

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 148 OF 2008

(Navigational and Seamanship Safety Practices)
(Port Operations Procedures)

Vessel Traffic Services **Navigation in the Eastern Part of Hong Kong Waters & Reporting Points** **at Mirs Bay Area**

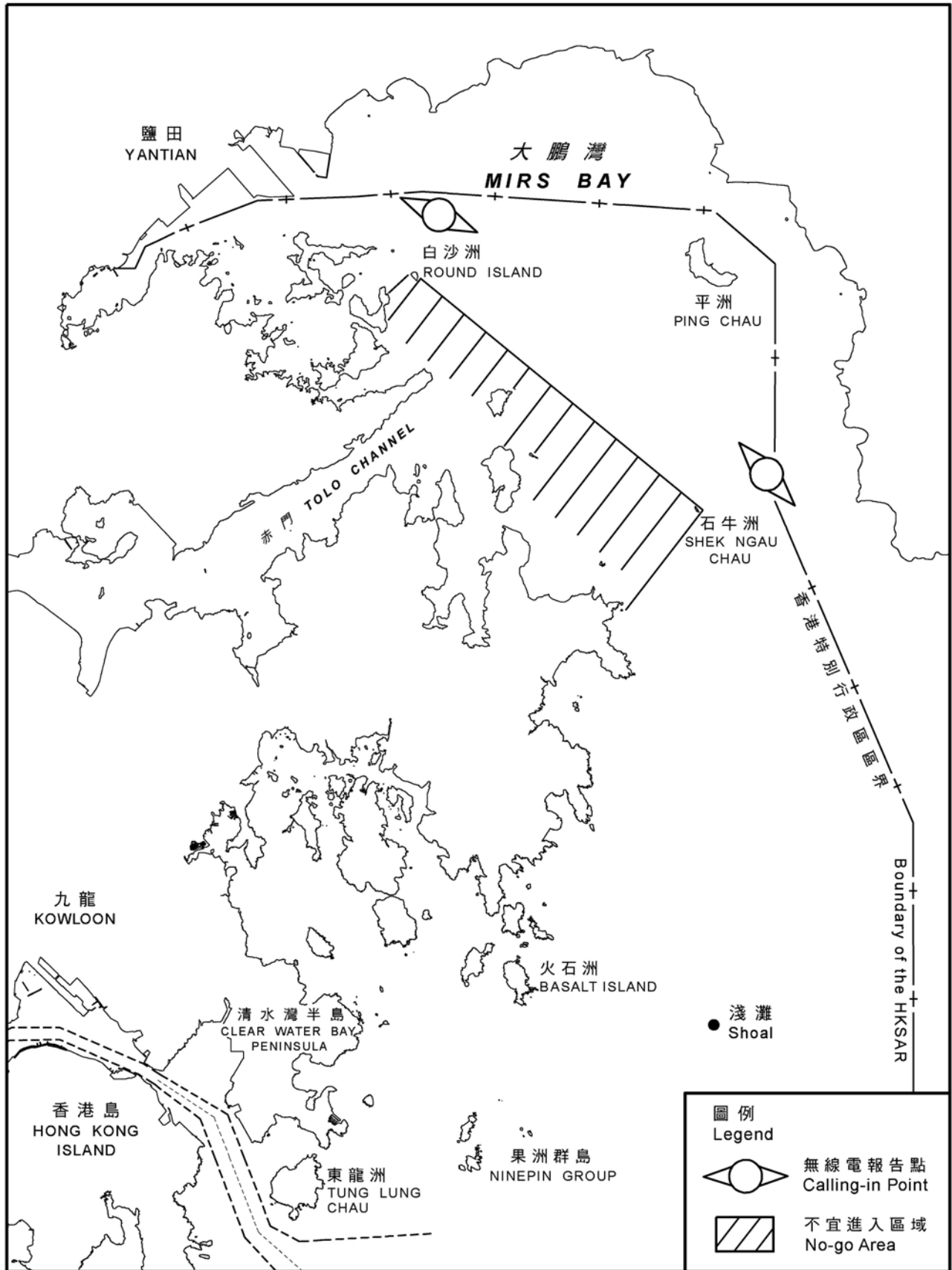
An ocean going vessel on passage from Yantian to Hong Kong was reported aground at a shoal (22° 18.0'N and 114° 26.0 E)(WGS 84 Datum) with a charted depth 5.8m. The vessel sustained minor damage and no injury and pollution were reported.

2. Masters of vessels should always proceed with extreme caution and carefully preplan their no-go zones when navigating in the Mirs Bay area. In general, vessels should navigate to the east of a straight line joining the western extremities of Shek Ngau Chau and Round Island.
3. To avoid recurrence of similar accidents, masters of all vessels are reminded to keep well clear of the shoal when navigating in the waters east of the Ninepin Group.
4. Vessels participating in the Hong Kong Vessel Traffic Services and navigating in the Mirs Bay area should report to the Vessel Traffic Centre (call sign "MARDEP") on VHF Channel 12 when passing:
 - (i) Shek Ngau Chau; and
 - (ii) Round Island.
5. A plan showing the above two reporting positions, Shek Ngau Chau, Round Island and the charted shoal is attached to this Notice.
6. This Notice supersedes Marine Department Notice No. 165 of 1998.

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