds, anchorages, channels, swing basins and berths). Use a recommended small craft course, if provided, as a safer alternate route.



Large ships with the bridge at the stern will have a large blind spot for several hundred metres in front of the bow. This blind spot extends much further forward if deck cargo or containers are carried.

Ships can approach quickly and silently. At night, judgement of distance over water is more difficult. Ships do not have brakes and can take up to 2 nautical miles or longer to come to a complete stop.



Large ships at maximum draft have minimal under keel clearance and can only manoeuvre within the designated shipping channel.

When in a swing basin or along side a berth, ships are accompanied by tugs and other vessels. Keep well clear.



If you must navigate in a shipping channel, you must keep to the outer edge of that channel and must maintain an all round visual watch including monitoring the VHF radio channel for local traffic movement information.

At nominated locations, unauthorised vessels are prohibited from mooring, anchoring or manoeuvring within a restricted operational area. Notice to Mariners bulletins (www.msq.qld.gov.au) will provide up to date information regarding navigation in shipping channels.

Always transit directly across a channel behind a large ship, and only when it is clear and safe to travel.

Between sunset and sunrise, as well as periods of restricted daytime visibility, always show correct navigation lights when at anchor or under way.

KEEP SAFE by conducting all boating activity well clear of ship navigation areas.

MAINTAIN a proper lookout at all times.

KNOW your responsibility.