

Port of Saldanha Bay Information



LOCATION

Latitude 33°2'S | Longitude 17°5'E

PILOTAGE

Pilot is compulsory for all vessels arriving at the port. Pilot transfer is by pilot boat, unless otherwise advised. When pilot is embarking by pilot boat, ladders must comply with SOLAS regulations. Cape Town has two fast pilot boats equipped with radar and VHF telephone.

WATER DENSITY

Seawater density in the harbour is 1025g/cm³.

PILOT BOARDING POSITION

North head light bearing 058° at five miles.

Tankers must stay six miles off and south of the 080° line prior to boarding.

PORT LIMITS

The Port of Saldanha Bay accepts vessels of up to 20.5m draught although the harbour master conditionally accepts vessels with a draught of 21.5m. The port entrance channel is dredged to a depth of -23m Chart Datum and -23.7m CD at the commencing of the entrance channel. The entrance channel has a minimum width of

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400m. The turning basin seaward of the jetty has a diameter of 580m and a depth of -23.2m CD.

APPROACHES

The depth of the main navigation channel of the jetties is 23m and 23.7m at its start. It has a minimum width of 400m.

TIDE

Tide fall at Saldanha Bay ranges as per tide table, average is 1.8m at 6 hourly intervals.

WEATHER

The Port of Saldanha operates under open sea conditions, with wind and swells as factors always to be considered.

In the winter the prevailing winds are from North West, in the summer month's morning's southeaster swing to south west.

BALLAST

Vessels should be sufficiently ballasted to allow safe navigation within the harbour. Only clean, locally loaded ballast water, may be discharged within the port.

RADIO

The port communications are handled on channels VHF 12 and 16 also on 29Mhz r/t Channel A at Saldanha.

BUNKERS

No Pipelines delivered bunkers are available. Gas, Oil and diesel, supplied from Cape Town, is available at the ore berths but must be ordered in advance through the ship's agent. The Government and Sea Harvest quays have private bunker lines.

BERTHS

There are 4 x MPT berths, 2 x Iron Ore berth's and 1 x Crude Oil berth ranging up to 318.5m.

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1. SALDANHA BAY MULTI PURPOSE TERMINAL (MPT)

This terminal is used for bulk tankers. Various commodities are loaded from this terminal.

Berth	Draft	Commodity	Method	Rate
201	12m	Iron Ore	Ships Gear	
202	13.5m	Iron Ore	Ships Gear	
203	13.5m	Iron Ore	Ships Gear	
204	13.5m	Iron Ore	Ships Gear	

2. BULK IRON ORE TERMINAL

Berth	Draft	Commodity
OBL	21.5m	Iron Ore
OBS	21.5M	Iron Ore

3. TANKER BASIN | IRON ORE

Berth	Draft	Commodity
1	333m	Crude Oil

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS FOR SALDANHA BAY PORT

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Harbour Master	(+27) 22 703 5314
Port Control	(+27) 22 703 5310
Port Engineer	(+27) 22 703 5464
Customer Service	(+27) 22 703 5401
Environment	(+27) 22 703 5449
SA Police	(+27) 22 714 8333 4
Sea Rescue	(+27) 22 714 1726

SOUTH AFRICAN PORT REQUIREMENTS | PROCEDURES

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1. All vessels calling at any South African port must send ISPS message to MRCC Cape Town 96 hours before arrival.
2. Security Level 1 is maintained at Cape Town Port.
3. Vessels must apply for Free Pratique from local Port health authorities through local agents.
4. Nomination of vessels is done by local agents with all relevant information supplied to port authorities (Transnet National Port Authorities) i.e. Vessel details, nature of call, cargo type, intended port stay, any special requests etc via a live web based system Integrated Port Management System (IPMS).
5. All berths are controlled by TNPA but are operated by TPT (Transnet Port Terminals) and some Private Terminals.
6. Cargo working vessels will be planned at the respective terminals based on the type of cargo.
7. Bunker vessels must be nominated following same procedure as well as bunkers are supplied via bunker barge and can be only supplied in port.
8. All vessels calling for bunkers or repairs/lay by must be nominated accordingly.
9. Bunker and repair berths allocated for a vessel will only be confirmed 1 day before ETA of vessel.
10. Hull cleaning is not permitted in Saldanha Port due to environment restrictions.
11. Saldanha port controls are operated by Transnet National Port Authorities and handle/control all vessel movements contactable on VHF channel 12 and 16.
12. Daily ETA updates must be provided by vessels for agents to supply same to authorities to secure berth.
13. Access to all terminals is strictly controlled by TNPA and the respective port operators.