GOLD COAST SUPERYACHT GUIDE

The quick guide for bringing superyachts into our waterways city.
Welcome to one of the world’s most exciting superyacht destinations – Queensland’s beautiful Gold Coast

With 57 kilometres of ocean beaches, a coastal inland waterways network measuring 260 kilometres, World Heritage rainforests, international-standard sporting facilities, a thriving arts scene and an exciting annual events schedule, there’s plenty for visitors to see and experience in our waterways city.

Add to this our world-class supplier network and marine precincts backed by a skilled workforce—which enables us to cater to the needs of superyachts, their guests and crews—and you have a very attractive place to mix business with leisure.

The Queensland Government recognises the superyacht sector is expanding globally. Under our Queensland Superyacht Strategy 2018–23, we have a vision to grow our share of the superyacht market by 10 per cent by 2023 so we can diversify our economy and create more jobs.

The strategy is supported by the Superyacht Industry Development Fund to help the industry promote its skills, capabilities and infrastructure to build the global relationships needed to attract more superyachts to destinations like the Gold Coast.

This is why Queensland Government agencies, including the Gold Coast Waterways Authority and Maritime Safety Queensland, and the Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation are working with the City of Gold Coast and the marine industry to ensure the welcome mat is out for superyachts on the Gold Coast.

The Queensland Government has recently committed A$2.8 million towards the development of a superyacht berth at the Southport Yacht Club, proposed further superyacht facilities be developed on the Gold Coast under the Queensland Government’s Master Plan for The Spit and invested more than A$10 million in dredging facilities and works to improve access to the Coomera Marine Industry Precinct.

We recognise that it’s sometimes difficult to navigate your way through multiple websites to find what you need to know about specific destinations. To help you out, we’ve developed this guide to provide you with all the essential information you’ll need to plan your visit to the Gold Coast.

We’re excited about what the future holds. So whether you’re a repeat visitor, or you’re coming to see us for the first time, we look forward to having you drop anchor on the Gold Coast.
We want to make it easier for you to visit the Gold Coast, enjoy its wonderful attractions and access our services.

This guide covers all the information you’ll need in one handy location.

This guide has been co-funded by the Queensland Government and the City of Gold Coast and we’ll continue to work with industry to make it easier to plan your visit.

More information is available about the Queensland Superyacht Strategy 2018–23 here. The City of Gold Coast’s Economic Development Strategy confirms that attracting more superyachts is a key focus for the future.

If you have a question this guide doesn’t answer, please contact the Gold Coast Waterways Authority for help gcwa@mail.qld.gov.au.

For up-to-date information on arrivals, see Maritime Safety Queensland’s page here.

Contact MSQ’s Gold Coast office to arrange entry to the Gold Coast and pilotage if required (vessels over 50m in length require pilotage).

The pilot boarding ground is situated at a position two nautical miles east of the Gold Coast Seaway south wall, in position latitude 27° 56·2’ S, longitude 153° 28·2’ E.

Maritime Safety Queensland (Gold Coast)
Email: msq.goldcoast.reception@msq.qld.gov.au
Ph: +61 7 5585 1810 (during business hours)
After hours ph: +61 7 3305 1700

Southport Yacht Club Marina
1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, Gold Coast, Queensland 4217 Australia
Operating hours:
Monday to Saturday: 8am–4pm, Sunday: 8am–2pm
Email: marina@southportyachtclub.com.au
Ph: +61 7 5591 8577
Fax: +61 7 5591 3526
VHF Channel 74
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For Australian vessels entering the Gold Coast

Where is the Gold Coast?

The Gold Coast is strategically located on the edge of the Asia-Pacific rim, midway between Sydney and the Great Barrier Reef, and has access to two international airports. It also has a customs clearance port two nautical miles from the Seaway and boasts a 250-hectare marine precinct, which hosts world-class manufacturers, refit and repair facilities, as well as internationally renowned marine suppliers.

Stretching along 57 kilometres of coastline, it’s home to over half a million people, beautiful surfing beaches, subtropical rainforest, spectacular waterways and breathtaking scenery.

Temperatures range between an average of 21 degrees Celsius in winter to 29 degrees Celsius in summer.
Superyachts, passengers and crew entering Australia for commercial or recreational visits are subject to customs, immigration and biosecurity controls when entering and/or departing Australia.

The Southport Yacht Club on the Gold Coast has been appointed as a Port of Entry by the Australian Government and they can help you with obtaining the clearances you’ll need for your stay.

