

Gippsland 003

Unpowered construction barge

Length: 41.5m

Beam: 11.0m

Draft (unladen): 1.80m

Load Capacity: 350 tons

Clear deck area: 31 x 8m

Anchor: Diesel/hydraulic winch

Built in 1969 for Esso Australia Limited by Steel Tank and Pipe Construction Pty Ltd at Carrington, NSW as an oil recovery barge, Gippsland 003 was based at Hastings on Western Port Bay.

Gippsland 003 joined the Korevaar fleet in November 2005 and was reclassified as a construction barge.

Since that time Gippsland 003 has been engaged in numerous projects requiring the moving of large or heavy items, both locally and further afield. These projects have included:

- transporting offshore oil rig anchor chains from Melbourne to Portland and also from Melbourne to Geelong
- transporting steel construction jigs from Geelong to Williamstown for use at BAE Systems Australia Limited's shipyard
- operating as a working platform and cargo carrier in the centre of Port Phillip Bay when a high pressure ethane pipeline was ruptured by a ship's anchor during bad weather
- transferring large cargo items directly from international ships to local berths within the Port of Melbourne



Gippsland under tow with an offshore oil rig's anchor chain



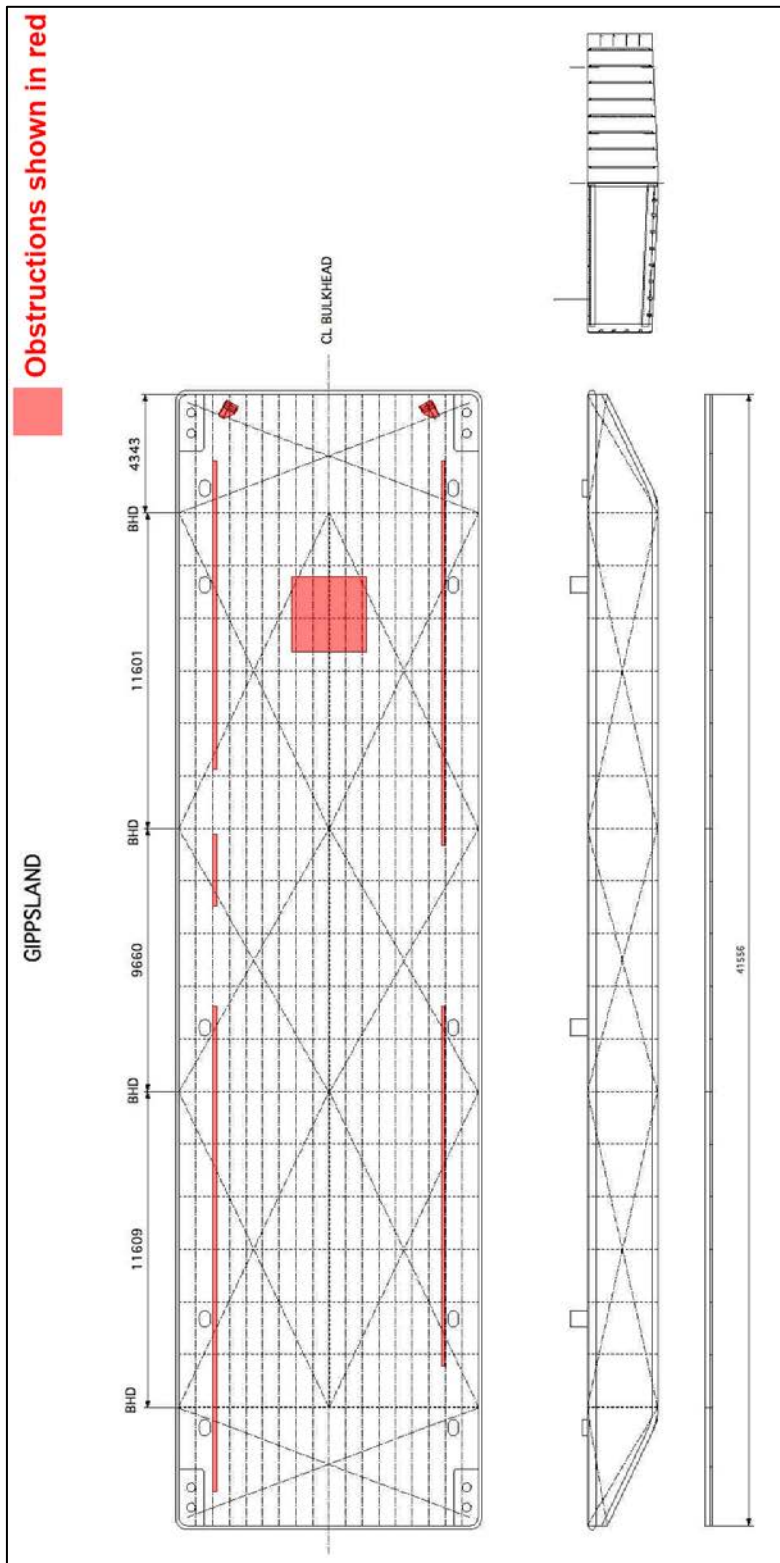
Loading construction jigs in Geelong, Victoria



Working platform during the repair of a damaged ethane pipeline in Port Phillip Bay



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General arrangement of Gippsland 003

