



Marine Safety Australia Day Skyworks River Closures and Restrictions

Restrictions and closures

- An 8-knot speed limit will be in place from Quarry Point to the Causeway Bridges including all of Perth Waters from 3pm to 11pm.
- Perth Water will be closed to all vessels from 4:45pm to 9:45pm.
- Vessels are only to anchor or moor in the designated spectator vessel areas as shown on map. The Narrows Bridge main navigation channel (centre arch only) is to be used by all vessels.
- Mend St Channel will be closed from 12:45pm until approximately 11pm.
- No vessel is to move from the spectator vessel areas until the waters have been reopened. An announcement will be broadcast on 27Mhz ch 88 and VHF ch's 9 and 16 when the waters have reopened.
- The Narrows Personal Watercraft Freestyle area will be closed from 3pm to sunset.
- The Belmont ski area will be closed to water skiing from 3pm until sunset on Australia Day.
- Bathing and swimming will be prohibited in Perth Water between the Narrows Bridge and Heirisson Island from 3pm to 11pm.

Marine safety considerations

Have you checked your safety gear? For this event we recommend:

- bucket or bailer;
- fire extinguisher if you have an in board engine or cooking appliances on board;
- life jackets for all on board, (ensure that they are of a suitable size if carrying children); and
- flares.

Flares

There are severe penalties for the improper use of flares. It is an offence to use or set off a distress signal flare except in the case of an emergency.

Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST)

Carry your Recreational Skipper's Ticket with you!

It is an offence to operate a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6hp, without holding a current RST.

Anchoring

Anchoring is only permitted within the four designated Spectator vessel areas. Please kept the channels clear and remain within these areas (*see map overleaf*).

Alcohol

It is an offence to operate a vessel under the influence of alcohol.

On water patrols

Marine Officers and Water Police will be patrolling the area; so if you are unsure of anything feel free to wave a patrol vessel down for assistance. Officers can also be contacted on Channel 9 VHF or Channel 88 on 27MHz.

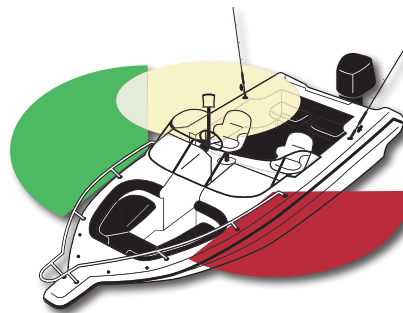
Courtesy

The Skyworks see a lot of vessels coming together into a few confined areas which can often result in congestion. Many people arrive early to get the best positions and to avoid the last minute rush. Please be courteous to other boaters and don't push in.

Navigation lights

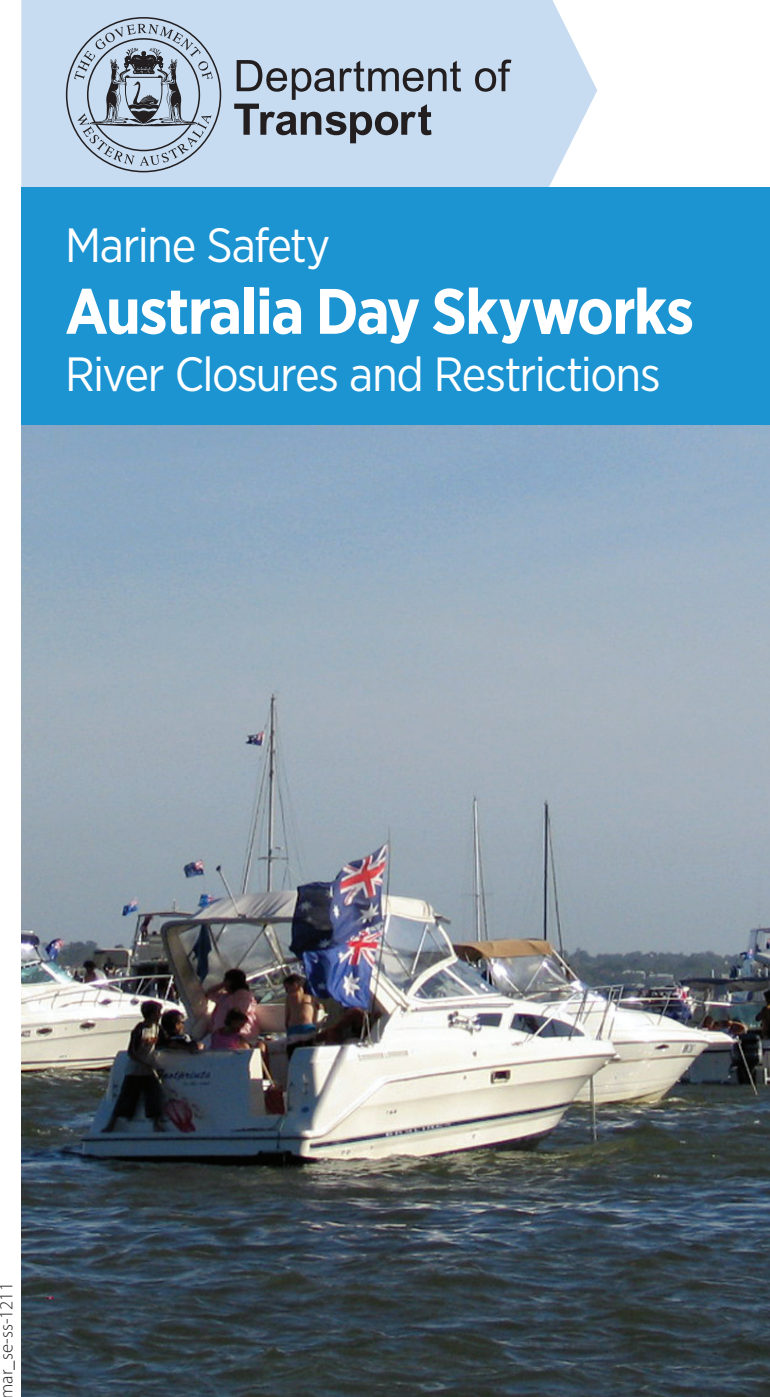
Navigation lights are required to be displayed from sunset to sunrise. Check that your navigational lights are working and are correct for your type of vessel.

- Separate or combined sidelights, a masthead light and a stern light; or
- Separate or combined sidelights, an all round white light.
- Masthead or white all round light shall be carried at least one metre above the sidelights.



Further information about the river closures, spectator areas, safe boating and vessels navigation light requirements can be found on our website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/imagine

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