

Best Practice: Ship Channel Designated as Restricted Area



Category: Waterside access control

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Description: The channel for La Plata has been designated as a restricted area. It is designated for merchant ships only, recreational boaters are not allowed to enter this area.

Discussion: Designating this area as a restricted area keeps boaters away from ships and terminals. This may not be possible in all ports due to the design. Signs and patrol boats may be present to deter boaters.

Potential Down-side: Inconvenience to recreational boaters

Conclusion: Keeping the channel a restricted area will assist facilities in monitoring waterside areas.

Cost: This is a low to medium cost best practice. Low cost: signage alerting boaters that area is restricted. Medium cost: patrol boats are needed to keep boaters away.