










## SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

REGISTRABLE VESSELS Including sailing vessels that are or can be propelled by mechanical power.		UNPROTECTED WATERS Beyond 400 metres from the shore.
	<b>PROTECTED WATERS</b> Includes rivers, lakes, estuaries, harbours and waters within 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters but excludes Cambridge Gulf and Lake Argyle.	✓
 <b>Recreational Skipper's Ticket</b> The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6 horsepower must hold an RST.	✓	✓
 <b>Lifejacket Carriage</b> A lifejacket, as indicated in the table opposite, must be carried for every person on board.	Vessels smaller than 4.8m Vessels 4.8m and larger	Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED
 <b>Lifejacket Wearing</b> As indicated in the table opposite.	Children older than one and younger than 12	Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED
 <b>Distress Beacon (in-date)</b> A GPS enabled 406 MHz EPIRB if worn by, at least one person, a GPS enabled PLB. Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with AMSA.	Personal Water Craft	Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN RECOMMENDED
 <b>Red and Orange Flares (in-date)</b> At least two hand held red flares and two hand held orange flares must be carried.	<b>Recommended Additional Safety Equipment</b> It is recommended an anchor and line, a fire extinguisher and a means of removing water be carried.	RECOMMENDED
 <b>Electronic Visual Distress Signal (EVDIS)</b> An electronic signalling device may be carried in lieu of flares IF a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn) is also carried.	<b>Marine Radio</b> A VHF or HF marine radio on any Registrable Vessel when operating more than 4 nautical miles from shore in unprotected waters.	REQUIRED beyond 4 nautical miles RECOMMENDED within 4 nautical miles RECOMMENDED

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Email: [Ed.Boat@transport.wa.gov.au](mailto:Ed.Boat@transport.wa.gov.au)  
Website: [transport.wa.gov.au/marine](http://transport.wa.gov.au/marine)  
Karratha: 6551 6800  
Customer Contact Centre: 13 11 56

### Police

Emergency: 000  
Water Police: 9442 8600  
Department of Fire and Emergency Services  
Marine Rescue Western Australia  
Emergency contact: VHF 16  
Marine Rescue Onslow

### Boating Weather Forecasts

Boating weather: 1300 815 916  
Website: [bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au)

### Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Fishwatch: 1800 815 507  
Website: [dpird.wa.gov.au](http://dpird.wa.gov.au)

### Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Wildcare Helpline

Website: [dbca.wa.gov.au](http://dbca.wa.gov.au)



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### Recreational Skipper's Ticket

A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor of **6 horsepower or less** is not required to hold a Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST).



A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor **greater than 6 horsepower** is required to hold an RST and carry it when boating.

#### Age restrictions

You must be 14 years or older to apply for an RST.

RST holders over 14 but under 16 years of age are restricted to operating during daylight hours at a speed less than 8 knots.

#### Interstate skipper's tickets

If you hold a current interstate ticket, recognised by the Department, and are visiting or permanently relocating to WA, you have three months to have the qualification recognised.

You **must** hold an RST or equivalent to operate a vessel with a motor greater than 6 horsepower in WA, regardless of where your boat is registered.

#### Medical fitness

Skippers are required to alert the Department if they develop a medical condition that affects their ability to safely operate a recreational vessel. More information can be found on our website by searching Recreational Skipper's Ticket or call 13 11 56.

#### Obstruction of channels and leading lines

Cray pots, lines and floats, drop nets, fishing nets, marker buoys or other buoyed objects can not be placed or allowed to remain in any channel or fairway in any port or harbour, or in any channel, fairway or passage in any navigable waters without the permission of the Department.

You also can't anchor or moor a vessel in any channel or fairway, unless the vessel is in distress.

#### Distress beacons (in-date)

**EPIRB** (AS/NZS 4280.1) **or** **PLB** (AS/NZS 4280.2)

Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

When operating more than 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters you must carry a GPS / GNSS enabled EPIRB **or** PLB worn by a person on board.



#### Accident/incident reporting

When an accident results in serious injury or death, or the vessel has been damaged enough to make it unseaworthy or unsafe, the owner or skipper must report full particulars of the incident to the Department (within seven days).

Pick up a special form from the Department's offices, download it from the website or call 13 11 56 for one to be sent out.

#### Maintain a good lookout and a safe speed

Please maintain a good lookout for swimmers, canoes, paddle craft and other vessels. Exercise caution and operate at a safe speed when navigating.

