

MEDIA STATEMENT

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King tides on the rise in Queensland

- King tides are predicted to hit Queensland coastlines in February and March 2024.
- Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) is warning boat owners to prepare for the year's first king tides this weekend.
- Boaties are being reminded to monitor the tides and secure their vessels and any loose objects to protect the waterways.

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) is warning the boating public about upcoming tidal surges known as 'king tides' that will occur in February and March 2024.

Boat owners must plan ahead before peak tidal heights reach their location.

MSQ encourages boaties to secure moored or anchored vessels and marine infrastructure such as pontoons.

Loose items such as small tinnies, kayaks and furniture should also be moved away from the water's edge to prevent them from being swept away.

Hay Point will have the highest tidal peak in the state, with a high tide of 7.08 metres predicted at 11.09 am on Saturday 10 February.

On the following day, Brisbane Bar is expected to reach 2.77 metres at 10.45 am.

Areas of the Queensland coastline north of Mackay will see their highest tides on 9 and 10 March.

MSQ continues to engage with port authorities and the Department of Environment and Science to monitor tidal movements to ensure the safety of Queensland waterway users.

Find out more about king tides and yearly tide predictions on <https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/tides/king-tides> and go to MSQ's new social media channels at <https://www.facebook.com.au/maritimesafetyqld> and <https://www.instagram.com/maritimesafetyqld> for the latest safety warnings and news for the mariner community.

Quotes attributable to the Maritime Safety Queensland General Manager Kell Dillon:

"Don't get caught out by upcoming king tides and get prepared now.

"This is one event everyone can calmly prepare for to avoid dangerous consequences.

"Boaties make sure your mooring tackle, anchors, chains and lines are in good condition so your precious property isn't swept away or sunk by king tides.

"Please watch out for any debris that may be dislodged by the tides to float just beneath the surface of the water.

"We've been experiencing severe weather events that might make the effects of king tides even worse and result in sea levels above the predicted tidal height.

"The timing of king tides will vary in each area, so be a responsible skipper and check your location's tidal predictions on Maritime Safety Queensland's [website](#) before heading out."

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