Vessel registration

Vessels that must be registered
If your vessel has a motor, or is fitted for one, it must be registered with the DoT and will be subject to an annual registration fee. If your vessel is currently registered in another state, you have three months after bringing it into WA to have it transferred.

Exemptions from registration
Recreational vessels that do not have to be registered:
• yachts (unpowered and not fitted with an engine mount);
• canoes; and
• surf skis and other craft without motors and not fitted for one.

Maintain a lookout and a safe speed
Please maintain a good lookout for swimmers, canoes, paddle boats and other vessels. Exercise caution and operate at a safe speed when navigating in this area of the Canning River.

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 a 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.
The placement of crab drop nets in channels or fairways is prohibited without approval from the Department of Transport. To ensure the safety of all users of the Canning River, the following restricted areas shall be deemed fairways during the nominated times.

CRABBING RESTRICTED AREA 1
All waters contained within the marked restricted area from 4am to 9am.

CRABBING RESTRICTED AREA 2
All waters of the Mt Pleasant Water Ski Area from 9am to Sunset during weekends and public holidays.

It is an offence to place crab drop nets in the above restricted areas during the nominated times and offenders can be fined.