



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE NOTICE
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Shipping Community
Harbour Craft Community
Pleasure Craft Community

OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT OVER SINGAPORE PORT WATERS

- 1 Please be informed that the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) has issued a notice on the operation of unmanned aircraft over Singapore Port Waters.
- 2 For further details, please refer to the CAAS's notice dated 1 Oct 2026 in **Annex A**.

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1 Oct 2026

To the marine community

OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT OVER SINGAPORE PORT WATERS

1. This notification serves to remind the marine community that unauthorised unmanned aircraft (UA) operations, including drones, radio-controlled aircraft, or remote-controlled kites, in Singapore Port Waters may pose risks to aviation safety. All operators must comply with the applicable regulatory requirements before conducting any UA operation.
2. The flying of UA in Singapore is regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS). Any person intending to operate a UA shall refer to the regulations in the following website: <https://www.caas.gov.sg/unmanned-aircraft/>.
3. Under the Air Navigation Act 1966 and the Air Navigation (101 – Unmanned Aircraft Operations) Regulations 2019, it is an offence to operate an unregistered registrable UA or to operate a UA within a No-Fly Zone (e.g. within 5km of airports, prohibited areas, etc) without the requisite permit(s) from CAAS. **Offenders could be fined up to \$50,000 or jailed up to two years, or both.**
4. The following cases illustrate recent violations involving unauthorised UA flying over-waters within 5km of Changi Airport.

Case #1

On 8 Jun 2026, a 46-year-old crew member onboard a locally registered bunker tanker was found operating a UA for recreational purpose at an altitude of 42.7m in the Eastern Petroleum Bravo Anchorage, located approximately 3.2km from Changi Airport, without the requisite permit. **The accused was convicted and fined \$5,000 in default of 10 days' imprisonment.**

Case #2

On 16 Jul 2026, a 42-year-old crew member onboard a foreign registered tanker was found operating a UA for recreational purpose at an altitude of 76m in the Anchorage Eastern Petroleum Charlie, located approximately 1.8km from Changi Airport, without

the requisite permit. **The accused was convicted and fined \$3,000 in default of 6 days' imprisonment.**

5. CAAS takes a serious stance against any contravention of the Air Navigation Act 1966 and the Air Navigation (101 – Unmanned Aircraft Operations) Regulations 2019. Enforcement action will be taken against the offenders.

6. Please contact CAAS at caas_occ_cuas_duty_ops_controller@caas.gov.sg for any queries on this notice. Thank you.

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