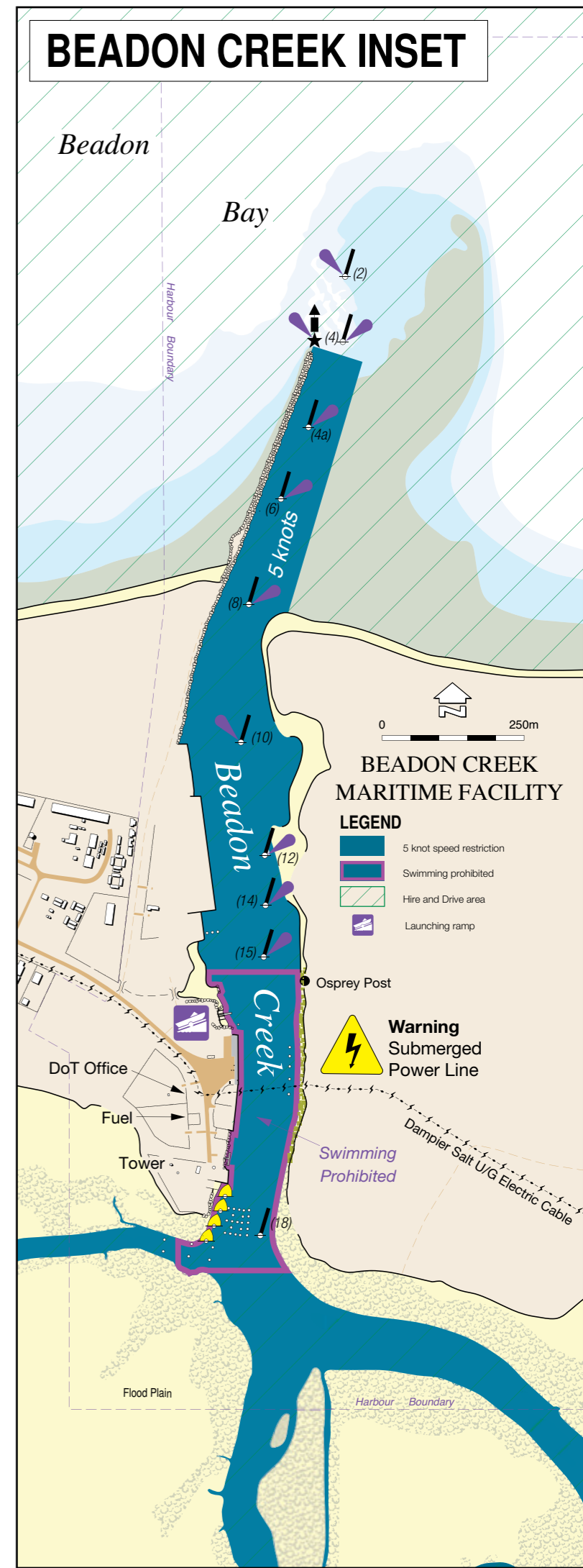


#### Navigation lights

All vessels underway during the hours of sunset to sunrise must display appropriate navigation lights for the size and type of craft.

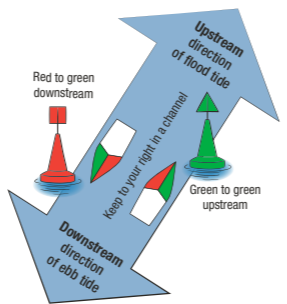
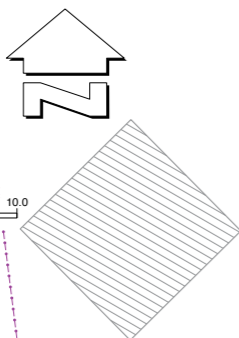
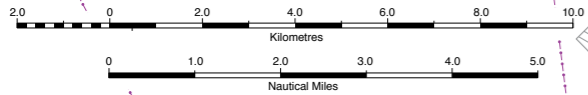
For further information visit our website or call 13 11 56.

## BEADON CREEK INSET



# Onslow

**NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION**  
For more detailed information, refer to the Australian Hydrographic Nautical Chart Aus 743 - North West Coast



## LEGEND

- Shallow Water (0-5 metres at low tide)
- 5 knot speed restriction
- Swimming prohibited
- Hire and Drive area
- Spoil ground
- Port/harbour limits
- Shipping channel
- Submarine pipelines
- Submarine cables
- Production platform
- Monitoring equipment in vicinity
- Launching ramp

**WARNING! - Crocodiles**  
Crocodiles inhabit Pilbara coastal waterways so please exercise caution when launching boats and do not clean fish at the waters edge. Immediately report all crocodile sightings to Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on (08) 9182 2000

