



Live onboard policy

Who does this policy apply to?

Subject to the following, boat users, for both commercial and recreational purposes, who moor their vessel at a maritime facility managed by the Department of Transport, may choose to stay overnight on their vessel for up to six consecutive days and up to 10 days per calendar month as part of their general pen/mooring licence conditions.

Any overnight stays onboard a vessel over this period will become subject to this policy.

For the purposes of this policy, any person who occupies a vessel moored in a Department managed harbour or maritime facility over this allotted time is considered to be "living on board".

Conditions for living on board

Living on board arrangements must be approved by the Department beforehand in writing.

Applications should be made to the Regional Office (or Harbour Office if within the Metropolitan area) where the maritime facility is located.

Generally, applications to live on board will only be considered where:

- Boat pens or other moorings are available for such use at this maritime facility,
- The maritime facility has adequate amenities and waste disposal facilities available,
- The boat owner (or occupier/s) are prepared to abide by DoT's "Code of Conduct for Mooring Occupancy", and
- Payment is made for the period of occupancy in accordance with DoT's published "Schedule of Charges".

The number of persons allowed to live on board a vessel at the same time will be subject to how many each vessel is able to safely and comfortably accommodate.

Number of live on board approvals within a maritime facility

The total number of live on board approvals at a particular location will depend on the availability of suitable onshore toilet and ablution facilities, but generally will not exceed ten per cent (10%) of the total number of available moorings within the maritime facility. For purposes of this statement, Challenger Harbour is considered to be part of the overall Fremantle Boat Harbour's location.

Bona fide boat travellers

The Department will provide for bona fide boat travellers visiting or travelling around Western Australia to live on board their vessel in any of its public boat harbours for a period of up to 6 months, subject to the above conditions.

Commercial vessels moored adjacent to leased areas within a maritime facility

Where a vessel is moored adjacent to or within a privately leased area located within a Department managed maritime facility, live on board arrangements will be approved subject to appropriate amenities and waste disposal facilities existing within the leased premises and the above conditions.

Commercial vessels working in and around Western Australia

Where a vessel, commercial or otherwise, is travelling between multiple maritime facilities within Western Australia, the number of days of overnight occupancy is counted for each maritime facility individually, without reference to overnight stays at any other maritime facility that may have occurred within the same calendar month.

Applications for live on board arrangements must be made in respect to each maritime facility separately where the overnight occupancy is expected to exceed the number of days allowed within general pen/mooring licence conditions. These applications will each be subject to the above conditions.

Duration of live on board arrangements

The Department does not provide facilities in its boat harbours for persons to live permanently on board their vessel.

However, persons wishing to live on board their vessel for a period in excess of 6 months may have such an application considered where special circumstances exist on a monthly live on board tenancy at some locations. This will be in circumstances where the Regional Coordinator can provide sufficient space within the overall 10% live on board quota, without disadvantaging bona fide travellers, and where the live on board tenant is prepared to comply with the Department's Code of Conduct and pay the scheduled monthly fee.