Guide to Port Entry: Port Dickson

What masters, agents and terminals need before a ship calls at Port Dickson, from arrival to departure, with the official sources for each step.

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For information. The Marine Department of Malaysia is the port authority for Port Dickson. Its port circulars, notices and instructions take precedence over this guide. NS Maritime is the port operator, not the port authority.

A ship's call, step by step

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1. Port at a glance



Port

Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia. The port comes under the Central Region of the Marine Department.

Port authority

Marine Department of Malaysia (Jabatan Laut Malaysia). Port Dickson marine office, Jalan Raja Aman Shah, 71000 Port Dickson, +60 6-647 7993, ppdks@marine.gov.my

Port operator

NS Maritime Sdn Bhd, a joint venture of NS Corporation and Don Maritime Sdn Bhd

Port limit

Port Dickson port limit (PDF) (https://www.marine.gov.my/wp-content/uploads/warga_awam/Pelabuhan/20200911121742-4fc6d-batas-pelabuhan-port-dickson.pdf), from the Marine Department

Chart

MAL 5239, Sekitar Perairan Port Dickson, 1:30,000

Tides

Tide predictions for Port Dickson (https://hydro.gov.my/ramalanpasangsurut/), National Hydrographic Centre

Weather

Marine forecast for Negeri Sembilan waters (https://www.met.gov.my/en/forecast/marine/waters/Co010/), MetMalaysia

2. Before arrival

48 h

before arrival

Pre Arrival Notification, for ISPS ships bound for a designated facility

24 h

before arrival

Cargo manifest to customs

Arrival

at once

Report the ship's arrival to customs

24 h

before departure

Outward manifest to customs

Departure

before sailing

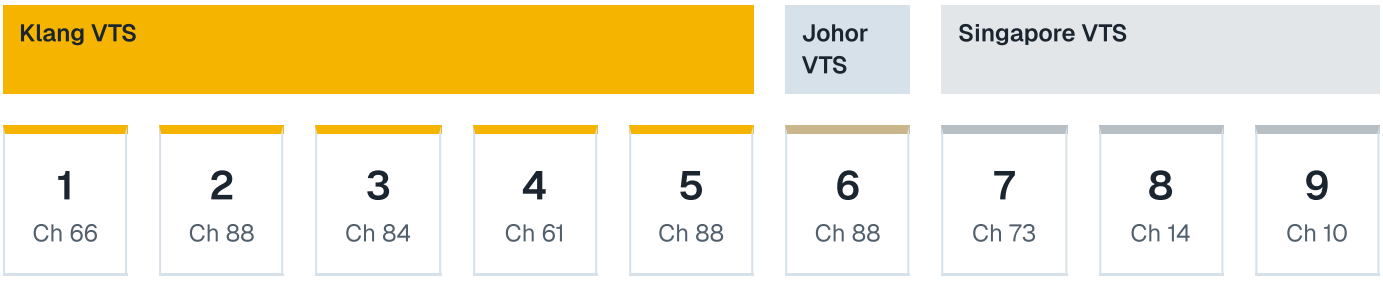
Port clearance from customs

- Read the Marine Department's port circulars (https://www.marine.gov.my/informasi/pekeliling/pekeliling-pelabuhan/). Those for Port Dickson are listed under Wilayah Tengah (Central Region). The latest ones are listed under Port notices (nsmaritime.my/port-info/#notices) on Port Info.
- Check the notices to mariners (https://hydro.gov.my/index.php/ntm/category/31-notice-to-mariners) from the National Hydrographic Centre.
- Book pilots, tugs and mooring crews through NS Port Control. Send the vessel name and IMO number, ETA and ETD, berth, terminal or anchorage, length overall and draft, and the services needed.
- Arrival and departure are registered with the Marine Department through its online Ship Clearance System (SCS) (https://marine22.marine.gov.my/scsagent/). Since 31 July 2012 all applications for arrival and departure clearance are made online, normally by the ship's agent.

- The master or agent presents the cargo manifest to customs at least 24 hours before arrival at a customs port, and the outward manifest at least 24 hours before departure, unless the Customs Department sets a shorter period (Customs Act 1967, sections 52 and 57).
- Passenger ships, cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards and mobile offshore drilling units bound for a designated marine facility send the Pre Arrival Notification to the Maritime Transport Security Officer at least 48 hours before arrival (Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1952, section 249o(1); MSN 38/2010).

3. Ship reporting

STRAITREP is the mandatory ship reporting system for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, adopted by the IMO (resolution MSC.73(69), in force since 1 December 1998). It covers the Straits between longitudes 100°40′E and 104°23′E. Ships in that area, including those leaving port or anchorages there, report as follows.



STRAITREP sectors and their VHF channels, from IMO resolution MSC.73(69). The diagram is not to scale and does not show sector limits.

