

Dear Attendees,

The safety and health of attendees at the **2020 IHMA Congress** is our top priority.

The International Harbour Master Association (IHMA) has been proactively staying up to date with international, national and local authority guidance and considering global developments with COVID-19.

As IHMA President, Capt Allan Gray observed: ***“Harbour Masters have the primary risk-management role and maintaining safety, especially in unchartered waters, is what we do best”***

After consultation with key stakeholders, the IHMA 2020 organising committee in the interest of safety of all has made the difficult but responsible decision to reschedule the IHMA Congress, due to take place in Hobart on 23-26 March 2020. The 2020 Congress will now be held in Hobart at the Grand Chancellor Hotel on **5-8 October 2020**.

“As host sponsors of the 2020 IHMA Congress, TasPorts fully supports the IHMA’s decision to postpone the upcoming Congress, and we look forward to welcoming all attendees to Tasmania in October.” Anthony Donald, TasPorts Chief Executive Officer

Bringing together maritime professionals from around the world to network and exchange ideas and best practice is a key benefit of the biennial Congress and although the risk to the general public in Australia remains low, our primary concern remains the health and welfare of all attendees. We are pleased to be able to announce new dates immediately, particularly for any attendees currently impacted by employer-imposed travel restrictions.

As ever, we continue to be focused on making the IHMA Congress a great experience for all!

Next steps

Agenda

Our current speakers, many of whom have already prepared their papers and presentations, hope to join us and we will be working with them to have them share their knowledge with us.

Sponsors and exhibition

We’re grateful for the ongoing support of our sponsors and exhibitors represent the latest innovation and technology. Our sponsors and exhibitors have been in the final stages of planning their involvement and we are working with them to provide the best possible experience.

Registrations

All registrations will be transferred to the new dates.

Informa Australia will be in direct contact with all delegates to further confirm details and address any specific queries to ensure a smooth transition.

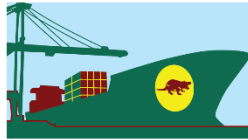
Accommodation

The Grand Chancellor Hotel has offered to reschedule all accommodation booked [insert specific details]. If accommodation has been booked directly, please contact the [Reservations Team](#) at the Hotel on +61 3 6235 4535 or resteamleader@hgchobart.com.au who will assist in moving bookings.

If your accommodation has been booked via a third-party booking partner (ie Booking.com, American Express travel, etc), you will need to contact them directly for assistance.

We express our gratitude for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you to the **2020 IHMA Congress in Hobart this October.**

In the meantime, stay safe, and for any questions or clarifications [please get in contact.](#)



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