



SIMPSON BAY / CAUSEWAY BRIDGE PRE-STORM/HURRICANE PREPARATIONS

THE SIMPSON BAY LAGOON AUTHORITY (SLAC) WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE MARINERS OF THE FOLLOWING:

For all vessels wishing to enter/exit the Simpson Bay Lagoon, prepare well in advance to come through the bridges. Listen out on marine radio **VHF Channel 12** or local radio stations, if there are any changes to or added bridge openings.

REGULAR SIMPSON BAY BRIDGE OPENING TIMES:
 OUTBOUND: 8.30AM, 10.30AM, 16.00PM
 INBOUND: 9.30 AM, 11.30, 15.00 PM, 17.00 PM

REGULAR CAUSEWAY BRIDGE OPENING TIMES:
 10.00AM, 11.45AM, 15.30PM

BRIDGES WILL NOT OPEN ABOVE WIND SPEEDS OF 25 KNOTS SUSTAINED.

The Simpson Bay Lagoon should not be considered as a safe haven. Vessels wishing to enter are urged to do so in a **timely manner**.

Commercial cargo vessels should not seek refuge in the Simpson Bay Lagoon. The best place to secure your vessel in the event of a hurricane is a boat yard or on land. Mariners are urged to make appointments with boat yards for haul out. Vessel owners should ensure that all loose objects or potential objects are removed from the deck of the vessel and secured below (eg. Sails, awnings, fenders etc.).

Anchored vessels are to ensure that the vessel has enough ground tackle and that it is sufficient for any expected weather conditions, and all lines have chafing gear.

Boat owners are responsible for their property and may be held liable for damages to other person's property/livelihood.

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