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**NAVIGATION WARNING**  
**NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 03-2023 (P)**

**OWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATORS, SKIPPERS AND MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS OPERATING WITHIN 'WELL BAY' IN WATERS WEST OFF BEEF ISLAND AIRSTRIP, IN THE VICINITY SOUTHEAST OF QUEEN ELIZABETH 1 BRIDGE.**

**REFERENCE:**

**THE BVIAA HAS ESTABLISHED A 'NO ANCHORING ZONE' (RESTRICTED AREA) IN THE WATERS ALONG AND ON EITHER SIDE OF AN IMAGINARY LINE EXTENDED FROM THE CENTERLINE OF THE WESTERN RUNWAY THRESHOLD WITHIN 'WELL BAY', IN THE WATERS SOUTHEAST OF QUEEN ELIZABETH 1 BRIDGE.**

**THE 'NO ANCHORING ZONE' (RESTRICTED AREA) IS BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:**

- A.  $18^{\circ}26'34''N$   $064^{\circ}32'55''W$
- B.  $18^{\circ}26'29''N$   $064^{\circ}33'05''W$
- C.  $18^{\circ}26'25''N$   $064^{\circ}32'59''W$
- D.  $18^{\circ}26'30''N$   $064^{\circ}32'52''W$





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**VESSELS WITH AN AIR DRAFT OF 50FT OR MORE MUST CONTACT THE BEEF ISLAND CONTROL TOWER ON MARINE VHF CH. 16, DURING OPERATIONAL HOURS OF THE AIRPORT, FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSIT THE NO ANCHORING ZONE (RESTRICTED AREA). VESSELS MUST TRANSMIT "BEEF TOWER, BEEF TOWER" THEN STATE THEIR VESSEL NAME.**

Mariners should exercise caution when navigating within the Well Bay, west off Beef Island for keeping well clear of the possible effects of a Jet Engine Blast of arriving and departing aircraft.

Mariners are advised to display only navigational lights while transiting the restricted area. All unnecessary and utility lighting onboard must be switched off or dimmed.

This notice has been issued in accordance with section 163 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2001

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