You can contact Southport Yacht Club on +61 7 5591 8577 or on VHF Channel 74

Operating hours: Monday to Saturday: 8am–4pm, Sunday: 8am–2pm
Email: marina@southportyachtclub.com.au

You’ll also need to file a yacht report at least 96 hours before entering Australia to let us know you’re coming. The report will need to include:

• the name of your craft
• the craft’s country and port of registration
• your intended first port of arrival
• your estimated arrival time
• the last four ports you visited
• the details of people on board including name, date of birth, nationality and passport number
• details of any illness or disease recently encountered
• if you have any animals on board
• if you have any firearms on board

For handy links or more information about entering or departing Australia, please visit the Australian Border Force here.

To encourage superyacht visits there’ve also been some recent changes to Commonwealth laws regarding superyachts and taxation arrangements. The Special Recreational Vessels Act 2019 (SRV Act) is intended to allow ‘special recreational vessels’ (superyachts) to visit Australia for up to 12 months and conduct commercial activities without being regarded as imported under customs legislation.

The SRV Act achieves this by establishing a condition for qualifying special recreational vessels to ‘opt in’ to the coastal trading licence scheme established by the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012 (Coastal Trading Act). The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications administers both the SRV Act and the Coastal Trading Act.

Any vessel that obtains a coastal trading licence through the new condition established by the SRV Act will be subject to the Australian Border Force’s (ABF) existing arrangements for vessels operating under coastal trading licences.

Vessels that enter and operate in Australia in accordance with the SRV Act will be considered international commercial vessels rather than recreational vessels. The SRV Act does not change existing reporting and permissions for international commercial vessels operating in Australian waters under the coastal trading licence scheme. For more information, visit the Australian Customs Notice here.

For vessels visiting the Gold Coast, there are some general operating limitations:

• A minimum under keel clearance (UKC) of 1.0 metre is required to be maintained in the Gold Coast Seaway Entrance. A minimum UKC of 0.5 metres is required in all other areas. There are also varying requirements for vessels using different channels within the Gold Coast Broadwater, including pilotage arrangements.

• A maximum of 65 metres length overall (LOA) has been set by Maritime Safety Queensland for vessels entering and exiting the Seaway and making their way to the Southport marina precinct via the South Channel. Vessels transiting to the Coomera marina precinct are limited to 60 metres LOA.

• Oversized vessels will be considered by Maritime Safety Queensland on a case-by-case basis utilising a risk-based process for each movement. Additional requirements may include, but are not limited to, daylight, support craft escort and weather conditions. You are encouraged to contact MSQ during the early stages of planning the visit of an oversized vessel.

How to navigate the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast Seaway is your gateway to our city’s beautiful marine network and our attractions and services.

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Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) manages scheduling and provision of pilotage services on the Gold Coast. MSQ has an office on the Gold Coast and they’ll work with you to ensure your vessel and crew can arrive and stay safe. Further information is available on the MSQ website including the Southport Port Procedures Manual which provides further detail on movement requirements. Master/Agents are required to notify MSQ of arrival 48 hours prior but are encouraged to do so as early as possible.

You can contact MSQ on +61 7 5585 1810 (during business hours) or email msq.goldcoast.reception@msq.qld.gov.au
Why the Gold Coast?

Whether you’re booked in with our marine manufacturers for a world-class refit, repair or maintenance or you’ve berthed at Southport Yacht Club to explore our city, you’ll fall in love with the Gold Coast.

From the minute you step onto land, you’re met with endless options.

You can surf the best beaches in Australia, hike subtropical rainforests, scuba dive reefs and wrecks, enjoy high tea in the hinterland, explore spectacular waterways, tee off on lush green golf courses or tick off incredible tourist attractions. From buzzing theme parks to our bustling café scene, this is Australia’s playground.

With 300 days of sunshine annually, the Gold Coast is the perfect homeport or stopover for vessels cruising the South Pacific or the East Coast all year round.

No matter what time of year you decide to enter the Gold Coast’s glittering waterways, there’s an unmissable major event on. Check out the city’s jam-packed events calendar here. Or if you’re more of a foodie, The Urban List Gold Coast has your local eats covered here.

The real question you should ask yourself is, why not?
Marine capabilities

With over 57 kilometres of coastline and a coastal inland waterways network measuring 260 kilometres, it’s no surprise that the Gold Coast is the leading destination for marine refit and repair within the Asia-Pacific region.

Over 33,000 vessels are registered on the Gold Coast, cementing it as one of Australia’s largest boating communities. Local businesses are recognised worldwide for their innovation and quality workmanship. With 300 days of sunshine a year, it provides the perfect climate for any upgrade or maintenance works.

