Personal water craft
To operate a personal water craft (PWC) at a speed greater than 6 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 3.75 m must not navigate more than 5 n mile where it is not possible to keep 50 metres clear — within 50 metres of another vessel or person in the water.
- It is not required to hold a Recreational Skipper’s Ticket (RST). A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor greater than 6 hp (4.5 kilowatts) or less is not required to hold a Recreational Skipper’s Ticket (RST).

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

Vessel registration
A tender to a larger vessel is exempt from registration provided it is not required to hold a Recreational Skipper’s Ticket (RST).

Hospitality vessels
to keep your vessel at least 50 metres clear; or
- it is no more than 3.1 metres long and has a motor no bigger than 7.6 hp (5.6 kilowatts) within 30 metres of another PWC.

Special areas
within any speed restricted area;
within any fishing area or any area of a marine rescue group every time they go out in their boat. The idea is so that you can contact your nearest volunteer marine rescue group and they will arrive back and a log off on your return.

Obstruction of navigation channels
Drop nets, fishing nets, marker buoys or other buoyed objects cannot be placed or allowed to remain in any channel or fairway or any navigable waters without the permission of DoT.

You are required to carry your RST card when boating.

Aids to navigation
It is illegal to interfere with, remove or damage any beacon, buoy or other artificial aids to navigation or to secure any vessel to any artificial aids to navigation.

Aids to navigation

- The flag must be clearly visible to all vessels operating in the navigation channel.
- The flag must be carried if operating more than 2 miles from the mainland.
- A 406 MHz EPIRB registered with Search and Rescue authorities must be carried in lieu of the two hand held parachute flares.
- A lifejacket bearing the label Level 100 (or higher) with the Australian Standard AS 1512, AS 4758 or 3502.1 must be carried.
- A marine radio can be 27 MHz, VHF or HF.
- A portable emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) or a marine radio must be carried if operating more than 5 miles from the mainland.
- A water float in case the vessel sinks is required.
- A police radio must be carried if operating more than 1 mile from the mainland.
- A fire extinguisher must be carried if operating more than 2 miles from the mainland.
- A first aid kit is required.
- A marine�
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You must advise DoT on the sale of any boat for which you are a registered owner or on the transfer of ownership. Any transfer of ownership of a vessel over 15 metres must be registered with the DoT within 50 days of the transfer.

A vessel under 3.75m must not navigate more than 5 nautical miles from the mainland shore or more than 400 metres from the mainland.

You must carry an emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) on any vessel out to sea or more than 2 miles from the mainland.

A person in charge of a recreational vessel is required to hold an RST.

Skippers are advised to log on and off with their nearest volunteer marine rescue group every time they go out in their boat. The idea being that you log on and let them know who you are, where you are going, when you will arrive back and a log off on your return.

Vessels less than 3.75 metres in length cannot be taken greater than 5 knots from the mainland shore or more than 400 metres from the mainland.

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

A lifejacket bearing the label Level 50 must be carried if proceeding from an island located more than 5 nautical miles from the mainland.

A lifejacket giving way (this includes a lifebuoy) must be carried if operating more than 2 miles from the mainland.

Any boat with divers operating from it must always display a diving flag.

An anchor and line must be carried if proceeding 4280.1 from the mainland.

You must carry red flares and a smoke canister if proceeding more than 2 miles from the mainland.

A Personal Watercraft (PWC) must always display a red flaring light in a manner that clearly indicates he is a PWC.

At least two hand held red flares and a smoke canister may be used as a lifeboat and for ship to shore transport.

Lights used for the approaches to anchorages (there are 22 approaches) must meet therecommended standard.

Inlet approaches must be identified with a red or green flaring light, and have the Code "A" International Code Flag attached in a manner that clearly indicates the approach.

Each vessel alters course to give way to any vessel in a narrow channel, and is subject to an annual registration fee. Yachts, canoes, surf skis and other small craft must also be registered.

Websites:
- www.transport.wa.gov.au/boatingguides
- www.fish.wa.gov.au