### Boating Guide

#### Bunbury - Busselton

**Marine Safety**

**Volunteer Marine Rescue Services**

- **Aquista - Augusta Sea Rescue:** VHF 65, (08) 902 3960
- **Bunbury - Bunbury Sea Rescue:** VHF 84, (08) 9727 0305
- **Busselton - Busselton Volunteer Marine Rescue:** VHF 84, (08) 9727 0645
- **Margaret River - Margaret River Volunteer Sea Rescue:** VHF 84, (08) 9727 0645
- **Quindalup - Naturaliste Volunteer Marine Rescue:** VHF 83, (08) 9768 5262

**Rules at a glance**

For safety reasons, rules and regulations apply within Western Australian waters. Before you go boating, make sure you are familiar with the regulations for the area.

**General speed limit restrictions**

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

- through an arch of a bridge;
- in or through a mooring area;
- in any water having a depth of less than 3 metres;
- within 15 metres of a vessel underway;
- within 50 metres of –
  - a moored vessel;
  - a person in the water;
  - a jelly or what;
  - a new bank or low water mark.

**Obstruction of navigation aids, channels and leads**

Drop nets, fishing nets, marker buoys or other buoyed objects claimed the passage of allowed to remain in any channel or lead in any port or harbour, or in any channel, fairway, or passage in any navigable waters without the permission of DTF.

Also, you can’t anchor or moor a vessel in any channel or fairway, unless the vessel is in distress.

**Aids to navigation**

- **Dry Landmarks:** must be at a distance of 200m from a channel leading to any port or harbour. A vessel must be able to see the channel from all angles.
- **Water Safeguards:** are marked with a red light and yellow light. The red light is marked with a single line and yellow light is marked with a double line. The height of the tide throughout the day will vary depending on astronomical and meteorological conditions.

**Volunteer Marine Rescue Services**

- **Contact VMR groups for local information**

**Emergencies**

- **Marine Safety Hotline:** 13 11 56
- **Fire Extinguisher:** must hold an RST (conspic) at all times.
- **Marine Radio**
  - The entrance to the Cut can be undertaken by crossing the Breakwater Light to the Port Marks 1 – 6, then proceeding to Breakwater Light 0 – 3, 0 – 6, 0 – 6, 0 – 6.

**Fire Equipment**

- **Red to green**
  - Port Marks 0 – 1, 0 – 4, 0 – 6, 0 – 6, 0 – 6, 0 – 6

**Other equipment**

- **4280.1 must be carried if proceeding more than 2 miles from the mainland shore**
- **At least two hand held red flares and a smoke canister may be carried**
- **A lifejacket bearing the label Level (4.5kwp) must hold an RST.**
- **Red and Orange Flares**
  - A good skipper plans for a day on the water and organises the trip intentions;

**Volunteer Marine Rescue Services**

- **Augusta (VMR 625):** 0408 907 966
- **Bunbury (VMR 630):** 9792 7106
- **Capel:** 9727 0222 or 0417 953 959
- **Margaret River (VMR 625):** 9727 2453

**For further information scan the QR code below.**

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**Contacts**

Department of Transport

- **Email:** marine.safety@transport.wa.gov.au
- **Website:** www.transport.wa.gov.au/charts

**Boating Weather Forecast**

- **Boating Weather:** 1800 987 360
- **Website:** www.bom.gov.au/marine

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**Areas of interest**

- **Leschenault Estuary.**
  - All vessels have been designated a Port Security Zone. Vessel access within these zones will be controlled and unauthorised vessel entry is prohibited.

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**Footnotes**

1. The information contained in this publication is provided in good faith and believed to be accurate at time of publication. The State shall not be liable for any loss sustained or incurred by anyone relying on this information.
**Dunsborough** – All the area of water within 120 metres of the shoreline at Dunsborough between the northern boundaries of Fleaycation Street and Beach Road. Site of shark net enclosure.

