

GOLD COAST

SUPERYACHT GUIDE

The quick guide for bringing superyachts
into our waterways city.



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Gold Coast Superyacht Guide

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Welcome to one of the world's most exciting superyacht destinations – Queensland's beautiful Gold Coast

With 57 kilometres of ocean beaches, a coastal inland waterways network measuring 260 kilometres, World Heritage rainforests, international-standard sporting facilities, a thriving arts scene and an exciting annual events schedule, there's plenty for visitors to see and experience in our waterways city.

Add to this our world-class supplier network and marine precincts backed by a skilled workforce—which enables us to cater to the needs of superyachts, their guests and crews—and you have a very attractive place to mix business with leisure.

The Queensland Government recognises the superyacht sector is expanding globally. Under our Queensland Superyacht Strategy 2018–23, we have a vision to grow our share of the superyacht market by 10 per cent by 2023 so we can diversify our economy and create more jobs.

The strategy is supported by the Superyacht Industry Development Fund to help the industry promote its skills, capabilities and infrastructure to build the global relationships needed to attract more superyachts to destinations like the Gold Coast.

This is why Queensland Government agencies, including the Gold Coast Waterways Authority and Maritime

Safety Queensland, and the Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation are working with the City of Gold Coast and the marine industry to ensure the welcome mat is out for superyachts on the Gold Coast.

The Queensland Government has recently committed A\$2.8 million towards the development of a superyacht berth at the Southport Yacht Club, proposed further superyacht facilities be developed on the Gold Coast under the Queensland Government's Master Plan for The Spit and invested more than A\$10 million in dredging facilities and works to improve access to the Coomera Marine Industry Precinct.

We recognise that it's sometimes difficult to navigate your way through multiple websites to find what you need to know about specific destinations. To help you out, we've developed this guide to provide you with all the essential information you'll need to plan your visit to the Gold Coast.

We're excited about what the future holds. So whether you're a repeat visitor, or you're coming to see us for the first time, we look forward to having you drop anchor on the Gold Coast.





Purpose of this guide

We want to make it easier for you to visit the Gold Coast, enjoy its wonderful attractions and access our services.

This guide covers all the information you'll need in one handy location.

This guide has been co-funded by the Queensland Government and the City of Gold Coast and we'll continue to work with industry to make it easier to plan your visit.

More information is available about the Queensland Superyacht Strategy 2018–23 [here](#). The City of Gold Coast's Economic Development Strategy confirms that attracting more superyachts is a key focus for the future.

If you have a question this guide doesn't answer, please contact the Gold Coast Waterways Authority for help gcwa@mail.qld.gov.au.

For international vessels entering the Gold Coast

Superyachts 50m and over in length require a pilot. Superyacht general size limitations are published in the Southport Port Procedures Manual and are based upon under keel clearance (UKC), length and area of operation. Oversized superyachts will be considered by Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) on a case-by-case basis, utilising a risk-based process. You are encouraged to contact MSQ during the early stages of planning the visit of an oversized vessel.



Coming to Australia from international waters

96 hours prior to arriving in Australian waters

All non-commercial vessels arriving in Australia are required by law to give notice of impending arrival at least 96 hours before arrival.

For a list of what you'll need to provide, refer to page 9 of this document or visit the Australian Border Force webpage [here](#).

Please note, a 408 Superyacht Crew stream visa is required for all crew, with the exception of Australian and New Zealand passport holders. Apply online [here](#).

Australian Border Force

Email: yachtreport@homeaffairs.gov.au

Ph: +61 2 6275 6413 or Fax: +61 2 6275 5078



Coming to the Gold Coast

48 hours prior to arrival to the Gold Coast's pilot boarding ground

For up-to-date information on arrivals, see Maritime Safety Queensland's page [here](#).

Contact MSQ's Gold Coast office to arrange entry to the Gold Coast and pilotage if required (vessels over 50m in length require pilotage).

The pilot boarding ground is situated at a position two nautical miles east of the Gold Coast Seaway south wall, in position latitude 27° 56.2' S, longitude 153° 28.2' E.

Maritime Safety Queensland (Gold Coast)

Email: msq.goldcoast.reception@msq.qld.gov.au

Ph: +61 7 5585 1810 (during business hours)

After hours ph: +61 7 3305 1700

Enter via the Seaway and head to the Boarding Station for arrival

Head to Gold Coast's Port of Entry at the Southport Yacht Club

Southport Yacht Club Marina

1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, Gold Coast, Queensland 4217 Australia

Operating hours:

Monday to Saturday: 8am–4pm, Sunday: 8am–2pm

Email: marina@southportyachtclub.com.au

Ph: +61 7 5591 8577

Fax: +61 7 5591 3526

VHF Channel 74



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Where is the Gold Coast?