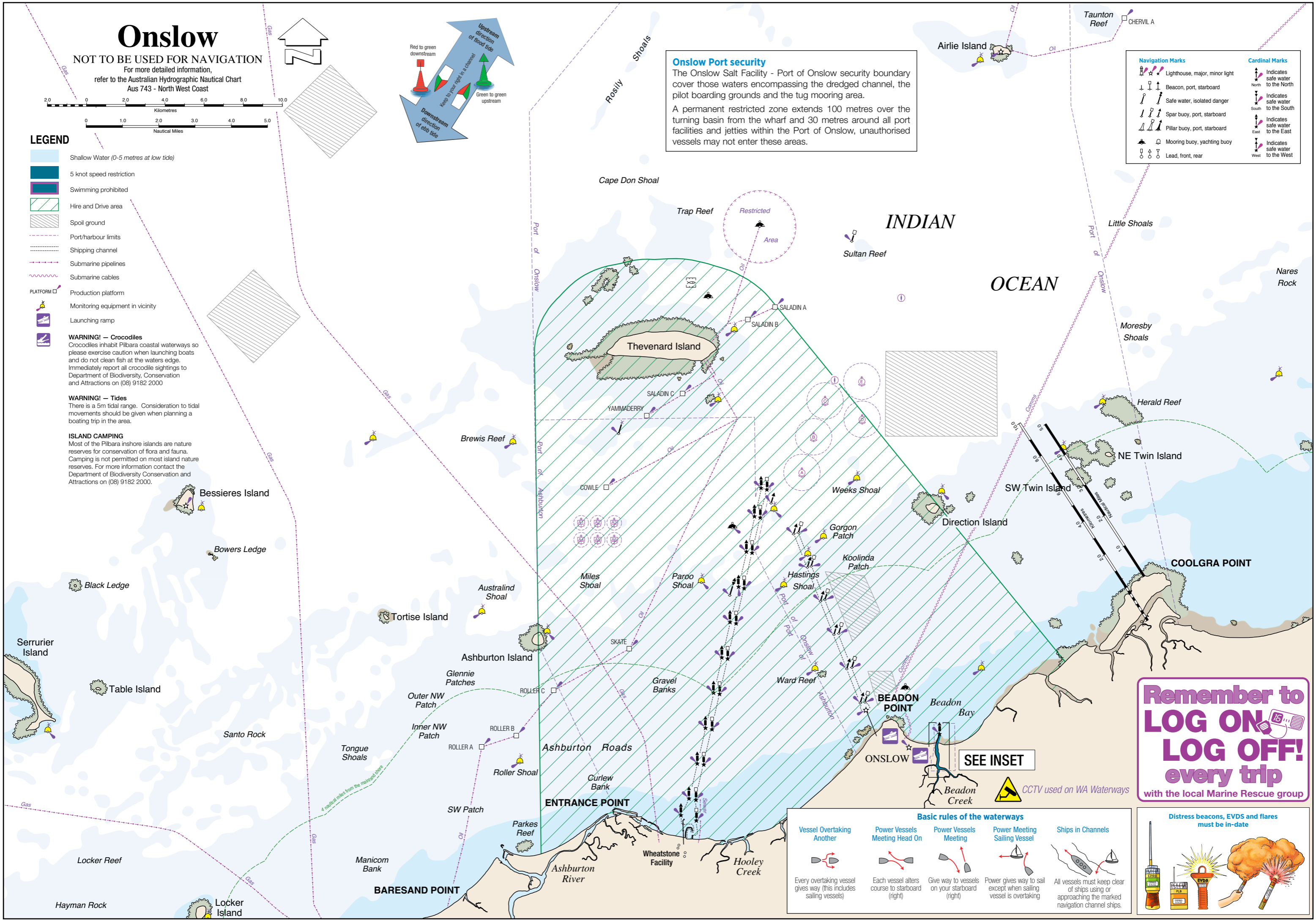
**WARNING! - Tides**  
There is a 5m tidal range. Consideration to tidal movements should be given when planning a boating trip in the area.

**ISLAND CAMPING**  
Most of the Pilbara inshore islands are nature reserves for conservation of flora and fauna. Camping is not permitted on most island nature reserves. For more information contact the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions on (08) 9182 2000.

## Onslow Port security

The Onslow Salt Facility - Port of Onslow security boundary cover those waters encompassing the dredged channel, the pilot boarding grounds and the tug mooring area. A permanent restricted zone extends 100 metres over the turning basin from the wharf and 30 metres around all port facilities and jetties within the Port of Onslow, unauthorised vessels may not enter these areas.

Navigation Marks	Cardinal Marks
Lighthouse, major, minor light	Indicates safe water to the North
Beacon, port, starboard	Indicates safe water to the South
Safe water, isolated danger	Indicates safe water to the East
Spar buoy, port, starboard	Indicates safe water to the West
Pillar buoy, port, starboard	
Mooring buoy, yachting buoy	
Lead, front, rear	



**Remember to LOG ON, LOG OFF! every trip**  
with the local Marine Rescue group

### Basic rules of the waterways

<p><b>Vessel Overtaking Another</b></p> <p>Every overtaking vessel gives way (this includes sailing vessels)</p>	<p><b>Power Vessels Meeting Head On</b></p> <p>Each vessel alters course to starboard (right)</p>	<p><b>Power Vessels Meeting</b></p> <p>Give way to vessels on your starboard (right)</p>	<p><b>Power Meeting Sailing Vessel</b></p> <p>Power gives way to sail except when sailing vessel is overtaking</p>	<p><b>Ships in Channels</b></p> <p>All vessels must keep clear of ships using or approaching the marked navigation channel ships.</p>
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**Distress beacons, EVDS and flares must be in-date**

SEE INSET

CCTV used on WA Waterways