

# Safety Equipment Requirements

## Marine Safety



# IT'S TIME TO GET ON BOARD

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHANGES

New safety equipment requirements now apply for recreational vessels in WA.

The changes make it safer on the water and will help save lives.

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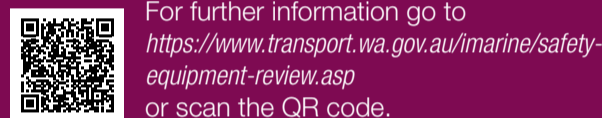
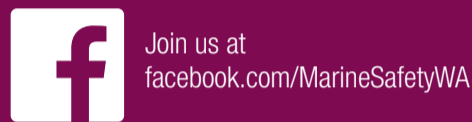
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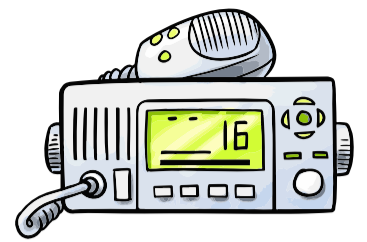
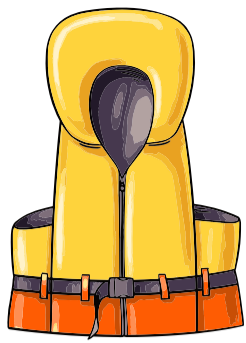
## Safety Equipment Requirements

**REGISTRABLE VESSEL:** Vessels including sailing vessels that are or can be propelled by mechanical power.

**NON-REGISTRABLE VESSEL:** Tenders and sailing dinghies.

	PROTECTED WATERS Includes rivers, lakes, estuaries, harbours and waters within 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters but excludes Cambridge Gulf and Lake Argyle.		UNPROTECTED WATERS Beyond 400 metres from the shore.	
	Registrable Vessels	Non-registrable Vessels	Registrable Vessels	Non-registrable Vessels
<b>Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST)</b> The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6 horsepower must hold an RST.	✓	<b>NOT REQUIRED</b>	✓	<b>NOT REQUIRED</b>
<b>Lifejacket Carriage</b> A lifejacket, as indicated in the table opposite, must be carried for every person on board.	Vessels smaller than 4.8 metres ✓ Minimum Level 100 <b>MUST BE CARRIED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓ Minimum Level 100 <b>MUST BE WORN</b>	✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE WORN</b>
	Vessels 4.8 metres and larger ✓ Minimum Level 100 <b>MUST BE CARRIED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓ Minimum Level 100 <b>MUST BE CARRIED</b>	✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE CARRIED</b>
<b>Lifejacket Wearing</b> As indicated in the table opposite.	Children older than one and younger than 12 ✓ Minimum Level 100 <b>MUST BE CARRIED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓ Minimum Level 100 <b>MUST BE WORN</b>	✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE WORN</b>
	Personal Water Craft ✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE WORN</b>		✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE WORN</b>	
<b>Distress Beacon (in-date)</b> A GPS enabled 406 MHz EPIRB <b>OR</b> if worn by at least one person, a GPS enabled PLB. Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with AMSA.	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓	✓
<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>OR</b> <b>Electronic Visual Distress Signal (EVDS)</b> An electronic signalling device may be carried in lieu of flares <b>IF</b> a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn) is also carried.	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓	✓
<b>Marine Radio</b> A HF or VHF marine radio on any Registrable Vessel when operating <b>more than 4 nautical miles</b> from shore in unprotected waters.	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>REQUIRED</b> beyond 4 nautical miles <b>RECOMMENDED</b> within 4 nautical miles	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>Recommended Additional Safety Equipment</b> It is recommended an anchor and line, a fire extinguisher and a means of removing water be carried.	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>





There have been changes to safety equipment requirements for registered recreational vessels, personal water craft (PWC) and non-registrable tenders and sailing dinghies.

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### Vessel length

The length of a vessel no longer determines how far from the shore it can travel.

It is now the responsibility of the skipper to determine how far from shore it is safe to operate after considering weather conditions, capability of the vessel, including the vessel length, and the experience and ability of the skipper.

### Tenders

A tender is a vessel no more than 3.1 metres long, has a motor no bigger than 5hp, is used only as a lifeboat or for ship to shore transport and displays the registration number of the parent vessel on both sides forward of the transom.

### Areas for vessel use

#### Protected waters

Includes rivers, lakes, estuaries, harbours and waters within 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters but excludes the Cambridge Gulf and Lake Argyle.

#### Unprotected waters

Beyond 400 metres from the shore.



### Tenders/Sailing Dinghies

When operating beyond 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters:

#### Required:

- ✓ lifejackets (must be worn, one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 50S)
- ✓ GPS enabled EPIRB or wearing a PLB
- ✓ flares or EVDS



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Lifejacket Carriage	—	✓ Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN
EPIRB OR PLB - MUST BE WORN	—	✓
Red and Orange Flares (in-date) OR Electronic Visual Distress Signal	—	✓

*See main matrix for more details on the other side of this brochure.*

### Registrable vessels less than 4.8 metres

When operating within protected waters or up to 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters:

#### Required:

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 100)

When operating beyond 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters:

#### Required:

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (must be worn, one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 100)
- ✓ GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn)
- ✓ flares or EVDS
- ✓ marine radio (beyond 4 nautical miles)

### Registrable vessels 4.8 metres and larger

When operating within protected waters or up to 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters:

#### Required:

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 100)

When operating beyond 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters:

#### Required:

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (one suitable for each person on board and must be worn by children older than one and younger than 12 years when above deck, minimum level 100)
- ✓ GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn)
- ✓ flares or EVDS
- ✓ marine radio (beyond 4 nautical miles)

### Personal water craft (PWC)

When operating within protected waters or up to 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters:

#### Required:

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (must be worn, one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 50S)

When operating beyond 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters:

#### Required:

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (must be worn, one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 50S)
- ✓ GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn)
- ✓ flares or EVDS
- ✓ marine radio (beyond 4 nautical miles)



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Recreational Skipper's Ticket	✓	✓
Lifejacket	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE WORN
EPIRB OR PLB - MUST BE WORN	—	✓
Red and Orange Flares (in-date) OR Electronic Visual Distress Signal	—	✓
Marine Radio	—	<b>REQUIRED</b> beyond 4 nautical miles

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EPIRB OR PLB - MUST BE WORN	—	✓
Red and Orange Flares (in-date) OR Electronic Visual Distress Signal	—	✓
Marine Radio	—	<b>REQUIRED</b> beyond 4 nautical miles

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Red and Orange Flares (in-date) OR Electronic Visual Distress Signal	—	✓
Marine Radio	—	<b>REQUIRED</b> beyond 4 nautical miles

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