The Gold Coast is strategically located on the edge of the Asia-Pacific rim, with access to two international airports. It has a customs clearance port two nautical miles from the Seaway and boasts a 250-hectare marine precinct, which hosts world-class manufacturers and internationally renowned brands.

Stretching along 57 kilometres of coastline, it's home to over half a million people, beautiful surfing beaches, subtropical rainforest, spectacular waterways and breathtaking scenery.

Temperatures range between an average of 21 degrees Celsius in winter to 29 degrees Celsius in summer.



Australia



Gold Coast Marinas

- 1 Gold Coast City Marina and Shipyard
- 2 The Boat Works
- 3 Sanctuary Cove Marina
- 4 AMT Marine, Sovereign Island Marina
- 5 Palazzo Versace Gold Coast
- 6 Marina Mirage
- 7 Mariners Cove
- 8 Southport Yacht Club



Important information for international vessels

Superyachts, passengers and crew entering Australia for commercial or recreational visits are subject to customs, immigration and biosecurity controls when entering and/or departing Australia.

The Southport Yacht Club on the Gold Coast has been appointed as a Port of Entry by the Australian Government and they can help you with obtaining the clearances you'll need for your stay.

You can contact Southport Yacht Club on +61 7 5591 8577 or on VHF Channel 74

Operating hours: Monday to Saturday: 8am–4pm, Sunday: 8am–2pm

Email: marina@southportyachtclub.com.au

You'll also need to file a yacht report at least 96 hours before entering Australia to let us know you're coming. The report will need to include:

- the name of your craft
- the craft's country and port of registration
- your intended first port of arrival
- your estimated arrival time
- the last four ports you visited
- the details of people on board including name, date of birth, nationality and passport number
- details of any illness or disease recently encountered
- if you have any animals on board
- if you have any firearms on board

For handy links or more information about entering or departing Australia, please visit the Australian Border Force [here](#).

To encourage superyacht visits there've also been some recent changes to Commonwealth laws regarding superyachts and taxation arrangements. The Special Recreational Vessels Act 2019 (SRV Act) is intended to allow 'special recreational vessels' (superyachts) to visit Australia for up to 12 months and conduct commercial activities without being regarded as imported under customs legislation.

The SRV Act achieves this by establishing a condition for qualifying special recreational vessels to 'opt in' to the coastal trading licence scheme established by the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012 (Coastal Trading Act). The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications administers both the SRV Act and the Coastal Trading Act.

Any vessel that obtains a coastal trading licence through the new condition established by the SRV Act will be subject to the Australian Border Force's (ABF) existing arrangements for vessels operating under coastal trading licences.

Vessels that enter and operate in Australia in accordance with the SRV Act will be considered international commercial vessels rather than recreational vessels. The SRV Act does not change existing reporting and permissions for international commercial vessels operating in Australian waters under the coastal trading licence scheme. For more information, visit the Australian Customs Notice [here](#).



How to navigate the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast Seaway is your gateway to our city's beautiful marine network and our attractions and services.

For vessels visiting the Gold Coast, there are some general operating limitations:

- A minimum under keel clearance (UKC) of 1.0 metre is required to be maintained in the Gold Coast Seaway Entrance. A minimum UKC of 0.5 metres is required in all other areas. There are also varying requirements for vessels using different channels within the Gold Coast Broadwater, including pilotage arrangements.
- A maximum of 65 metres length overall (LOA) has been set by Maritime Safety Queensland for vessels entering and exiting the Seaway and making their way to the Southport marina precinct via the South Channel. Vessels transiting to the Coomera marina precinct are limited to 60 metres LOA.
- Oversized vessels will be considered by Maritime Safety Queensland on a case-by-case basis utilising a risk-based process for each movement. Additional requirements may include, but are not limited to, daylight, support craft escort and weather conditions. You are encouraged to contact MSQ during the early stages of planning the visit of an oversize vessel.

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) manages scheduling and provision of pilotage services on the Gold Coast. MSQ has an office on the Gold Coast and they'll work with you to ensure your vessel and crew can arrive and stay safely. Further information is available on the MSQ website including the Southport Port Procedures Manual which provides further detail on movement requirements. Master/Agents are required to notify MSQ of arrival 48 hours prior but are encouraged to do so as early as possible.

