

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 133 OF 1999

(Port Operations Procedures)

Establishment of the Kwai Chung Marine Traffic Control Station

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a local marine traffic control station, namely the Kwai Chung Marine Traffic Control Station (call sign “Kwai Chung Control”), has been established to the west of Kwai Chung Container Terminal No. 8 and will come into operation on 8 November 1999.

2. All ship masters, operators, and persons-in-charge of vessels are advised to note the contents of the annex to this Notice, which outlines the functions of the Kwai Chung Marine Traffic Control Station and the general requirements for vessels moving within the service area of the control station.

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ANNEX TO MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 133 OF 1999

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The Kwai Chung Marine Traffic Control Station (KCCS), call sign “Kwai Chung Control”, will come into operation on 8 November 1999. It will operate 24 hours daily.

Functions of the KCCS

2. The KCCS is a sub-station of the Vessel Traffic Centre (VTC) (call sign “Mardep”). Its functions are to monitor, regulate and harmonize all marine traffic within the Kwai Chung Basin so as to maintain navigation safety and efficiency.

KCCS Service Area

3. The KCCS service area is shown on the plan at Appendix (1). It is the waters of the entire Kwai Chung Basin bounded by -

- a) on the north, a straight line running along the Kwai Tsing Bridge (Tsing Yi South Bridge);
- b) on the south, a straight line joining the western edge of Stonecutters Island and the south-eastern tip of Tsing Yi Island;
and
- c) on the east and west, the adjacent shorelines joining the extremities of the north and south boundaries.

General Requirements

4. Safe and efficient navigation within the Kwai Chung Basin rely upon the co-operation and mutual understanding between the KCCS and all vessels, including ocean-going, river trade and local vessels. As is already the case, the masters are responsible for the safety of their own vessels at all times. They should exercise due

care and good seamanship whilst navigating inside the KCCS service area, and comply with the international regulations for preventing collisions at sea.

5. Whilst within the KCCS service area, VTS-participating vessels and vessels engaged in special operations are required to :

- a) maintain continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 74; and
- b) report to the KCCS on VHF channel 74 -
 - i) before leaving their berth or getting underway,
 - ii) when berthed or ceased to be underway, and
 - ii) when entering or leaving the KCCS service area.

6. In general, vessels not intending to enter the KCCS service area should avoid passing close to its boundaries. Local craft and river-trade vessels of less than 300 GRT are not required to report to the VTC or KCCS. However, whilst navigating in the KCCS service area, they should :

- a) keep a listening watch on VHF channel 74 as far as practicable;
- b) give due consideration to the safe manoeuvre of other vessels and **NOT** impede the safe passage of deep draft vessels moving within the Kwai Chung Basin;
- c) **NOT** anchor except in emergency; and
- d) **NOT** engage in fishing.

Communication

7. VHF Channel 74 (156.725 MHz) is the working frequency assigned for communication within the KCCS service area. The KCCS will maintain continuous watch on VHF channel 74, and also VHF channel 14. Radio contacts with KCCS should always be made on VHF channel 74 unless otherwise directed.

Patrol Launch

8. A patrol launch will be stationed in the KCCS service area for the purpose of directing traffic, in particular, guiding small vessels not equipped with VHF. All vessels should follow the directions given by the patrol launch.

9. During the period when Typhoon Signal No. 3 or above is hoisted, or when inclement weather prevails, the launch may suspend its operation and leave the vicinity.

Enquiry

10. Enquiries or requests for further information about the KCCS should be made to :

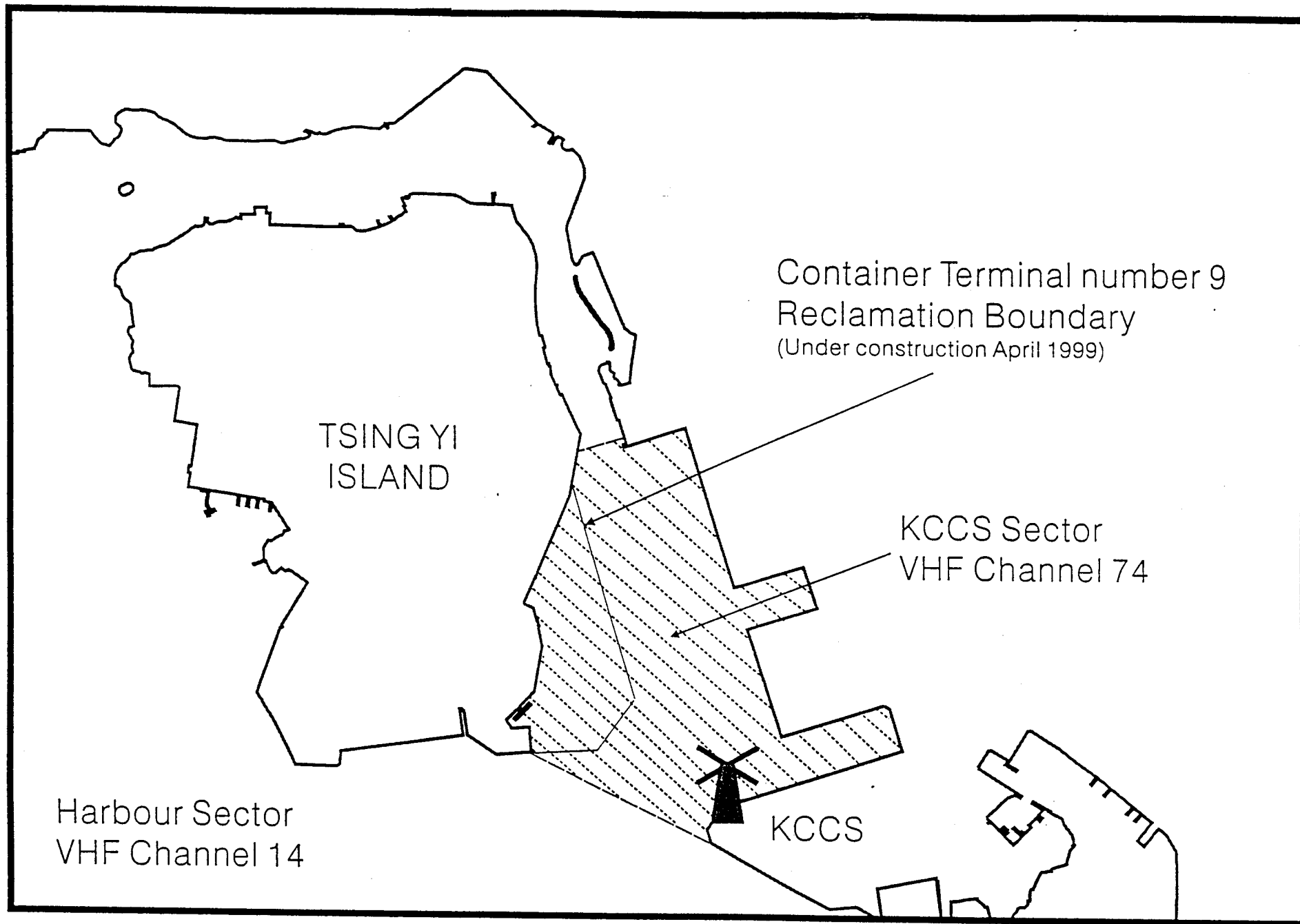
- a) telephone no. 2743 6043 or 2743 8296; or
- b) fax no. 2743 0751.


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