

# The operational instructions for vessels arriving, entering and leaving Taichung Harbor.

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( The Chinese text shall be given priority if there is discrepancy between the Chinese and this translation version )

1. For the purpose of ensuring the safety, for all vessels arriving, entering or leaving Taichung Harbor, and maintaining the order in harbor area, these operational instructions are established.
2. Vessels arriving, entering or leaving the harbor shall comply with these operational instructions, except prescribed by other provisions.
3. Vessels shall comply with the “Traffic Separation Scheme” when entering or leaving traffic lanes.
4. Vessels calling Taichung Harbor shall comply with the Rules as follows:
  - 4.1 Vessels coming from the south shall comply with the “Traffic Separation Scheme” to join the inbound lane directly or enter anchorage.
  - 4.2 Vessels coming from the north or west shall comply with the “Traffic Separation Scheme”, keep clear of 1.5 miles from the lighthouse of the north breakwater, and proceeding to inbound lane from the southwest side of the south breakwater or to anchorage. Crossing the separation zone is prohibited.
  - 4.3 Drifting vessels shall keep clear of 4 miles from the lighthouse of the north breakwater and avoid impeding the safe passage of inbound and outbound vessels.
  - 4.4 Vessels entering or leaving anchorage shall keep away from the separation zone and avoid impeding the safe passage of inbound and outbound vessels. And shall anchor in designated anchorage area which recommended by Port Radio.
  - 4.5 Vessels intending to anchor shall take precaution as follows :
    - 4.5.1 Vessels shall keep sharp “anchor watch” and maintain a safe distance from other vessels.

4.5.2 Taichung Harbor anchorage is a sandy bottom, during the monsoon season anchor dragging easily. Vessels should keep main engine standby.

4.6 Vessels crossing, staying or anchoring in separation zone and navigational fairway are prohibited except in case of emergency to avoid immediate danger.

5. Vessels entering Taichung Harbor should keep listening watch on VHF CH.14 and 16, and report to Port Radio as follows:

5.1 Vessels should report ETA 2 hours prior to arrival at Pilot Boarding Ground or 20 miles away from the breakwater.

5.2 Vessels reaching 5 miles from the south breakwater should reconfirm and report to Taichung Port Radio, and acknowledge fairway or channel traffic situation to avoid collision.

5.3 All inbound vessels shall apply for entry permit via Taichung Port Radio before entering, and follow the inbound sequence after entry permit is granted.

6. The main channel is designated an one-way passage. Vessels are not allowed to pass each other or overtake on this passage. All vessels have granted entry permit should follow the sequence of entering or leaving and navigate with safe speed and maintain appropriate distance.

7. Vessels departing or shifting berth should apply for permit via Taichung Port Radio before the mooring ropes were released.

8. If the permission of departure or shifting berth has been granted but the vessel can not leave over 30 minutes, the permission will be cancelled and a new permit shall be re-applied.

9. Outbound vessels shall keep listening watch on VHF CH.14 and 16, follow the "Traffic Separation Scheme", and keep clear of separation zone before altering course.

10. These instructions shall be amended depending on necessity.

11. These Instructions shall come into effect from the date of promulgation.