You can contact MSQ on +61 7 5585 1810 (during business hours) or email msq.goldcoast.reception@msq.qld.gov.au



Why the Gold Coast?

Whether you're booked in for world-class workmanship with our marine manufacturers or you've berthed at Southport Yacht Club to explore our city, you'll fall in love with the Gold Coast.

From the minute you step onto land, you're met with endless options.

You can surf the best beaches in Australia, hike subtropical rainforests, scuba dive reefs and wrecks, enjoy high tea in the hinterland, explore spectacular waterways, tee off on lush green golf courses or tick off incredible tourist attractions. From buzzing theme parks to our bustling café scene, this is Australia's playground.

With 300 days of sunshine annually, the Gold Coast is the perfect homeport or stopover for vessels cruising the South Pacific or the East Coast all year round.

No matter what time of year you decide to enter the Gold Coast's glittering waterways, there's an unmissable major event on. Check out the city's jam-packed events calendar [here](#). Or if you're more of a foodie, The Urban List Gold Coast has your local eats covered [here](#).

The real question you should ask yourself is, why not?





Image by Gold Coast City Marina.

Gold Coast City Marina and Shipyard

Marine capabilities

With over 57 kilometres of coastline and a coastal inland waterways network measuring 260 kilometres, it's no surprise that the Gold Coast is the leading destination for marine refit and repair within the Asia-Pacific region.

Over 33,000 vessels are registered on the Gold Coast, cementing it as one of Australia's largest boating communities. Local businesses are recognised worldwide for their innovation and quality workmanship. With 300 days of sunshine a year, it provides the perfect climate for any upgrade or maintenance works.

The Gold Coast has an extensive range of marinas clustered around the northern end of the city, on the shore of the iconic Broadwater and connecting river and canal systems.

The Gold Coast offers a one-stop shop for superyacht berthing, maintenance, services and fit out.

Marina	Superyacht berths
Gold Coast City Marina & Shipyard	28
Marina Mirage	24
Sanctuary Cove Marina	24
Southport Yacht Club	20 + 1 Megayacht berth
Sovereign Island Marina	8
The Boat Works	20

Location:	76-84 Waterway Drive, Coomera	
Superyacht berths:	20	
Ship lift capabilities:	250 tonnes	
Service capabilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80+ onsite businesses covering all disciplines • 800 onsite individual trades people • Project management • Repair and refit • New builds • Work berths up to 75m • 400amp power on berths • Hardstand • Enclosed 50m superyacht sheds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated 50m and 24m blast bays • 24m undercover work bays • Refit sheds • 7-day fuel and bunkering • Superyacht crew amenities including gym equipment • Crew concierge • Crew workshops • Dry storage including tender storage
Contact:	+61 7 502 5888 www.gccm.com.au	



Image by Marina Mirage.

Marina Mirage

**Marina currently under development – due for completion in mid-2021.*

Location:	74 Seaworld Drive, Main Beach	
Superyacht berths:	24	
Docking capabilities:	Short-term tender access only	
Service capabilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total 76 wet berths • Gold Coast City Ferry Terminal • Charter vessels • Brokerage • Short-term tender access • Fresh water supply • Electricity—15amp, 32amp, 63amp, 125amp & 250amp sockets available • Helipad • Sewage pump out • Refuelling facilities (nearby) • Toilets and showers • Laundry (nearby) • Video surveillance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security patrols • Vessel detailing • Wifi • Post office • Pharmacy • Business centre (fax, photocopier, scanner) • On-site restaurants, bars and cafes • Gym and pilates studio • Convenience store / supermarket • Hairdresser and barber • Massage and beauty therapy • 5-star hotel accommodation (nearby)
Contact:	+61 7 5555 6480 www.marinamirage.com.au	



Image by Sanctuary Cove Marina.

