

**NZ 173(T)/05 NEW ZEALAND – North Island – East Coast – Mercury Bay – Approaches to
Whitianga – Sandbar.**

1. A sandbar has developed in the approaches to Whitianga extending from Pandora Rock (36° 49'.5S., 175° 43'.3E.) to a position one mile northwards.
2. Depths as shallow as one metre have been recorded in position 36° 49'.27S., 175° 43'.14E.
3. Vessels may encounter steep, breaking waves when onshore swell opposes the outgoing tide.
4. Mariners are cautioned to exercise care when navigating in the vicinity.

Charts temporarily affected – NZ 53 – NZ 54 – NZ 531 – NZ 534 – NZ 5318

Whitianga Harbourmaster.
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