Boating Guide
Port Hedland
Marine Safety

Contact details
Department of Transport
Email: marina.safety@transport.wa.gov.au
Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine
Kamala: 9159 6800
Marine Safety Hotline: 13 11 66

Weather Forecast
Boating Weather: 1900 955 350
Website: www.dpaw.wa.gov.au

For more detailed information, refer to the Australian Hydrographic Nautical Charts

Legend

GPS Validation Marker

Water Ski Area

TAKE CARE

Water Warning: Tidal ski area, ski only when tide permits

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MarineSafetyWA

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

March 2017

Water skiing

Water skiing involves being towed over water at a speed of 8 knots or more by a motor boat supported on the surface by a ski or skis, an aquaplane or other apparatus, or your feet.

It takes at least three people to go water skiing:
1. A driver of at least 17 years of age with a Recreational Skipper’s Ticket (RST).
2. An observer of at least 14 years of age.
3. The person being towed by the vessel.

Vessels taking off with skiers always give way to vessels landing a skier.

Beach take off and landings are only permitted in the designated take off and landing areas.

Skiing is only permitted between the hours of sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise indicated.

For further information go to www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine

Volunteer Marine Rescue Service
Port Hedland: (VMR691) 9173 3055, 0407 476 096
Website: www.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Department of Parks and Wildlife
Website: www.dpaw.wa.gov.au
Kamala: 9158 3597

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Nautical Miles
Kilometres

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Salt Water Police: 9442 8600
Boating Weather: 1900 955 350
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Note:
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Safety Equipment

Lifejacket

An efficient anchor and line must be carried in lieu of the smoke flares.

ISO 12402 must be carried for every lifejacket carried. Two parachute flares may be carried. Two parachute flares may be carried. Two parachute flares may be carried. Two parachute flares may be carried.

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**WARNING - Tropical cyclone region**

The north west of Western Australia experiences more severe cyclones than any other part of the Australian coastline and is one of the most cyclone-prone coasts anywhere in the world.

The cyclone season extends from November through to April, but most coastal impacts occur in the period from January to March.

Check the weather before heading out.

**Tides**

Port Hedland experiences a very large tidal range – up to six metres rise and fall every six hours on spring tides.

The times and ranges of large tides can determine whether launching and retrieval is possible as these tides are large enough to make some ramps unusable at certain times.

The currents created by these large tides – known as tidal streams – can run as fast as 1.5 knots in the Pilbara. This can impact on your fuel consumption so plan ahead.

Make sure you check the tide charts before your boating trip. Vessels may request the current tide height by calling the Port Hedland harbour on VHF Channel 16.

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**Age restrictions**

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**RST holders over 14 but under 16 years of age are restricted to operating during daylight hours at a speed less than 8 knots.**

**Vessel Registration**

Most boats or yachts must be registered with DoT and an annual registration fee is payable.

Vessels that must be registered

If your boat has a motor, or is fitted for one, it must be registered and is subject to an annual registration fee. Yachts, canoes, surf skis and other craft not fitted for a motor are not required to be registered.

Placement of the registration sticker

To be displayed on the port (left) side of the vessel, outside and immediately adjacent to the registration number.

**Interstate ticket and boat registration**

Any skipper operating a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6hp must hold a WA Recreational Skipper’s Ticket (RST) or interstate or overseas equivalent.

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 the State, you have three months to have the qualification recognised.

If your boat is registered in another State, you have three months to have the registration number recognised by DoT and an annual registration fee is payable.

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**Tours and excursions**

**Interstate ticket and boat registration**

- name
- registration number or call sign
- departure point
- destination
- trip intentions
- number of people on board
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Contact Port Hedland VMR (VMR691) on channel 16 VHF or 27 mHz 88.

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**Basic rules of the waterways**

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