Boating Guide
Waroona Dam
Marine Safety

Water skiing rules and regulations
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:

The skipper
To be the skipper of a vessel, with a motor over 6 hp, engaged in water skiing you:
- must hold an Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST), or be supervised by an RST holder who is at least 18 years of age; and
- must be at least 17 years of age.
The skipper is responsible for abiding by the rules and regulations and for the safety of the vessel, passengers and skiers.

Vessels taking off with skiers always give way to vessels towing skiers and reporting all matters affecting the towed skiers.

The observer
As the observer you:
- must be at least 14 years of age;
- have the prime responsibility of observing the towed skiers and reporting all matters affecting them to the skipper;
- alert the skipper about other vessels approaching from behind; and
- should be familiar with the standard hand signals.

The skier
Skiers can be any age. It is recommended they wear an approved Level 50 or 50S lifejacket while skiing.

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

Waroona Dam restrictions and closures
Water levels
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All waters within 200 metres of the dam wall are closed after which the ski areas revert back to 5 knots.

Personal water craft
Personal water craft (PWC) free-style driving, wave jumping and surfing are prohibited on these dams at all times.

Freestyling is operating a PWC in a way that the skipper of another vessel would be unable to predict its course or speed in order to avoid a collision, this includes doughnuts, 180 degree turns, branches and rocks. Please use extreme caution.

5 knot speed restriction
All waters are restricted to 5 knots except within the designated water ski area during the hours of sunrise to sunset after which the ski areas revert back to 5 knots.

Closed waters
All waters within 200 metres of the dam wall are closed at all times including sail and paddle craft at all times.

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.

Dropping off a skier
Driver's signal
When returning a skier to the shore the driver should indicate this by the raising and lowering of a hand above the head.

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.

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 hands 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.

Remember the rules
Dogs must be on a leash
Off-road vehicle prohibited
Permitted:
- Vehicles licensed for the road - driven by licensed drivers.
- 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

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Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine
Marine Safety Hotline: 13 11 56

Boating Weather Forecast
Boating weather: 1300 659 210

Police
Water Police: 9442 8600
Emergency: 000
Waroona Police: 9733 1230
Harvey Police: 9762 4111

Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development
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Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
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