Boating Guide

Onslow

Marine Safety

Contact details
Department of Transport
Email: marine.safety@transport.wa.gov.au
Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine
Karratha: 6551 6800
Marine Safety Hotline: 13 11 56

Boating Weather Forecast
Boating Weather: 1900 965 350
Website: www.bom.gov.au/marine

Volunteer Marine Rescue Services
Emergency contact: VHF 16 and 27 Mhz
Onslow: (VMR 683) 0429 688 714

Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development
Website: www.fish.wa.gov.au
Karratha: 9144 4337

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Website: www.dpaw.wa.gov.au
Karratha: 9182 2000

Shire of Ashburton
Onslow: 9184 6001
Torn Price: 9188 4444

Safety Equipment

Recreational Skipper's Ticket
The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6hp (4.5kwp) must hold an RST.

Lifejacket
A lifejacket must be carried for every person onboard.

Anchor and Line
An anchor and line must be carried.

Fire Extinguisher
Vessels with an inboard engine or carrying hydrocarbon heating or cooling appliances must carry an approved fire extinguisher.

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Police
Onslow: 9159 9100
Karratha: 9143 7200

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Karratha: 6551 6800

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Diving Flag
A diving flag must be clearly visible to all vessels operating in any navigable waters without the permission of DoT. Divers not operating from a vessel or jetty can display the International Code Flag "A". The flag must be at least 750mm long and 600mm wide. Any boat with divers operating from it must display signals by day or night to inform other boat users. The flag must be a red circular disc 300mm in diameter with a white border.

Navigation lights
A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor greater than 6hp (4.5 kW) must display a red light to port, a green light to starboard and a white light in a vertical line above the red and green lights. These lights must be less than 30mm in diameter and be from 250mm to 400mm above the keel, not less than 8 knots.

Age restrictions
You are required to carry your RST card when boating.

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

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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 Skipper’s Ticket (RST).

A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor greater than 6hp (4.5 kilowatts) 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 daylight hours at a speed less than 8 knots.

Navigation lights

All vessels underway during the hours of sunset to sunrise must display navigation lights appropriate to the particular size and type of vessel. For further information please visit our website.

Diving flag

Any boat with divers operating from it must always display signals by day or night to inform other boat users. The daytime signal for divers is an International Code Flag “A”. The flag must be at least 750mm long and 600mm wide.

Divers operating without a vessel, for example from a jetty, must display the International Code Flag “A”. The flag must be at least 750mm 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 300mm long and 200mm wide.

The flag must be clearly visible to all vessels operating in the vicinity.

Obstruction of channels and leads

Drop nets, fishing nets, marker buoys or other buoied objects cannot 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.

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

Accident/incident reporting

When an accident results in serious injury or death, or the vessel has been damaged enough to make it unseaworthy or unsafe, the owner or skipper must report full particulars of the incident to the DoT (within seven days). Pick up a special form from the Department’s offices, download it from the website or call 13 11 56 for one to be sent out.
Onslow Port security

The Onslow Port security boundary cover those waters encompassing the dredged channel, the pilot boarding grounds and the tug mooring area.

A permanent restricted zone extends 100 metres over the turning basin from the wharf and 30 metres around all port facilities and jetties within the Port of Onslow, unauthorised vessels may not enter these areas.