Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST)
The person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor of 6hp or less is not required to hold an RST.
A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor greater than 6hp 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 the hours of darkness, the appropriate signal you must —

When approaching a place or another vessel displaying International Code Flag A. The flag must be at least 750mm long and 500mm wide.
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Vessels to keep clear
Vessels less than 3.75 metres in length can’t be taken greater than 200 metres of the place or vessel displaying the flag or the appropriate signal.

Diving
Any boat with divers (not snorkellers) operating from it must always display the daytime signal for divers. The daytime signal for divers is an International Code Flag “A”. The flag must be at least 750mm long and 500mm wide.

Vessels less than 3.75 metres in length can’t be taken greater than 500 metres of the place or vessel displaying the flag or the appropriate signal.

When approaching a place or another vessel displaying International Code Flag “A”, or, during the hours of darkness, the appropriate signal 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.

Required Safety Equipment

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Formal aquatic use areas have been gazetted by the Department of Transport (DoT) on behalf of the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) to improve on-water safety at Christmas Island. The limits and restrictions now in place are designed to ensure all users can share the water safely and skippers are encouraged to become familiar with the new arrangements.

Contact details
Department of Transport
Email: marine.safety@transport.wa.gov.au
Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine
Marine Safety Hotline: 13 11 56

Police
Emergency: 000
Christmas Island: 9164 8444

Hospital
The Indian Ocean Territories Health Services: 9164 8333

Christmas Island Tourism Association and Visitor Information Centre
9164 8332

Christmas Island National Park
www.parkaustralia.gov.au/christmas
9164 8700

Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development
Christmas Island: 9164 8000
Website: www.dpipr.wa.gov.au

Volunteer Marine Rescue Services
0439 215 123
VMR 686: VHF: 80, 81 and 82

Boating Weather Forecast
1900 955 350
Website: www.bom.gov.au/marine

For further information go to www.transport.wa.gov.au/boatingguides or scan the QR Code.

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