

Boating Guide

Kalbarri - Port Gregory

Marine Safety



August 2023

Local knowledge

Navigation of the sand bar at the Kalbarri river mouth can be dangerous and skippers are advised to consider the safety tips included on the chart in this guide.

The Mid West is known for the strong southerly winds that prevail during the summer months. Skippers are advised to check the weather reports before heading out on the water. Winds can blow up quite suddenly and reach speeds of 30 knots, making the return journey hazardous to small vessels.

Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST)

The person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor of **6 horsepower or less** is not required to hold a Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST).



A skipper in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor **greater than 6 horsepower** is required to hold an RST and carry it 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.

Interstate skipper's tickets

If you hold a valid/current interstate ticket, recognised by DoT and you enter, as a visitor or with the intention of permanently residing in Western Australia, you have three months to have the qualification recognised.

For further information visit our website or call 13 11 56.

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 para-sail:

- through an arch of a bridge;
- in or through a mooring area;
- within 15 metres of a vessel underway;
- within 50 metres of -
 - (i) a moored vessel;
 - (ii) a person in the water;
 - (iii) a jetty or wharf;
 - (iv) a river bank or low water mark.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS



	REGISTRABLE VESSELS Including sailing vessels that are or can be propelled by mechanical power.	
	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.
Recreational Skipper's Ticket The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6 horsepower must hold an RST.	✓	✓
Lifejacket Carriage A lifejacket, as indicated in the table opposite, must be carried for every person on board.	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE WORN
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Lifejacket Wearing As indicated in the table opposite.	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE WORN
	✓ Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN	✓ Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN
Distress Beacon (in-date) A GPS enabled 406 MHz EPIRB OR If worn by at least one person, a GPS enabled PLB. Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with AMSA.	RECOMMENDED	✓
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Red and Orange Flares (in-date) At least two hand held red flares and two hand held orange flares must be carried. OR Electronic Visual Distress Signal An electronic signalling device may be carried in lieu of flares IF a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn) is also carried.	RECOMMENDED	✓
	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED beyond 4 nautical miles RECOMMENDED within 4 nautical miles
Marine Radio A HF or VHF marine radio on any Registrable Vessel when operating more than 4 nautical miles from shore in unprotected waters.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
Recommended Additional Safety Equipment It is recommended an anchor and line, a fire extinguisher and a means of removing water be carried.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED

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Contact details

Department of Transport

Email: Ed.Boat@transport.wa.gov.au
Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine
Marine Safety Hotline: 13 11 56

Police

Emergency: 000
Water Police: 9442 8600
Kalbarri: 9936 3000

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Marine Rescue Western Australia
Emergency contact: VHF 16
Marine Rescue Kalbarri

Boating Weather Forecasts

Boating weather: 1300 815 916
Website: www.bom.gov.au

Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development

Fishwatch: 1800 815 507
Website: www.dpir.wa.gov.au

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Website: www.dbca.wa.gov.au



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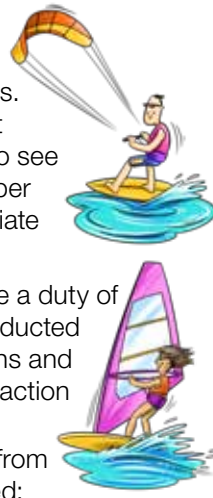
For further information go to
www.transport.wa.gov.au/boatingguides
or scan the QR Code

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Kiteboards and windsurfing

With the onset of the sea breeze windsurfers and kiteboarders congregate at many popular locations. In certain conditions these small, fast moving sailing craft may be difficult to see and skippers need to maintain a proper lookout at all times and take appropriate action.



All windsurfers and kiteboarders have a duty of care to ensure their activities are conducted with regard to the prevailing conditions and circumstances and take appropriate action to avoid collisions.

When travelling beyond 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters you need:

- lifejackets (minimum 50S) (must be worn);
- a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn); and
- flares.

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Aids to navigation

It is illegal to interfere with, remove or damage any beacon, buoy or other artificial aid to navigation. Without permission in writing from the Department of Transport (DoT), it is illegal to secure any vessel to any beacon, buoy, seamark or other aid to navigation.

