

Notice of direction to prohibit access issued

News story

Following the location and identification of the wreck of Nicola Faith, a second Notice of Direction to Prohibit Access to the wreck has been issued by MAIB.



The Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents has issued a 'Notice of Direction to Prohibit Access' around the wreck requiring that it be left undisturbed until further notice, pending further action by the MAIB.

MAIB DIRECTION No 2/2021

WRECK OF NICOLA FAITH 53°20.019'N – 003° 41.876'W

Under the powers contained in:

Regulation 10(6) of the Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/1743)

and

Section 259(2)(d) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995

the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) hereby PROHIBITS access to and/or interference with the wreck of NICOLA FAITH or its equipment, or any vessel operating under direction of the MAIB in and around the position stated, and GIVES DIRECTION requiring that the same shall be left undisturbed and not approached until further notice, pending completion of underwater survey and wreck recovery operations.

Specifically prohibited are: anchoring in the vicinity of the wreck, fishing by nets, trawls or lines in the vicinity of the wreck, and any diving operations on the wreck or its outlying gear.

AND – Approaching the position of the wreck while underwater operations are

in progress.

For the purposes of this direction, the vicinity of the wreck shall be taken to be a circle, radius 500 metres, centred on the wreck's location.

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1. 17 May 2021

Following the location and identification of fishing vessel Nicola Faith, and our announcement to raise the sunken vessel, a second Notice of Direction to Prohibit Access to the wreck has been issued by MAIB's Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents.

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