

# Risk Alert



## Adjustment and optimisation of shipping routes along the coast of Beibu Gulf, China (Effective 10 March 2023)

Guangxi MSA recently announced the optimization and adjustment of shipping routes along the coast of Beibu Gulf in accordance with the relevant provisions stipulated in Maritime Traffic Safety Law of PRC.

The Notice is intended to further guide and streamline the vessel traffic flow in the Beibu Gulf and reduces the intersection of commercial shipping routes with areas for fishing, offshore oil exploration, and offshore wind power generation, thereby lowering the risk of collisions between commercial and fishing vessels and improving the coastal navigation environment of Guangxi.

The notification came into force on 10 March 2023.

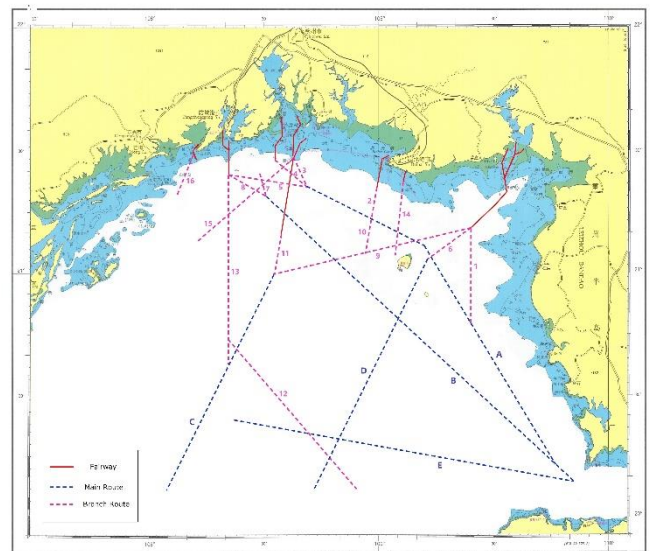
Attached is the latest circular regarding this issue as published by our correspondents **Shanghai P&I Services Ltd.**

**Members are encouraged to bring this Risk Alert to the attention of their staff, to remind them of the hazards of navigating in such congested waters and of the need to maintain a proper all-around lookout by all available means, in accordance with Rule 5 of the Collision Regulations.**

Rule 5 – Lookout:

Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing as well as by all

available means appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision.



Shipping routes along the coast of Beibu Gulf of Guangxi China (sketch map)