Who reports

Ships of 300 GT and above; ships of 50 m or more; tows of 300 GT or 50 m combined; ships of any size carrying hazardous cargo; passenger ships fitted with VHF

When

On entering the reporting area, and when leaving port or anchorages in the area

To whom

Klang VTS of the Marine Department for sectors 1 to 5 (VHF channels 66, 88, 84, 61 and 88), Johor VTS for sector 6 (channel 88), in English

What

Ship name and call sign, position, hazardous cargo, defects and any pollution, in the STRAITREP format

Under Malaysia Shipping Notice MSN 03/2026, the Marine Department is trialling electronic STRAITREP reporting from 1 May to 31 December 2026, as an alternative to reporting by VHF. Reports go through

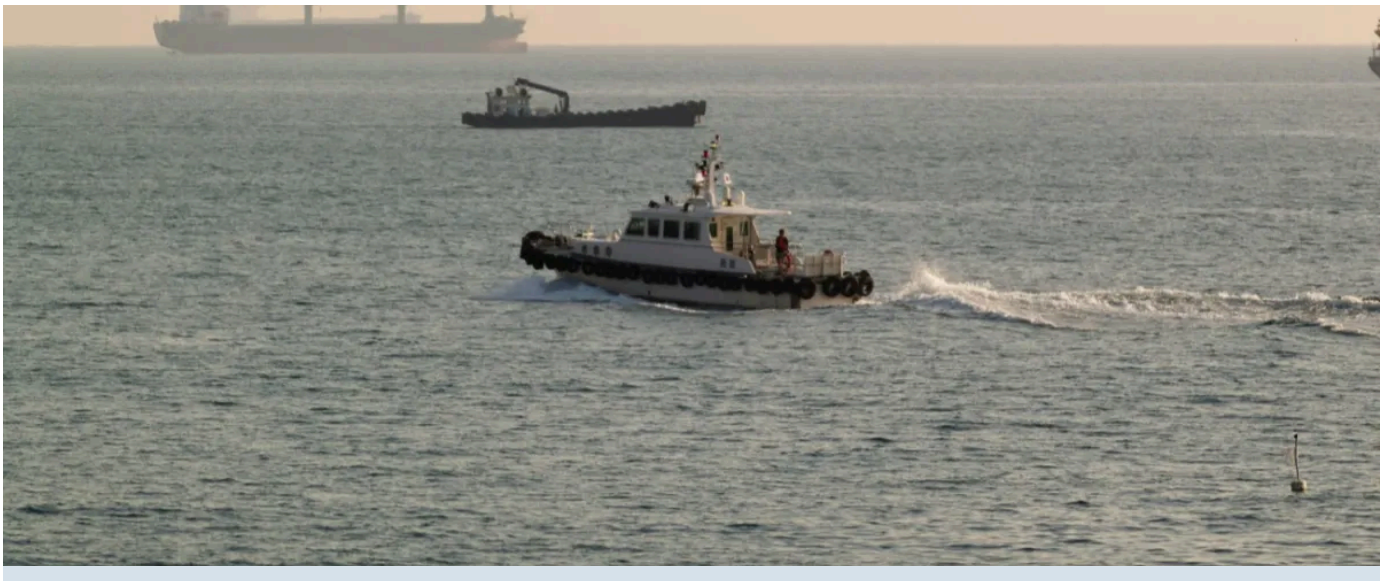
jlm.enav.my (https://jlm.enav.my/register) or to straitrep@marine.gov.my, within 24 hours before the ship enters the reporting points of sectors 1 to 6.

The sector limits are shown on the chartlets of the IMO resolution. This guide does not say which sector covers the waters off Port Dickson; check the resolution and the current notice before sailing.

NS Port Control is NS Maritime's coordination desk. It assists the port authority with communication to vessels during arrival and departure, plans the deployment of marine assets and pilots, and provides information to the terminals.

NS Maritime runs a vessel traffic management system (VTMS) on a voluntary basis. Its proposal to the Marine Department for an official Vessel Traffic Service for Negeri Sembilan waters, NS VTS, has not yet been approved. See Port management (nsmaritime.my/services/port-management/).

