

MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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Shipping Community Harbour Craft Community Pleasure Craft Community

## SPEED LIMIT IN THE EAST JOHOR STRAIT

1 We have received reports of damages to properties such as fish farms located along the East Johor Strait (EJS) caused by passing vessels proceeding at high speeds. The high waves generated can also cause vessels or craft that are tied alongside berths or buoys to part from their moorings and result in human injury. Hence, all vessels proceeding in the EJS are reminded to navigate at a safe speed at all times in compliance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended.

2 We would like to remind masters, owners and agents of vessels transitting the EJS that the Port Master had directed that the speed for all vessels including ferries, harbour and pleasure craft navigating in the EJS within the Singapore Port Limits shall not exceed 12 knots. This directive is made pursuant to Regulations 33(2) and 33 (3) of the MPA (Port) Regulations 1997.

3 Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the above speed limit shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$1,000 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

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