



Department of
Transport

Safe Boating

Marine Safety



**YOU'RE THE SKIPPER
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE**





To ensure the safety of all boaters, skippers need to be familiar with the rules and regulations that apply within WA waters.

Duty of care is an important part of a

- are responsible for the safety of your vessel, crew and passengers;
- must not endanger any other vessel; and
- must be ready to assist others who need help.



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/rules

Marine Radios

A marine band radio is required to go more than five nautical miles from the mainland shore.

The choice of radio is up to you, it can be 27MHz, VHF or HF.

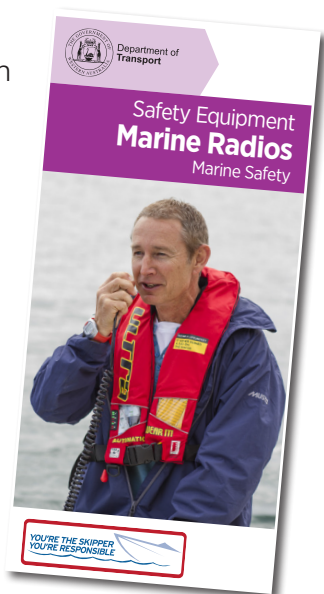
When at sea, you must have your radio turned on and tuned to the distress frequency:

- for 27MHz, this frequency is 27.88; and
- for VHF, this frequency is channel 16.

All Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) Groups monitor Channel 88 and VHF Channel 16.

Operators of 27 MHz marine radios do not need to be licensed.

Operators of VHF and MF/HF marine radios must hold a Marine Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency.



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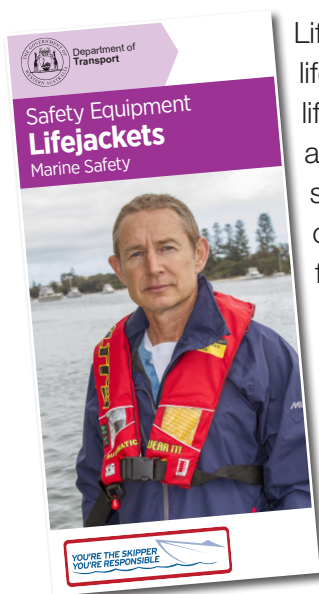
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www.transport.wa.gov.au/radios



Lifejackets



Lifejackets are proven lifesavers. Modern lifejackets cater for just about every boating situation; from paddling or kite surfing to offshore fishing. So be safe and wear yours.

Vessels operating in unprotected waters (outside the waters contained by any breakwater or in any lake, river or estuary

other than the waters of

Cambridge Gulf or Lake Argyle) must carry an approved lifejacket for each person on board.

Each lifejacket must suit the weight of the person it is intended for, be maintained in good condition and kept in an easily accessible place.

Tip: Check the condition of your lifejacket regularly.



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/lifejackets

Paddle Craft

Although operators of paddle craft without an engine are not required to hold a Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST), they are still considered to be a vessel skipper.

As with all vessel skippers, they are deemed by law to be responsible for the safety of their vessel and any crew or passengers, this includes obeying the collision regulations and in some cases carrying safety equipment.



Department of Transport		Paddle Craft Safety Equipment				
		Protected Waters lakes, rivers & inlets	Unprotected Waters			
			0 - 40m Meters	40m - 2 Nautical Miles	2 - 5 Nautical Miles	Over 5 Nautical Miles
	Bilge Pump/Bailer (Only if not self draining)	—	—	✓	✓	✓
	Lifejacket (Level 50S or higher)	R	R	✓	✓	✓
	2 Red & 2 Orange Flares (in date)	—	—	✓ or ✓	R	✓
	EPIRB / PLB (in date)	—	—	✓	✓	✓
	2 Parachute Flares (in date)	—	—	—	—	✓
	Marine Radio	—	—	—	—	✓

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www.transport.wa.gov.au/paddlesafe



Recreational Skipper's Ticket

The Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST) is a nationally recognised marine qualification.

It is the minimum qualification needed to operate a powerboat in WA.

An RST is required to be in charge of a recreational vessel powered by an engine with more than 6 hp.

Skippers need to carry their RST when boating.

In excess of 200,000 RSTs have been issued since the program began in 2006.



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/rst

Boat Registration

Every recreational boat that has a motor, or can be fitted with one, must be registered with the DoT.



Boat registration fees support the delivery of boating related safety programs and infrastructure projects including:

- boating safety education campaigns;
- navigation aids;
- signage;
- compliance;
- investigations; and
- grant programs for boat ramps and other public boating facilities.