4. Pilotage and towage



Pilot boat

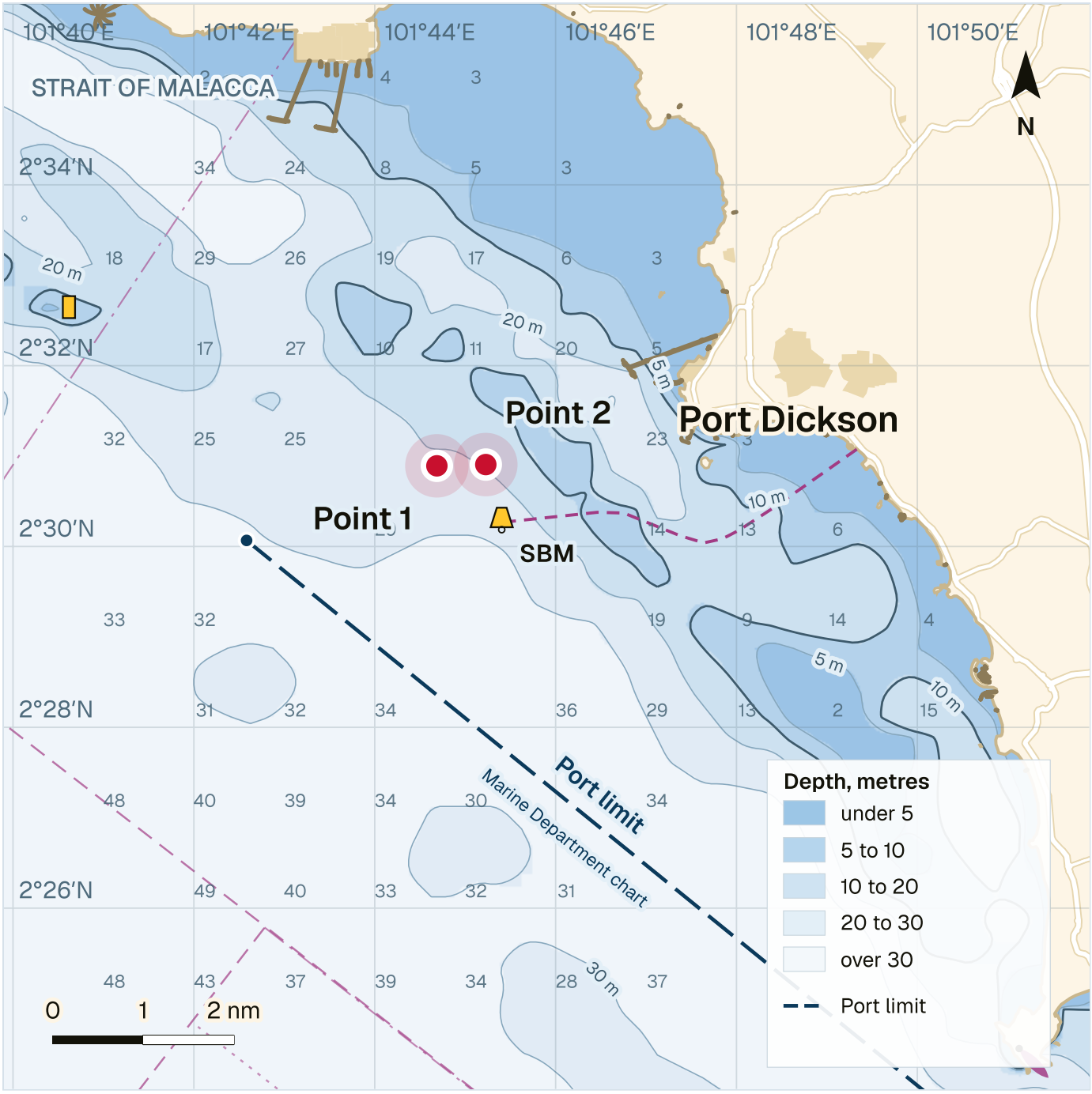


Tug

- Pilotage and towage at Port Dickson are delivered through the Don Maritime Group, planned by NS Port Control together with the mooring boats and mooring gangs for each arrival and departure. See Pilotage (nsmaritime.my/services/pilotage/), Towage (nsmaritime.my/services/towage/) and Mooring and unmooring (nsmaritime.my/services/mooring-unmooring/).
- Safe pilot transfer arrangements are mandatory. Under Malaysia Shipping Notice MSN 55/2011, failing to provide safe access for the pilot may be prosecuted under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1952, and pilot transfer arrangements are checked under port state control.

5. Anchorages and lay up

Anchoring follows the port authority's instructions and port circulars. The port limit is described in the Marine Department's port limit description (https://www.marine.gov.my/wp-content/uploads/warga_awam/Pelabuhan/20200911121742-4fc6d-batas-pelabuhan-port-dickson.pdf).



Lay up points 1 and 2 off Port Dickson. Depths from the NOAA ETOPO 2022 grid are indicative and may differ from the official chart. Seamarks from OpenSeaMap. The dashed line joins the two positions printed on the Marine Department's chart Batas Pelabuhan Port Dickson, 02°30′04″N 101°42′35″E and 02°12′20″N 102°04′24″E. Please confirm the current port limit with the Port Dickson marine office. Not for navigation. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors.