The Gold Coast has an extensive range of marinas clustered around the northern end of the city, on the shore of the iconic Broadwater and connecting river and canal systems.

The Gold Coast offers a one-stop shop for superyacht berthing, maintenance, services and fit out.

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### GCCM (Gold Coast City Marina and Shipyard)

- **Location:** 76-84 Waterway Drive, Coomera 4209
- **Superyacht berths:** 28
- **Ship lift capabilities:** Up to 250 tonnes
- **Service capabilities:**
  - 90+ premium marine businesses
  - 800+ marine contractors
  - Project management
  - Repair, refit and maintenance
  - New builds
  - Work berths up to 75m (with vehicle access and crane-on facilities)
  - 400amp power
  - 50,000 square metre hardstand
  - Enclosed 50m superyacht sheds
  - Dedicated 50m and 24m blast bays
  - 24m undercover work bays
  - 24/7 fuel including bunkering
  - Sewage pump-out
  - Superyacht crew amenities including gym equipment
  - VIP access to adjacent 5-star resort facilities, including spa, tennis courts, swimming pools, gymnasium and championship golf course
  - Crew concierge
  - Superyacht workshops
  - Dry storage including toys and tender storage
  - Restaurant, bar and cafe
  - Courtesy vehicles
  - Complimentary wi-fi
  - Provisioning services
  - 24-hour security, CCTV and gated access

**Contact:** +61 7 5502 5888  
www.gccm.com.au
Marina Mirage

*Marina currently under development—due for completion in mid-2021*

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### Southport Yacht Club

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### AMT Marine, Sovereign Island Marina

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<td>• No on-site servicing but we offer the following:</td>
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<td>• Authorised STEYR diesel engines dealer and service agent</td>
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<td>• Referral agent for all servicing and repair requirements using our network of local suppliers</td>
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**Preventative maintenance**

Every vessel is different so having a tailored maintenance plan is so comforting.

We will happily build a tailored maintenance plan for your vessel using our network of local suppliers.

Contact: Andy Taylor: +61 7 5532 1049 or +61 424 581 589

www.amtmarine.com.au
The Boat Works

Location: 1 Boatworks Drive, Coomera, Gold Coast Marine Precinct

Superyacht berths: 20+

Ship lift capabilities: 300 tonnes

Service capabilities:
- Haul out
- Marina
- Superyacht basin x 20 50m vessels
- Hardstand
- Covered hardstand
- Refit sheds
- Specific superyacht sheds
- Sandblast and refinishing bays
- Storage precinct
- Refit, repair and maintenance
- New builds
- Project management

- 70+ onsite marine trade professionals onsite
- Access to the Gold Coast Marine Precinct hub of services and trades
- Exclusive access to Captains and Crew Lounge
- Crew recreational zones
- Courtesy cars and laundries
- Cafes, restaurants and bars
- Crane pad
- Re-fuelling, re-provisioning and bunkering services
- Up to 250amp power available onsite

Contact: +61 7 5500 0000
www.theboatworks.com.au
The Gold Coast has welcomed countless superyachts from Australia and around the world into our waterways. This includes the 73.5m superyacht MY Dragonfly and the 58m superyacht MY Pangaea, which received A$1 million of major works over a two-month period. The works included major mechanical fabrication, electrical and paintwork on all areas of the vessel.

Superyachts of this size require pilotage, so please get in touch with MSQ Gold Coast at to arrange your visit to Australia’s playground.

You can contact MSQ on +61 7 5585 1810 (during business hours) or email msq.goldcoast.reception@msq.qld.gov.au.

Above, you’ll see Dragonfly and Pangaea cruising up the Coomera River to the Coomera Marine Industry Precinct.

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<td>Main Beach</td>
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<td>Maritime Safety Queensland</td>
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<td>+61 7 3305 1700</td>
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<td>Gold Coast Seaway Tower</td>
<td>The Spit</td>
<td>+61 7 5591 2948</td>
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<tr>
<td>Australian Customs and Border Protection Service</td>
<td>Brisbane and Gold Coast</td>
<td>+61 7 3835 3412</td>
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<td>Bio Security</td>
<td>Brisbane</td>
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<td>Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AusSAR)</td>
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<td>City of Gold Coast</td>
<td>Bundall</td>
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<td>Volunteer Marine Rescue</td>
<td>The Spit</td>
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<td>Australian Volunteer Coast Guard</td>
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