**Castle Rock and Wonnerup Inlet** – All the waters of Geographe Bay between Castle Rock and Wonnerup Inlet except the following - (a) that area of water from a point on the foreshore 100 metres west of the boat launching ramp at the foot of Dolphin Road is a point on the foreshore 100 metres west of the foot of Carey Street and for a distance of 2,000 metres seaward. All the waters within 300 metres offshore except the water within take-off areas labeled 3 to 7, which may be used as take-off and set-down points.

**Quindalup** – Swimming is prohibited from 10 metre west of the boat ramp for 300 metres west along the foreshore and extending 300 metres seaward in a north-north-easterly direction.

**Quindalup** – All the waters contained within an area commencing 100 metres east of the boat ramp comprising for a distance of 150 metres seaward along the foreshore and extending 300 metres seaward in a north-north-easterly direction.

**Sesta Park** – All the waters contained within an area commencing at the Sesta Park Groyne for a distance of 300 metres east along the foreshore and extending 300 metres seaward.

**Abby** – All waters contained within an area commencing 100 metres west of the boat launching ramp at Newton Beach for a distance of 450 metres west along the foreshore and extending 300 metres seaward.

**West Busselton** – All waters contained within an area commencing 100 metres west of the boat launching ramp of the foot of Dolphin Road for a distance of 450 metres west along the foreshore and extending 300 metres seaward.

**East Busselton** – All the waters extending 300 metres seaward from the foreshore between a point 100 metres west of the foot of Carey Street and a point 100 metres west of the foot of Geographe Street.

**Water skiing**

Water skiing involves being towed over water at a speed of 8 knots or more by a motor boat supported on the surface by a ski or skis, an aquaplane or other apparatus, or your feet.

It takes at least three people to go water skiing:

1. A driver of at least 17 years of age that holds a Recreational Skipper’s Ticket.
2. An observer of at least 14 years of age.
3. The person being towed by the vessel.

Vessels taking off with skiers shall give way to vessels landing a skier. Beach take off and landings are only permitted in the designated take off and landing areas.

Skiing is only permitted between the hours of sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise indicated.

**Navigation lights**

All vessels under way during the hours of sunrise to sunset must display navigation lights appropriate to the particular area and type of vessel. For further information please visit our website at www.transport.wa.gov.au/charts

**Diving flag**

Any local with divers operating from it must always display signals by day or night to alert other local users. The daytime signal for divers is an International Code Flag “A”. The flag must be at least 150mm long and 600mm wide. Divers not operating from a vessel or jetty can display the flag from a buoy. If displayed from a buoy, the flag must not be less than 300 mm in length and 200 mm 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 International Code Flag “A” or, during the hours of darkness, you must:

(a) keep your vessel at least 50 metres clear of that place or vessel; or
(b) where it is not possible to keep 50 metres clear of that place or vessel —

(i) proceed at the slowest speed at which your vessel can be safely navigated, and
(ii) maintain a proper lookout for people in the water, whilst passing within 50 metres of the place or vessel displaying the flag or the appropriate signal.

**Paddle Craft**

Recreational canoes, kayaks, surf skis, windsurfers, inflatable or similar paddle craft that are propelled by a person using a paddle must comply with DMA marine rules.

To get a brochure and sticker about the rules call 13 11 56 or visit www.transport.wa.gov.au/paddlesafe

**Kite and windsurfing**

Kites and wind surfers operating more than 400 metres from shore are now required to carry safety equipment. To get a sticker about the rules visit www.transport.wa.gov.au/kitesafe or call 13 11 56.

**Remember to LOG ON, LOG OFF!**

Every trip

Freestyling personal water craft

Freestyle diving, wave jumping and surfing is prohibited in all speed restricted areas in the state. These activities are also prohibited in these water ski take-off and landing areas.

**Water Skiing Prohibited**

Closed waters – all vessels

Swimming prohibited area

Notice to Mariners

Before entering any boating areas please check the Department’s online website for emergency information and emergency website www.transport.wa.gov.au/theflay

**Water Ski take-off areas**

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Free standing personal water craft

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