

Boating Guide Carnarvon Denham Marine Safety



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SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

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

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 Emergency: 000
 Carnarvon: 9941 7333
 Denham: 9948 1201
 Water Police: 9442 8600
Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Marine Rescue Western Australia
 Emergency contact: VHF 16
 Marine Rescue Carnarvon
 Marine Rescue Shark Bay
Boating Weather Forecasts
 Boating weather: 1300 815 916
 Website: www.bom.gov.au
Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development
 Fishwatch: 1800 815 507
 Website: www.dpir.wa.gov.au
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
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Recreational Skipper's Ticket

The person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor of **6hp (4.5 kilowatts) or less is not required** to hold a Recreational Skippers Ticket (RST).

A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor **greater than 6hp (4.5 kilowatts)** is required to hold an RST. You are required to carry your RST card when boating.

Age restrictions
 A person under 10 years may not drive a motor boat.
 RST holders over 14 but under 16 years of age are restricted to operating during daylight hours at a speed less than 8 knots.

Diving
 Any boat with divers (not snorkellers) operating from it must always display signals by day or night to alert other boat users. The daytime signal for divers is an International Code Flag "A". The flag must be at least 750 millimetres long and 600 millimetres wide.

Divers operating without a vessel, for example from a jetty, must also display the International Code Flag "A".

The flag can be displayed from a buoy and must not be less than 300 millimetres in length and 200 millimetres in width.

The flag must be clearly visible to all vessels operating in the vicinity.

Vessels to keep clear
 When approaching a place or another vessel displaying the International Code Flag "A" or the appropriate signal during the hours of darkness, you must —

- keep your vessel at least 50 metres clear of that place or vessel; or
- where it is not possible to keep 50 metres clear of that place or vessel —
 - proceed at the slowest speed at which the vessel can be safely navigated; and
 - maintain a proper lookout for people in the water.

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

Personal water craft (PWC)

Every skipper of a PWC must hold an RST. A skipper who is older than 14 but under 16 years of age with an RST can only operate a PWC during daylight hours at a maximum speed of 8 knots.

- Every person on board a PWC must wear a lifejacket (minimum 50S) at all times.
- When travelling beyond 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters you need:
 - a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn).
 - flares or electronic visual distress signal device.
- Beyond 4 nautical miles from shore in unprotected waters a marine radio must also be carried.

Freestyling and wake jumping is prohibited:

- within any speed restricted area;
- within 30 metres of another PWC;
- within 50 metres of another vessel or person in the water.

Kiteboarding and windsurfing

All windsurfers and kiteboarders have a duty of care to ensure their activities are conducted with regard to the prevailing conditions and circumstances and take appropriate action to avoid collisions.

When travelling beyond 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters you need:

- lifejackets (minimum 50S) (must be worn);
- a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn);
- flares.

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Paddle craft

Recreational canoes, kayaks, surf skis, wave skis, inflatables or similar paddle craft that are propelled by a person using a paddle must comply with WA marine laws.

When travelling beyond 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters you need:

- lifejackets (minimum 50S) (must be worn);
- a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn);
- flares.

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

Navigation lights

All vessels underway during the hours of sunset to sunrise must display navigation lights appropriate to the particular size and type of vessel. For further information please visit our website.

General speed restrictions

It is illegal, in any navigable waters, to drive a motor boat at a speed exceeding eight knots, water ski or para-sail:

- through an arch of a bridge;
- in or through a mooring area;
- within 15 metres of a vessel underway;
- within 50 metres of a —
 - moored vessel;
 - person in the water;
 - jetty or wharf;
 - river bank or low water mark.

Vessel registration

Most boats or yachts must be registered with DoT and an annual registration fee is payable.

Vessels that must be registered

If your boat has a motor, or is fitted for one, it must be registered and is subject to an annual registration fee. Yachts, canoes, surf skis and other craft not fitted for a motor, are not required to be registered.

Transfer of ownership

You must advise DoT on the sale (within 7 days) or the acquisition (within 15 days) of any power driven vessel.

GPS validation markers

Global Positioning System (GPS) validation markers are unique visible marks placed at a number of public boat ramps and jetties where mariners and owners of portable GPS units can validate their position and map datum settings. The markers are small, flat and yellow, similar to 'cats eye' road lane markers.

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

Carnarvon Fascine

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

For more detailed information, refer to Department of Transport's Nautical Chart Carnarvon, WA. 982

LEGEND

- Mangroves / Beach
- Shallows
- 5 Knots restricted area
- 8 Knots restricted area
- Open water
- Mooring area
- Launching ramp / Beach launching
- Public toilet / GPS Validation marker
- Parking
- Courtesy mooring

Water skiing prohibited
 Water skiing is prohibited within all the waters of the Fascine. Note: water skiing includes being towed over water on seabiscuits, surfboards and any other aquaplane apparatus.

Caution
 Mariners are advised that the entrance to The Fascine is constantly changing due to the dynamics of sand movement. Care should be taken when navigating in this area.

Basic rules of the waterways

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

Diagram: Navigation in a channel
 Shows a channel with a red buoy (port) and a green buoy (starboard). Arrows indicate 'Upstream direction of flood tide' and 'Downstream direction of ebb tide'. A boat is shown with the instruction 'Keep to your right in a channel'. A green buoy is labeled 'Green to green upstream'.