Mulpha Sanctuary Cove Marina

Location:	Sanctuary Cove, Gold Coast
Superyacht berths:	24
Service capabilities:	<p>Located on the northern Gold Coast, the A\$2 billion Sanctuary Cove Resort was named Australia's best 'Masterplanned Development' in the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) 2018 National Awards for Excellence. The coveted award follows the development's 2017 state title win as best 'Masterplanned Development' at the UDIA Queensland Mitchell Brandtman Awards for Excellence.</p> <p>Sanctuary Cove is Australia's largest and most prestigious master planned development, home to some of the most diverse waterfront, golf course and parkside residential house and land options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two 18-hole championship golf courses • 303-berth marina • 5-star InterContinental Sanctuary Cove Resort with its own lagoon style beach. • Country club including fitness centre, tennis courts and swimming pool. • At the heart of the community is The Marine Village—Sanctuary Cove's vibrant precinct featuring more than 80 tenancies, including a selection of shopping, cafes, restaurants, bars and business services.
Contact:	+61 7 5577 6294 www.sanctuarycove.com



Southport Yacht Club

Location:	1 MacArthur Parade, Main Beach Gold Coast
Superyacht berths:	20
Megayacht berth:	1
Docking capabilities:	10,000 tonnes
Ship lift capabilities:	35 tonnes
Service capabilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs clearance • Berthing • Lift and clean • Antifoul • Motor service • Fuel • Gym • Bar • Restaurant
Contact:	+61 7 5539 3500 www.southportyachtclub.com.au



AMT Marine, Sovereign Island Marina

Location:	The Sovereign Mile, Paradise Point
Superyacht berths:	8
Berth capacity:	30' to 110' feet length 2.5 draft
Service capabilities:	<p>Mechanical services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorised STEYR diesel engines dealer and service centre • All inboard petrol and diesel servicing diagnosis and repairs • All outboard servicing, diagnosis and repairs • All stern drive applications servicing diagnosis and repairs • All jet drive applications servicing diagnosis and repairs • Full workshop to accommodate extensive repairs and rebuilds <p>Preventative maintenance</p> <p>Every vessel is different so having a tailored maintenance plan is so comforting. Knowing all aspects of the vessels operating systems have been regularly checked and maintained is well worth the peace of mind.</p> <p>We will happily build a tailored maintenance plan for your vessel.</p>
Contact:	Andy Taylor: +61 7 5532 1049 or +61 424 581 589 www.amtmarine.com.au



Image by The Boat Works.

The Boat Works

Location:	1 Boatworks Drive, Coomera, Gold Coast Marine Precinct
Superyacht berths:	20+
Ship lift capabilities:	300 tonnes
Service capabilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Haul out• Marina• Superyacht basin x 20 50m vessels• Hardstand• Covered hardstand• Refit sheds• Specific superyacht sheds• Sandblast and refinishing bays• Storage precinct• Refit, repair and maintenance• New builds• Project management• 70+ onsite marine trade professionals onsite• Access to the Gold Coast Marine Precinct hub of services and trades• Exclusive access to Captains and Crew Lounge• Crew recreational zones• Courtesy cars and laundries• Cafes, restaurants and bars• Crane pad• Re-fuelling, re-provisioning and bunkering services• Up to 250amp power available onsite
Contact:	+617 5500 0000 www.theboatworks.com.au





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The Gold Coast has welcomed countless superyachts from Australia and around the world into our waterways

This includes the 73.5m superyacht MY Dragonfly and the 58m superyacht MY Pangaea, which received A\$1 million of major works over a two-month period. The works included major mechanical fabrication, electrical and paintwork on all areas of the vessel.

Above, you'll see Dragonfly and Pangaea cruising up the Coomera River to the Coomera Marine Industry Precinct.

Superyachts of this size require pilotage, so please get in touch with MSQ Gold Coast at to arrange your visit to Australia's playground.

You can contact MSQ on +61 7 5585 1810 (during business hours) or email msq.goldcoast.reception@msq.qld.gov.au.

Emergency contact list

Agency or service	Location	Business hours contact	After hours/ emergency contact
Gold Coast Water Police	Main Beach	+61 7 5590 5700	000
Police		000	000
Queensland Fire and Rescue	Southport	000	000
Queensland Ambulance Service	Southport	000	000
Maritime Safety Queensland	Main Beach	+61 7 5585 1810	+61 7 3305 1700
Gold Coast Seaway Tower	The Spit	+61 7 5591 2948	
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	Brisbane and Gold Coast	+61 7 3835 3412	+61 7 38353135
Bio Security	Brisbane	1800 803 006	
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AusSAR)	Canberra	1800 614 792	
City of Gold Coast	Bundall	+61 7 5581 6000	
Volunteer Marine Rescue	The Spit	+61 7 5532 3417	+61 7 5591 1300
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard	Southport	+61 7 5531 1421	
Gold Coast Waterways Authority	Main Beach	+61 7 5539 7350	+61 407 752 884



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