Obstruction of navigation aids, channels and leads

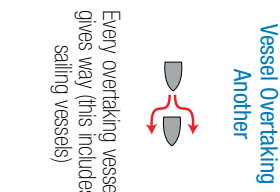
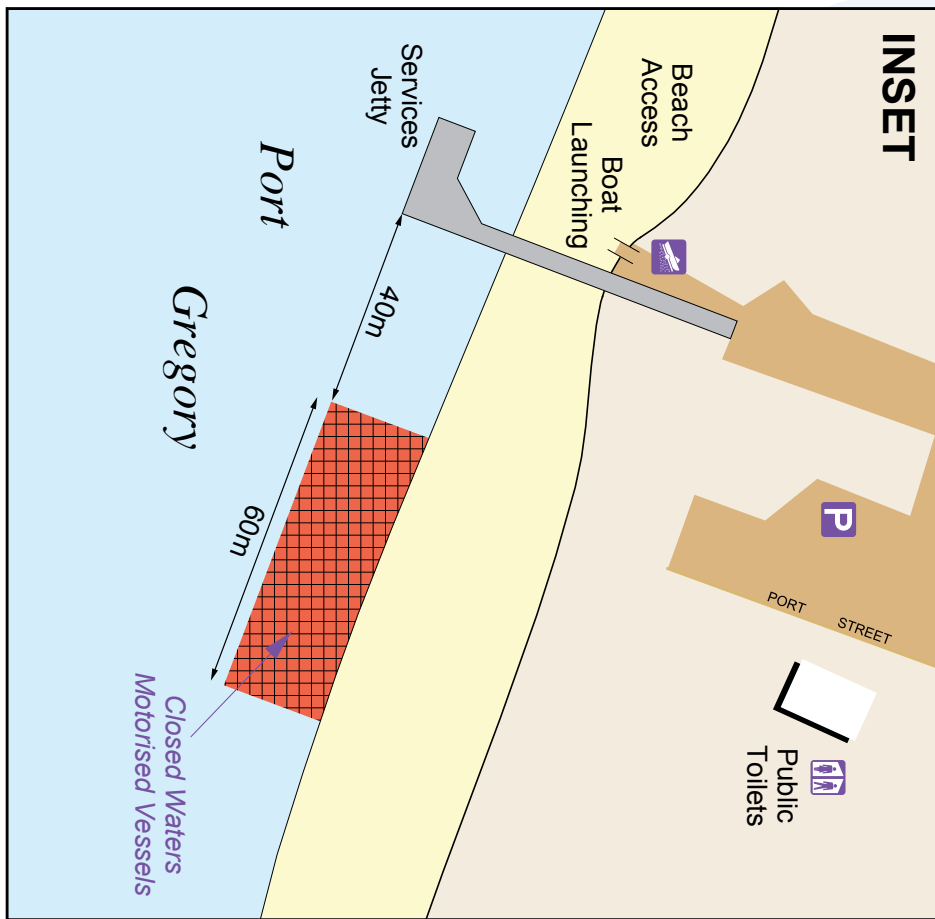
Cray pots, lines and floats, drop nets, fishing nets, marker buoys or other buoyed objects can not be placed or allowed to remain in any channel or fairway in any port or harbour, or in any channel, fairway or passage in any navigable waters without the permission of DoT.

You also can't anchor or moor a vessel in any channel or fairway, unless the vessel is in distress.

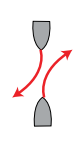
Coast Cameras

DoT maintains a network of cameras in coastal locations to provide boaters and other aquatic users with near live images of the current weather and ocean conditions.

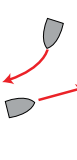
The images are updated every minute and displayed on our website:
www.transport.wa.gov.au/coast-cams



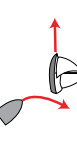
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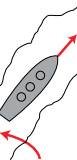
Each vessel alters course to starboard



Vessel having the other to starboard gives right of way

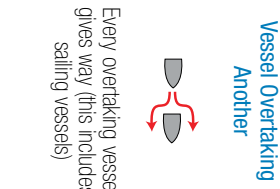


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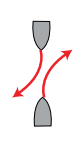


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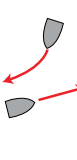
Basic rules of the waterways



