

STEERING GEAR SERVICE NEWS

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SUBJECT : TWO PUMPS OPERATION DUE TO

“PORT OF PORT HEDLAND MARINE SAFETY BULLETIN 07/25 (PH 07/25)”

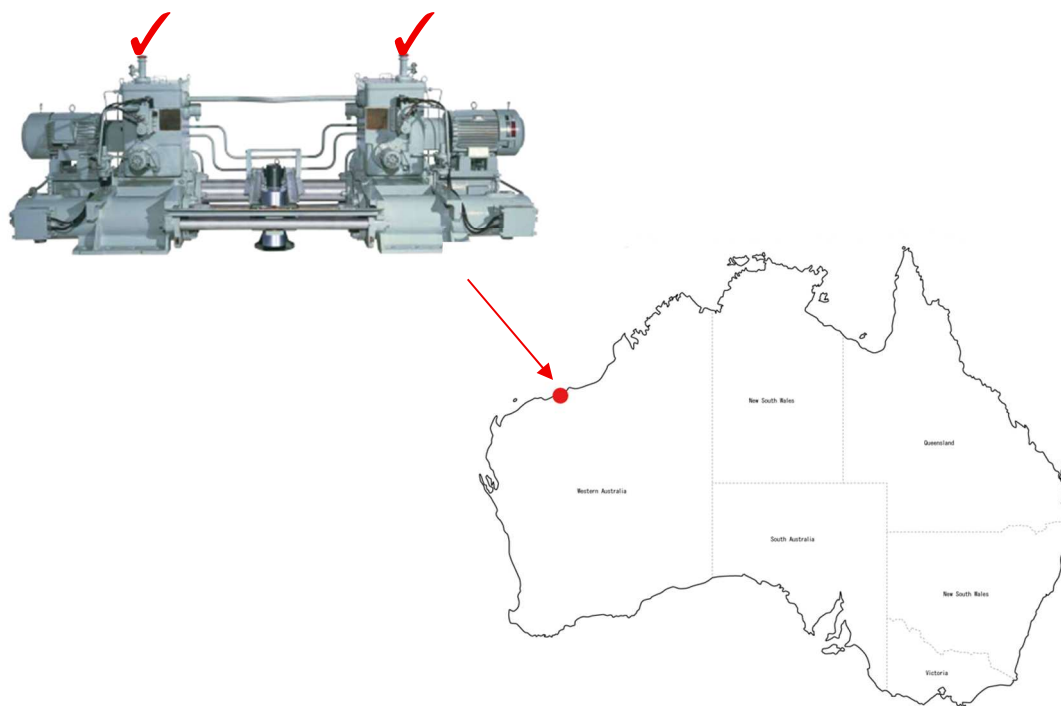
Marine Safety Bulletin PH 07-25 has been issued which is applied to all Capesize and larger vessels calling at the Port of Port Hedland (Australia). It is available on their website:

<https://www.pilbaraports.com.au/ports/port-of-port-hedland/safety-and-security/local-marine-notice>

It requires that all Capesize and larger vessels must at minimum have two sets of fully operational steering gear pumps capable of being operated simultaneously (in parallel mode) to ensure redundancy and continuous steering capability.

In case of E series (Electrical pump control system) steering gear, which is generally supplied to Capesize and larger vessels, multiple power units can be operated simultaneously by standard specification. However, there are cases where interlock is provided by shipbuilder and Class requires additional hydraulic locking detectors for E series steering gear if the interlock will be released.

So, Kawasaki recommends discussing with Class and shipbuilder first. If they request any modification for steering gear system of the existing ship, please contact us.



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