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www.transport.wa.gov.au/boatrego



Navigation Lights



All boats, whether used for commercial purposes or for recreational boating, must comply with the regulations concerning lighting.

Navigating at night requires special care and attention.

Vessels that operate from sunset to sunrise, whether at anchor or under way, must carry and exhibit the correct lights.

Navigation lights must also be displayed during daylight hours in periods of restricted visibility.

Tip: Check your navigation lights before leaving on a trip where you may need them.



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/lights

Ride Safe

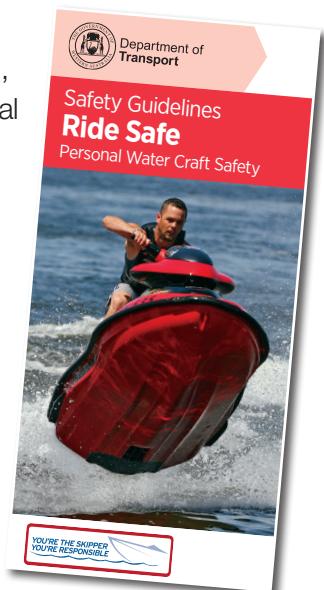
All boats under 3.75 metres (12 feet) in length, and this includes personal water craft (PWC) must stay within five nautical miles of the mainland, unless they are within the limits of a port or within one nautical mile of an island.

A Recreational Skipper's Ticket is required to be in charge of a PWC.

Freestyle driving is driving a PWC in a manner that the driver of another vessel would be unable to predict your course and speed in order to avoid a collision.

Freestyling is prohibited:

- within 30 metres of another PWC;
- within 50 metres of another vessel or person in the water; and
- in the Swan Canning Riverpark except in the gazetted freestyle areas.



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/pwc



EPIRBs



An emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) is a life saving device that transmits radio signals, which alert search and rescue authorities.

In WA, all recreational vessels operating more than two nautical miles from the mainland shore or more than 400 metres from an island located more

than two nautical miles from shore are required by law to carry an EPIRB.

EPIRBs must be kept within their servicable battery expiry date and must be registered with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. Registration is Free.

For more details visit: www.beacons.amsa.gov.au



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/epirbs

Boating Guides

If you're going to an unfamiliar area you'll need some local knowledge.

DoT has developed a series of boating guides for popular WA boating locations. The free guides contain local marine safety information about boating hazards, facilities, speed restricted areas, water-ski, PWC closed water areas.



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/boatingguides

Ski Safe



Water skiing involves towing people behind a boat at a speed of more than 8 knots on:

- skis;
- bare feet;
- inflatable toys;
- boards; or
- parasailing.

All kinds of boats are used for water skiing; mainly dinghies, ski boats and PWC.

All rules and regulations that apply to power boats also apply to boats that are towing skiers. The prevention of collision rules still apply in ski areas, this means a ski boat has no priority over a boat that is passing through the area.

Refer to signage before skiing as it will tell you important information such as times when skiing is allowed and show take-off and landing areas if permitted.



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/waterski

Don't Expire

Skippers are encouraged to check the expiry date on safety equipment before heading out on the water.

Safety gear that has an expiry date or maintenance expiry date includes flares, EPIRBs and inflatable lifejackets.



DON'T EXPIRE
Expiry date reminder

Vessel registration no: _____
Month _____ / _____ Year

Fire extinguishers
Month _____ / _____ Year

Inflatable life jackets
Month _____ / _____ Year

Distress flares
Month _____ / _____ Year

EPIRB
Battery Month _____ / _____ Year
Registration Month _____ / _____ Year

www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine
Information line: 1300 863 308

EPIRBs are an item in the safety equipment list that have two expiry dates; battery and registration.

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www.transport.wa.gov.au/dontexpire



Diver Below



Regulations are in place to ensure the safety of divers.

A boat with divers must carry the appropriate day or night signals.

All vessels must keep at least 50 metres clear of boats, buoys or areas showing diving signals.

Where it is not possible to keep 50 metres clear or when in the vicinity

of a diving signal, all vessels must proceed at safe speed with due caution until well clear and keep a good lookout for divers in the water.

Boat propellers pose a risk that can be easily ignored or forgotten because they are under the water, 'out of sight and out of mind'. A strike from a spinning propeller can cause serious injury or even death.



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/diving

Lookout

There is nothing more important to boating safety than keeping a lookout for possible danger.

When boating, danger can come from different directions, so maintaining a proper lookout is crucial.

In fact, maintaining a proper lookout is one of the navigation rules.

Skippers who fail to keep a proper lookout not only endanger their own lives and those of their passengers, they also jeopardise the safety of other water users.

Tip: Always keep a good lookout when on the water.



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www.transport.wa.gov.au/lookout



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