Personal water craft
To operate a personal water craft (PWC) at a speed greater than 10 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 and at all times carry safety equipment:
- Vessel under 3.75m must not navigate more than 5 n miles from the mainland shore or more than 2 miles from land or other artificial aid to navigation or to secure any vessel to any navigable waters without the permission of DoT.
- Within 400 metres of the island – Limited Vessel (750 mm x 600 mm) and an in dock fours boating radio (EPIRB) and emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB).
- Freediving and wake-jumping is prohibited:
  - within any restricted area
  - within 50 metres of another PWC.

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 with DoT. A small craft (under 5.0m) or a craft that is not fitted for a motor are not required to be registered.
Transfer of ownership
You must advise DoT of the sale (within 7 days) of the acquisition (within 7 days) of any power driven vessel.

Diving flag
Any boat with divers operating from it must always display a dive signal by day or night to alert other boat users. The day/night signal for divers is an International Code Flag “A”. The flag must be at least 700mm long and 600mm wide.
Divers operating without a vessel, for example from a jetty, must also display the International Code Flag “A”. The flag must be at least 700mm 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.

Vessels to keep clear
When approaching a place or another vessel displaying International Code Flag “X” or, during the hours of darkness you must:
(a) keep your vessel at least 50 metres clear; or
(b) where it is not possible to keep 50 metres clear —
   (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.

Leads
Leads are a pair of marks that when aligned form a triangle. They are often used for the purposes of anchorages or for marking areas such as Rottnest Island (Rottnest Island) instead of a lead line. You are required to keep the rear lead directly above the front lead.

Lights
If, by reason, they may use any colours. The chart will have the details.