

SAILING DIRECTIONS CORRECTIONS

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4.36 Bashayer Oil Terminal (19°24'N., 37°19'E.), a tanker crude oil-loading facility, is approached from N of Towartit Reef.

Winds—Weather.—The prevailing winds are from the N; these winds may have gusts up to 35 knots in winter, but tend to be variable and light to moderate at other times. Without the N winds, there is a tendency for winds to veer towards the shore in the middle of the morning.

In summer, offshore winds are normally the strongest; gusts up to 60 knots can occur.

Tides—Currents.—The tides are usually diurnal with a mean spring range of about 1.4m.

Currents in the area set mainly S and run parallel to the coast, rarely exceeding 1 knot.

Depths—Limitations.—The controlling depth in the approach channel is 50m.

There is a depth of 54m at the terminal. Vessels up to 300,000 dwt can be accommodated.

Pilotage.—Pilotage, which is compulsory and available during daylight hours only, should be requested from the Port Sudan Port Authority. The pilot boards, as follows:

1. Channel pilot—About 1 mile E of Port Sudan Light, in position 19°35.5'N, 37°16.0'E.
2. SBM pilot—3 miles N of the SBM. This pilot boarding position is the handover point with the channel pilot.

The pilot boarding time is usually between 0600 and 0700, depending on the time of year.

The Pilot Office and the pilot vessel can be contacted on VHF channel 10 and by e-mail, as follows:

pilots.portsudan@gnpoc.com

Regulations.—The vessel's ETA must be sent to the terminal, via the agent, 72 hours, 48 hours, 24 hours, and 12 hours in advance. The ETA should be reconfirmed if it changes by more than 2 hours.

Berthing is permitted during daylight hours only. Unberthing may be done at night at the discretion of the mooring master.

Vessels older than 20 years old will not be accepted for loading at the terminal.

Upon arrival off Port Sudan, vessels are required to contact the Port Sudan Signal Station on VHF channel 14 to obtain the pilot boarding time, if available, together with any further instructions.

The Marine Supervisor of the facility can be contacted on VHF channel 10, when a vessel is loading at the SPM, and by e-mail, as follows:

omarine.portsudan@gnpoc.com

Anchorage.—Anchorage is not recommended off the terminal.

Caution.—A restricted area, with a radius of 1 mile, surrounds the terminal. Navigation in this area is only allowed with a pilot on board.

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