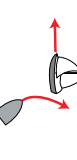
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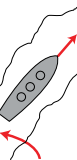
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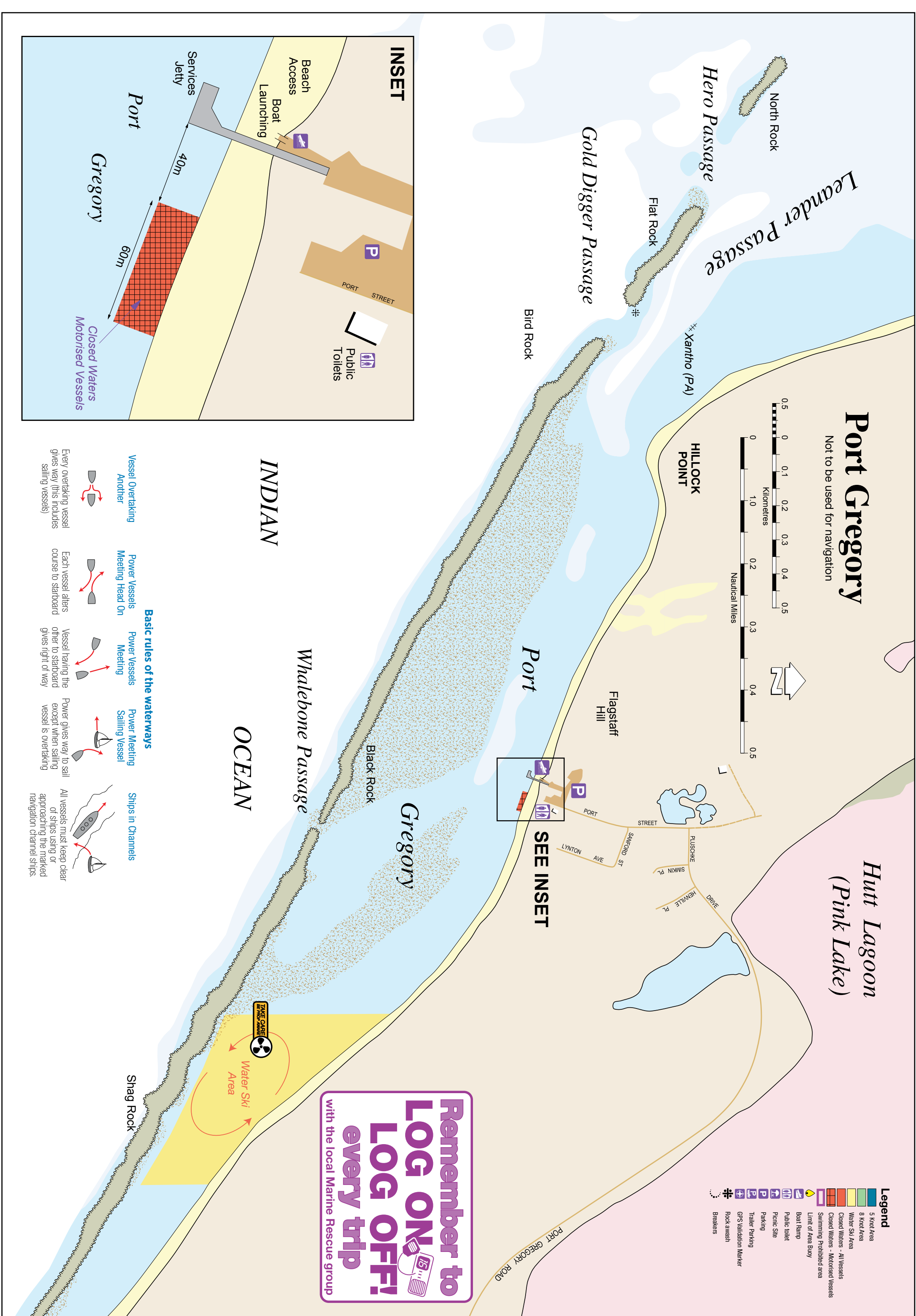
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Power gives way to sail other to starboard



All vessels must keep clear of ships using or approaching the marked navigation channel ships