Lay up point 1

02°30.892′N 101°44.687′E

15 m water, 1.8 miles offshore

Lay up point 2
02°30.906′N 101°45.228′E

Both lay up points are approved by Jabatan Laut Malaysia (Central Region) for NS Maritime. Hot lay up is arranged through NS Maritime, with an operating approval sought from the Marine Department for each vessel. See Lay up (nsmaritime.my/services/lay-up/).

6. Terminals and berths



- **HRC terminal** Refinery jetty with three berths. Operator: Hengyuan Refining Company Berhad.
- **Petron SBM** Single buoy mooring linked to the Petron refinery by a subsea pipeline, at 02°30.216′N 101°45.372′E. Owner: Petron Malaysia Refining & Marketing Berhad.
- **Tuanku Muhriz power station jetty** Coal jetty of TNB's power station at Mukim Jimah.
- **Jimah Energy Ventures jetty** Jetty of the 1,400 MW coal fired power plant at Mukim Jimah, running 1.3 km out to sea.
- **NSC jetty** Operator: NS Maritime, on lease from NS Corporation.
- **Port Dickson passenger jetty** Owned and licensed by the Marine Department. Operator: NS Maritime.

Berth particulars and operators are on Port Info (nsmaritime.my/port-info/#facilities). Berthing at each terminal is arranged with its operator.

7. Clearance

The Marine Department, Customs, Immigration, the health office and the Department of Agriculture have offices at the Port Dickson passenger jetty terminal.

1

Report arrival

To customs, at once, with the last port's clearance

2

Examination

Immigration Health Quarantine

Nobody boards or lands until immigration has examined the ship

3

Cargo

Goods landed or loaded with customs permission

4

Port clearance

From customs before the ship sails

- The master, in person or through the agent, reports the ship's arrival at a customs port to the proper officer of customs at once, gives the information asked for on the ship, cargo, crew and voyage, and produces the last port's clearance on demand (Customs Act 1967, section 36).
- A ship may not leave a customs port until the proper officer of customs has granted a port clearance to the master or agent. The clearance is carried on board while the ship is in Malaysian territorial waters (sections 37 and 38).
- No craft may go alongside an ocean going ship, or alongside a legal landing place, without the permission of the proper officer of customs (section 49).
- Until an immigration officer has examined the ship, nobody other than the pilot, government officers on duty, the owner, charterer or agent, or a consular officer may board or leave it. The master gives the immigration officer the crew list, produces the crew for inspection and gives the general declaration of the FAL Convention, on arrival and on leaving (Immigration Act 1959/63).
- Health officers may board and medically examine any ship on its arrival in Malaysia, and the people, animals and articles on board (Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988, section 7).
- The Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) may inspect plants, animals, fish, agricultural produce and conveyances, including vessels, at entry points, and may refuse entry (Act 728, section 9). The Act lists two entry points by sea at Port Dickson: the railway jetty, and the jetty of Jimah Energy Ventures at Mukim Jimah.

- Goods brought in by sea may be landed only at a legal landing place, with permission from the proper officer of customs, and on the prescribed days and times unless other times are allowed (Customs Act 1967, section 23). The same applies to loading goods for export (section 26).

8. Emergencies and pollution

- Anyone in distress at sea, or who knows of a maritime emergency, contacts Maritim Malaysia's maritime rescue coordination centre (MRCC) or a sub centre as soon as possible, with accurate information. The centres run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Reports can also be made at the nearest maritime district office or police station, or by calling 999. MRCC Putrajaya: +60 3-8941 3140.
- Every oil spill must be reported immediately to the Department of Environment, through its online complaint system or its hotline 1-800-88-2727. The department's Negeri Sembilan office is in Seremban, telephone 06-764 9017.
- The Marine Department is the On Scene Commander for oil spill clean up at sea, and Maritim Malaysia leads the response to maritime accidents and emergencies involving life and property.
- Maritim Malaysia (the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency) carries out maritime search and rescue. Its state headquarters for Melaka and Negeri Sembilan: 06-387 6730. Hotline: 03-8943 4001.
- NS Maritime keeps oil spill response, fire fighting and rescue on standby for the terminals, anchorages and jetties. See OSR, fire fighting and rescue (nsmaritime.my/services/osr-fire-fighting-rescue/).

Tier 1 Local: the facility responds under its own Tier 1 plan
Tier 2 State: coordinated by the state Department of Environment
Tier 3 Regional: coordinated by the Department of Environment headquarters, when a spill may cross Malaysian waters

Oil spill response tiers, from the Malaysia Oil Spill Contingency Plan (MOSCoP), 2023.

9. Contacts

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Hotline 03-8943 4001

Department of Environment
Oil spill hotline 1-800-88-2727
Negeri Sembilan office 06-764 9017

10. Sources

Each fact in this guide is taken from the official source below. Check the source before relying on it.

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