



Bandy Creek Boat Harbour (Esperance)



The Bandy Creek Boat Harbour is located approximately 10 kilometres to the east of Esperance. Esperance is a large coastal town located 720 kilometres east-southeast of Perth. There are hundreds of islands and reefs to explore. Common water activities include fishing, diving, surfing, sailing, kite surfing, boating and watching marine birds and seals. Charter boats are available for eco tours, fishing and diving tours.

The boat harbour comprises a commercial area on the east side with 28 boat pens, a jetty and a land-backed wharf. Also provided are fuelling and maintenance facilities, a service wharf and public toilets.

The west side, commonly known as the recreational side, has 20 Mediterranean type boat pens and a walkway. Adjacent to the recreational side boat pens is a two lane boat ramp, Summys Park and public toilets. Within Summys Park is a public use barbeque and a fish cleaning table facility. The Esperance Deep Sea Angling Club is also worth visiting.

Although easily accessible by water, the two sides of the harbour are several kilometres from each other by road.

Boating facility fees

Fees are payable for the use of maritime facilities throughout the state. Please refer to the schedule of maritime facilities fees and charges. <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/facilities-and-waterway-fees.asp>

All customers should contact the Department of Transport's (DoT) Esperance office prior to arrival to ensure suitable facilities are available and receive all relevant documentation and facilitate payment.

It is a condition of use that all users comply with DoT's gas, electrical, insurance requirements and terms and conditions. These documents can be found at <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/general-use-requirements.asp>

Waterway

Harbour basin and entrance channel

The normal depth of water within the turning basin of the harbour and at the land backed service wharf is 4.2 metres below datum. Vessels with a draft greater than 3 metres should contact DoT's Esperance office to assist with advice on current depth. Dredging takes place approximately every two years.

The average depth of water in the area of the commercial pens on the east is nominally 3.5 metres.

The average depth of water at the recreational pens on the west of the boat harbour is nominally 2.0 metres, although this increases to 4.2 metres at the outer pens.

Latitude: 47.809
Longitude: -122.391

Boating facilities

Recreational pens

Location	West side of the harbour
Number of pens	20
Lengths	14 x 11 m pens 4 x 15m pens 2 x 12m pens
Services	Single phase power, water and lighting. Pens secured with an entry gate.

Commercial pens

Location	East side of the harbour
Number of pens	26
Lengths	5 x 15 m 16 x 25 m 5 x 20 m
Services	Single phase/ limited three phase power, water, lighting, waste oil facility. Pens secured with an entry gate

Land backed service wharf

Location	East side of the harbour
Lengths	150 metres in length
Services	Single phase power, limited three phase power, water, diesel fuel, waste oil facility and lighting.

Trawler jetty

Location	At the southern end of the land backed service wharf, the “trawler” jetty was constructed in 1989 to provide vessel accommodation for 2 large vessels.
Lengths	30.6 metres
Services	Single, three phase power and water. Pens secured with an entry gate.

Fuelling facilities

Fuel is available from the eastern side of the harbour at the land backed service wharf. The service is provided by Baileys Fuels.

Boat maintenance facilities

The Esperance Professional Fisherman’s Association operates a private slipway on the northern side of the harbour. This slipway is accessible from the eastern side and Bandy Creek road and has a 60 tonne capacity. Slipway operator contact phone numbers are 08 9071 3531 or 0447 760 294

Boat ramp

On the west side of the harbour a two lane boat ramp with catwalk is accessible from Daw Drive.

Other facilities and services

Public toilets

Public toilets and cold water showers are located on the west side of the harbour near the boat ramp. This facility is provided by the Shire of Esperance.

DoT penholders can access an ablution block including male and female, hot and cold shower facilities, on the eastern side of the harbour adjacent to the land backed wharf.

Using marine facilities

Please familiarise yourself with the following information sheets:

- Schedule of marine fees and charges – Coastal Infrastructure Fees
- Live onboard policy
- Electrical, gas and insurance requirements for DoT operated Maritime Facilities
- Code of Conduct
- Esperance Boating Guide
- Vessel Accommodation Terms and Conditions

Marine rescue

All volunteer marine rescue groups monitor radio listening watches on marine radio 27.88 MHz and VHF Channel 16. Most groups also monitor other frequencies such as 27.90 MHz, 27.91 MHz and VHF channels 72 and 73, as well as their own channels.

Don't hesitate to call any volunteer marine rescue group on your marine radio.

Remember to log on before heading out and log off when you return with your local volunteer marine rescue group, for full radio procedure refer to Boat rules at a glance.

Esperance Sea Search & Rescue Group (VMR 601)

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Key contacts and links

Department of Transport

Marine Safety Hotline: 1300 863 308

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Esperance Office

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Police/Fire & Rescue

Emergency

Telephone: 000

Esperance Police Station

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