Boating Guide Cocos Islands  
Marine Safety

Required safety equipment
Vessels are required to carry certain items of safety equipment. The quantity and type of equipment varies depending on how far offshore you travel, and it is important to understand that these are minimum requirements.

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.

Age restrictions
A person under 10 years may not drive a motor boat.

Personal water craft (PWC)
To operate a PWC at a speed greater than 8 knots you must be at least 16 years of age and hold an RST.

Every person on board a PWC must wear a lifejacket at all times.

At times carry safety equipment:
- Every person on board a PWC must wear a lifejacket at all times.
- At least two hand held red flares and two smoke flares.
- An efficient anchor and line must be carried.
- A 406 MHz EPIRB registered with AMSA.
- At least two Red and Orange Flares.
- A lifejacket bearing the label Level 100.
- At least two fire extinguishers.
- An extinguisher.
- A mainsail, including a forestay, and at least 208 mm in length and 150 mm in width.
- An International Code Flag “A”.

For further information go to: www.transport.wa.gov.au/sticker or scan the QR code.

CAUTION: Vessels are not to anchor, travel or moor within the area indicated, owing to the presence of disused submarine cables.

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Boating Weather Forecast
Boating Weather: 1900 955 350
Volunteer Marine Rescue Service
0406 329 056

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Volunteering for port, harbour and other aid to navigation.

Port Authority mooring, mooring buoys

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Kites and windsurfing
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