Ski signals

Waiting to take-off with a skier
Driver’s signal
When waiting for a safe opportunity to take-off with a skier, the skipper should signal to vessels in the area that they do not intend to move until it’s clear. This is indicated by holding both hands in the air showing that they are not on the boat’s controls.

Skier down
Observer’s signal
The observer only should hold one arm straight up in the air to indicate to other vessels that the skier has fallen off and is in the water.
Vessels seeing this signal should keep a good lookout for the skier in the water.

Skier down and is OK
Skier’s signal
A fallen skier who has sustained no injuries should indicate that they are OK by raising both arms into the air.
If the observer does not see this signal, they should inform the skipper to return to the skier as quickly and safely as possible.

Wellington National Park

No pets allowed.
The Wellington Dam is within the Wellington National Park and pets are not permitted

Off-road vehicle area.
Only the following is permitted:
- Vehicles licensed for the road.
- Driven by licensed drivers
- Driven or ridden on formed roads (not tracks)

Be clean.
Put your litter in bins where provided or, better still, take it with you when you leave

Required safety equipment for Wellington Dam

- Recreational Skipper’s Ticket
  The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6 hp (4.5kwp) must hold an RST.
- Bilge Pump/Bailer
  All vessels must carry a bilge pump. Vessels under 7 metres may carry a bailer in lieu of a bilge pump.
- Fire Extinguisher
  Vessels with an inboard engine or carrying hydrocarbon heating or cooling appliances must carry an approved fire extinguisher.
- Lifejacket
  A lifejacket bearing the label Level 100 (or higher) with the Australian Standard AS 1512, AS 4758 or ISO 12402 must be carried for every person onboard.

Contact details

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

Police
District Police Station - Collie: 9734 6333
Water Police: 9442 8600

Department of Parks and Wildlife
Collie Office: 9735 1988
Website: www.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Hospital
Collie Hospital: 9735 1333

Boating Weather Forecast
Boating weather: 1900 955 350
Website: www.bom.gov.au/marine

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

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**Water skiing**

On Wellington Dam water skiing is permitted within the approved area shown when the official water level is equal to, or higher than, 158 metres Australian Height Datum (AHD). The water ski area is closed when the official water level falls below this level.

Water skiing is permitted between SUNRISE and SUNSET only.

A 5 knot speed restriction applies at all other times.

Water skiing is to be carried out in an anti-clockwise direction.

**The water ski area is for deep water take off only. The take off and landing of skiers from shore is prohibited.**

Yellow marker buoys show the boundary of the area.

Water skiing is when a person(s) is being towed behind a vessel at a speed of 8 knots or more.

At least three people are required to go water skiing:

1. A driver of at least 17 years of age who hold a RST;
2. An observer of at least 14 years of age;
3. A skier who is being towed by the vessel.

**Distance behind a skier**

You must not drive any closer than 50 metres directly behind a skier or any other boat.

**Observer**

There must be an observer on board, at least 14 years old, who constantly watches the skier.

**Closed waters to all vessels**

All waters of Wellington Dam extending to 200m east of the dam wall are closed to all vessels at all times.

**Closed waters to motorised vessels**

All waters of Wellington Dam east of the 5 knot speed restriction area are closed to navigation of motorised vessels at all times, except for Western Australian Government Vessels or vessels solely propelled by an electric motor.

All waters of Wellington Dam east of Potters Gorge camp ground extending to 100m are closed to navigation of motorised vessels at all times.

**Personal water craft (PWC)**

PWCs are not allowed to freestyle, wave jump and surf on any waters of Wellington Dam at any time.

All waters of Wellington Dam are closed to PWC when the official water level falls below 158 metres (AHD).

PWC can only be used to conduct water ski activities within the designated water ski area.

The closed water areas and 5 knot speed limit apply to PWC.