

Local Knowledge	Masters in charge of commercial vessels of 30 metres or greater in length are required to hold a valid Certificate of Local Knowledge issued by the Sydney Ports Corporation.
Marine Legislation	Has the same meaning as in the Ports Corporatisation and Waterways Management Act 1995 .
North / South Rule	The Rule set out in Clause 12 of this Code of Conduct.
Operator of a Vessel	The Master and / or Owner of a vessel.
Sydney Cove	The whole of that portion of Sydney Harbour which lies to the South of a line drawn from the position of the fixed red beacon on Dawes Point to the position of the fixed red beacon on Bennelong Point.
Sydney Cove 8 knot Speed Limit	The 8-knot speed limit Gazetted as the Port of Sydney (Sydney Cove) Area under the Maritime Services Act 1935 applicable to the navigable waters lying southwards of a line extending from the Eastern extremity of Dawes Point to the Western extremity of Bennelong Point.
Taxi Waiting Line	An imaginary line drawn along the face of the Sydney Cove Passenger Terminal (SCPT) wharf extending south to the seawall.
Waiting Line	An imaginary line drawn between the knuckle located at the northern end of the SCPT building and the knuckle in the Opera House seawall.

4. APPLICATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 This Code of Conduct applies to the operation of all vessels in Sydney Cove.

5. COPY TO BE CARRIED ON BOARD EVERY APPROVED VESSEL

- 5.1 A copy of this Code of Conduct must be carried on board every vessel that is operated in Sydney Cove.

6. APPROVED VESSEL ACCESS TO SYDNEY COVE

- 6.1 The operator of a vessel must obtain prior written approval from NSW Maritime to enter Sydney Cove and only Approved Vessels shall be operated within Sydney Cove.
- 6.2 A confirmed wharf booking under the NSW Maritime Wharf Access Scheme is deemed to be prior written approval for the purposes of this Clause.
- 6.3 A berth booking through Sydney Ports Corporation's Sydney Integrated Port System is deemed to be prior written approval for the purposes of this Clause.
- 6.4 Upon the request of an Authorised Officer the operator of a vessel that is about to enter or has entered Sydney Cove must produce written approval to do so.
- 6.6 Approval will not be given for recreational vessels to be operated within Sydney Cove other than in exceptional circumstances.

7. NAVIGATION OF VESSELS WITHIN THE VICINITY OF SYDNEY COVE

- 7.1 A vessel must NOT be navigated within 100 metres of:
- (i) The Bennelong Point Port Marker unless departing from Sydney Cove Wharves 2 or 3 or the Eastern Pontoon.
- OR
- (ii) The Dawes Point siren unless entering Sydney Cove to berth in Campbells Cove, wharves 5, 6, the Harbourmasters or Commissioners Steps.

8. COMMERCIAL SAILING VESSELS WITHIN SYDNEY COVE

- 8.1 No sailing vessel shall enter Sydney Cove with sails hoisted without written permission from NSW Maritime.

9. THE WAITING LINE

- 9.1 The operator of any vessel entering Sydney Cove that is required to wait for a berth to become vacant must ensure that the vessel waits North of the Waiting Line.
- 9.2 The operator of any vessel that is to leave its berth must ensure that there are no inbound vessels south of the waiting line that will hinder the departure of the vessel.

10. BERTHING OF VESSELS IN SYDNEY COVE

- 10.1 The crew of any vessel without an approved wharf booking, secured alongside shall remain onboard, or within 5 metres of the vessel if ashore, and keep watch in relation to the safety of the vessel, any other vessel in Sydney Cove and any person boarding or on-board the vessel.

11. SWINGING OF VESSELS WITHIN SYDNEY COVE

- 11.1 The operator of a vessel shall ensure that it does not swing in Sydney Cove unless it is safe to do so.

12. NORTH / SOUTH RULE

- 12.1 Vessels must be navigated on a Northerly or Southerly course within Sydney Cove.
- 12.2 Vessels departing Sydney Cove to a place West of Sydney Cove must be navigated on a Northerly course until the vessel is at least abeam of the Diamond Shape marking the centre of the Harbour Bridge before the vessel's course is altered to Port.
- 12.3 Sub-clauses 12.1 and 12.2 shall not apply to Approved Vessels that are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre such as those scheduled to berth by the Sydney Ports Corporation and any attending tugs.

13. WATER TAXIS

- 13.1 The operators of water taxis waiting for the use of Commissioners and Harbourmasters Steps must ensure that the vessel does not wait east of the Taxi Waiting Line.
- 13.2 Vessels holding approved bookings have berthing priority over water taxis.
- 13.3 The operator of a water taxi shall not cause or permit any other vessel to raft up to it.
- 13.4 The operator of a water taxi must not embark or disembark passengers at wharves 2,3,4,5 or 6, Sydney Cove.

14. SPEED

- 14.1 Vessels must not be operated in excess of the Sydney Cove 8-knot speed limit.

15. WASH

- 15.1 Vessels must not be operated so as to generate excessive hull or propeller wash within Sydney Cove.
- 15.2 Vessels must not be operated so as any propeller wash is directed towards Harbourmasters or Commissioners Steps when vessels are alongside those berths.

16. EASTERN PONTOON

- 16.1 Subject to this Clause the operator of a vessel more than 12 metres in length berthing at the Eastern Pontoon must berth port side to.
- 16.2 When departing the Eastern Pontoon the operator of a vessel berthed port side to the pontoon must navigate the vessel astern until the vessel is at least 200 metres to the North, then turn the vessel to starboard to head the vessel on a Northerly course to leave Sydney Cove.
- 16.3 An Authorised Officer may give written approval for a vessel to berth at the Eastern Pontoon starboard side to.

- 16.4 The operator of a vessel departing the Eastern Pontoon must not cause or permit the vessel to hinder the navigation of any other vessel in Sydney Cove.

17. CAMPBELLS COVE

- 17.1 The operator of a vessel entering or leaving Campbells Cove must manoeuvre as close to the entrance to Campbells Cove as safe navigation permits so as not to impede other Sydney Cove traffic and otherwise comply with the North / South Rule.

18. COMMUNICATIONS ON VHF CHANNEL 13

- 18.1 The operators of all vessels in Sydney Cove must monitor VHF Channel 13.
- 18.2 Masters of vessels are required to advise Harbour Control on VHF13 of any matter affecting safe navigation of a vessel in Sydney Cove. This requirement applies to all vessels including water taxis.

19. MARINE LEGISLATION STILL APPLIES

- 19.1 This Code of Conduct does not affect or limit in any way the application of the Marine Legislation to Sydney Cove and the operators of vessels must comply with the Marine Legislation.

20. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CODE

- 20.1 Non-compliance with the provisions of this Code of Conduct may involve breaches of the Marine Legislation and may lead to withdrawal of Approved Vessel status in relation to the vessel concerned.

21. REPORTING BREACHES OF THIS CODE

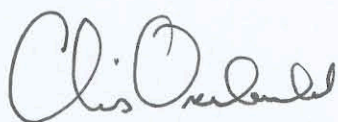
- 21.1 Any person who witnesses a breach of this Code of Conduct should report and provide details of the breach to NSW Maritime as soon as practicable.

22. **MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CODE**

- 22.1 NSW Maritime and Sydney Water Police will monitor compliance with this Code of Conduct.

23. **AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION, CANCELLATION AND REPLACEMENT**

- 23.1 This Code of Conduct may be amended, suspended, cancelled or replaced with another Code of Conduct by the Chief Executive of NSW Maritime.



Chris Oxenbould AO
Chief Executive
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