Kalbarri

Not to be used for navigation

0 50 100 150 200m



Legend

- 5 Knot Area
- 8 Knot Area
- Water Ski Area
- Closed Waters - All Vessels
- Closed Waters - Motorised Vessels
- Swimming Prohibited area
- Limit of Area Buoy
- Boat Ramp
- Public toilet
- Picnic Site
- Parking
- Trailer Parking
- GPS Validation Marker
- Rock awash
- Breakers

CCTV used on WA Waterways

CAUTION
DANGEROUS RIVERMOUTH ENTRANCE
BREAKING WAVES
SHIFTING SANDS
STRONG CURRENTS
NAVIGATE WITH EXTREME CAUTION

PASS NORTH OF MARKER

Recommended

CAUTION
BREAKING WAVES

Closed Waters
Motorised
Vessels

8 knots

River

Marina

Wharf

Service
Jetty

Make a difference
**MAINTAIN AND WEAR
YOUR LIFEJACKET**

CLOTWORTHY
STREET

GREY
STREET

AUGER
STREET

COLES
STREET

WOODS
STREET

Boat Hire

STREET

PORTER
STREET

GREY

CHINAMANS
DRIVE

CHINAMANS

Chinamans
Beach

Track

8 knots

20m

Oyster
Reef

Murchison

Gantheaume
Bay

Diving

Any boat with divers (not snorkellers) operating from it must always display signals by day or night to alert other boat users. The daytime signal for divers is an International Code Flag "A". The flag must be at least 750 millimetres long and 600 millimetres wide.

Divers operating without a vessel, for example from a jetty, must also display the International Code Flag "A".

The flag can be displayed from a buoy and must not be less than 300 millimetres in length and 200 millimetres 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 the International Code Flag "A" or the appropriate signal during the hours of darkness, you must —

- keep your vessel at least 50 metres clear of that place or vessel; or
- where it is not possible to keep 50 metres clear of that place or vessel —
 - proceed at the slowest speed at which the vessel can be safely navigated; and
 - maintain a proper lookout for people in the water.

For further information visit our website or call 13 11 56.



Diver Below
Keep Clear 50 Metres

Distress beacons (in-date)

EPIRB (AS/NZS 4280.1) or PLB (AS/NZS 4280.2)

Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

When operating more than 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters you must carry a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB worn by a person on board.

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Maintain a good lookout and a safe speed

Please maintain a good lookout for swimmers, canoes, paddle craft and other vessels. Exercise caution and operate at a safe speed when navigating.



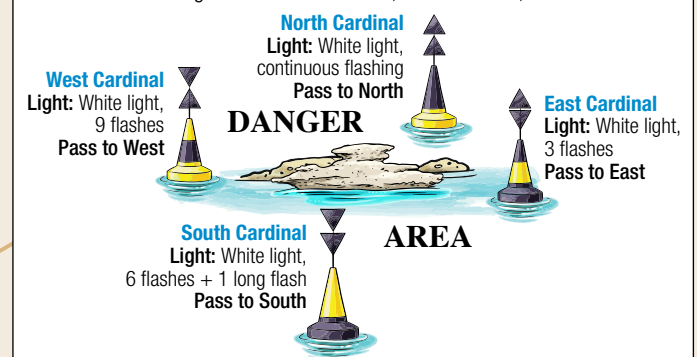
Navigation lights

All vessels underway during the hours of sunset to sunrise must display appropriate navigation lights for the size and type of craft.

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Cardinal marks

Used to indicate that deeper water lies in a compass direction away from a danger area such as a reef, shallow areas, etc.



**Remember to
LOG ON
LOG OFF!
every trip**
with the local Marine Rescue group

Cross the bar safely

Follow these important safety tips:

- Seek local knowledge about the bar
- Check the weather, tide and bar conditions for departure and return
- Check your engines and controls
- Secure all hatches and loose items eg. the anchor
- Have required safety gear easily accessible
- Make sure everyone on board is **wearing an appropriate lifejacket**
- Safety brief your passengers
- Log on/off
- Stop** near the bar and observe wave conditions
- Approach the bar with caution
Look for dangerous sets of waves
If in doubt, **don't go out**
- Keep a vigilant lookout at all times.

