



Attention: Commercial Operators, Ferry Operator and Associated Masters

12 January 2012

To whom it may concern

## **City of Perth Australia Day Skyworks 2012 26/01/2012**

The on water coordination for this year City of Perth Australia Day Skyworks will again be from the vessel 'Maritime Image' which will be located at Jetty 1, Barrack St Jetty.

The call-sign will be '**MARINE COMMAND**', and this will be for all vessel movements throughout Perth Waters. Vessel masters can contact Marine Command to request clearance in and out of Perth Waters, to report any problems or obtain information. Contact can be made via **VHF Ch.9** or as an emergency alternative by mobile phone on 0408 925 884. (Only as emergency contact option should mobile phone be used.)

On the 26 January 2012 the following water restrictions will apply:

- Perth Waters will be closed to all vessels not involved with Skyworks between 1645 hours and 2145 hours. (Limited exceptions will apply to those authorised commercial vessels requiring access to Barrack St Jetties and only as directed by MARINE COMMAND)
- No Commercial Vessel will be granted access in or out of Perth Waters from 1930 hours until clearance has been given by the pyrotechnics crew at the completion of the fireworks display and MARINE COMMAND have reopened the waters.
- An 8 knot speed limit and bathing prohibited zone will apply from Quarry Point to the Causeway Bridge, including all of Perth Waters between 1500 hours and 2300 hours.
- Mend Street Channel will be closed between 1245 hours and approximately 2300 hours.
- The Narrows Personal Watercraft Freestyle area will be closed from 1500 hours until sunset.
- The Belmont water ski area will be closed to skiing from 1500 hours until sunset.

All commercial vessels are advised that between 1330 and 1430 hours, 1500 and 1600 hours there will be PWC's associated with the pyrotechnics display commencing rehearsals in Perth Waters and at times could be within the navigation channels. Vessels are advised to keep a good look out and navigate with caution whilst these rehearsals are taking place.

**Clearance must be obtained from MARINE COMMAND on VHF Ch.9 prior to entering or navigating within Perth Waters between 1645 and 2145 hours or until the water are announced open to navigation by MARINE COMMAND.**

All commercial operators are encouraged to pick up their passengers prior to the 1645 hours closure of Perth Waters as total non movement period delays can be expected. All commercial vessels that require access to Barrack Street Jetty after this time are advised that there may be total non movement period delays due to various aquatic events taking place in all of Perth Waters between 1700 and 1930 hours. Commercial masters are required to request clearance prior to reaching the Narrows and Causeway bridges as these vessels may be required to stand off for the safe completion of an aquatic event.

Access into Perth Waters from upstream and downstream will be denied after 1930 hours until clearance has been given by the pyrotechnics crew and MARINE COMMAND at the completion of the fireworks display. This is due to the setup of five pyrotechnic firing PWC's which will be located in the navigation channels.

**MENDS STREET CHANNEL:** On completion of Skyworks, the fireworks pontoons will be left in position within Perth Waters with the exception of the fireworks pontoons impeding the Mends St Channel; these will be removed and secured alongside the remaining pontoons in Perth Waters. Mends St Channel will remain closed until clearance has been given by the pyrotechnics crews to MARINE COMMAND that all barges are clear and the channel is safe for navigation. MARINE COMMAND will make an announcement on VHF Ch16 and 27Meg Ch88 as soon as the Mends St Channel is clear and safe to use. It is expected that Mends St channel will remain closed until at least 2300 hours.

Private spectator craft will again be able to move out of the vessel holding areas both upstream and downstream as soon as the fireworks have been completed and MARINE COMMAND has announced on VHF Ch.16 and 27Meg Ch 88 that the river is open. This should reduce any traffic congestion as experienced in previous years. All Commercial vessels wishing to proceed upstream or downstream on completion of the Skyworks are encouraged to let recreational vessel traffic clear prior to departing.

For additional information and a site map of the spectator vessel viewing areas, please go to [www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine). If you require clarification on any part of this event, please do not hesitate to contact myself on 9431 1005.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Australia Day and safe boating.

Regards

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