Tender vessels
Due to the high traffic density and vessels anchored in close proximity in Perth Water on Australia Day, any tender vessel that is seen to be used for any other purpose than ship to shore or ship to ship passenger transfers will be prohibited from operating.

It is important to note that a tender to a larger vessel is only exempt from the registration requirement if it meets the following criteria:

- it is no more than 3.1 metres long and has a motor no bigger than 6hp,
- is used only as a lifeboat or for ship to shore transport, and for no other purpose;
- must carry the correct safety equipment for the area of operation; and
- must have the letters "TT" or the words 'Tender to', followed by the parent vessels registration number displayed clearly on each side of the vessel.

Anchoring
Anchoring is only permitted within the two designated Spectator vessel areas. Please keep the channels clear and remain within these areas (see map overleaf).

On water patrols
Department of Transport Marine Officers, Water Police and Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions will be patrolling the area; so if you are unsure of anything feel free to wave a patrol vessel down for assistance. Officers can also be contacted on Channel 9 VHF or Channel 85 on 27MHz.

Alcohol
It is an offence to operate a vessel under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Marine safety considerations
Have you checked your safety gear? For this event we recommend:

- bucket or bailer;
- a suitable anchor (ensure that you check the condition of the anchor and attached rope and chain);
- an approved fire extinguisher if you have an in board engine or cooking appliances on board;
- lifejackets for all on board, (ensure that they are of a suitable size if carrying children);
- flares; and
- check navigation lights and carry spare bulbs and fuses.

Flares
There are severe penalties for the improper use of flares. It is an offence to use or set off a distress signal flare except in the case of an emergency.

Courtesv
The Skyworks see a lot of vessels coming together into a few confined areas which can often result in congestion. Many people arrive early to get the best positions and to avoid the last minute rush. Please be courteous to other boaters, don’t push in and ensure you have adequate swing room between other vessels when anchoring.

River access
Please see overleaf for the map and information on Perth Water river access and closures.

Recreational Skipper’s Ticket (RST)
Carry your Recreational Skipper’s Ticket with you! It is an offence to operate a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6hp, without holding a current RST.

Navigation lights
Navigation lights are required to be displayed from sunset to sunrise. Check that your navigational lights are working and are correct for your type of vessel.

- Separate or combined sidelights, a masthead light and a stern light; or
- Separate or combined sidelights, an all round white light.
- Masthead or white all round white light shall be carried at least one metre above the sidelights.
- If at anchor an all round white light shall be displayed.
- Vessels of less than 7 metres in length whose maximum speed cannot exceed 7 knots shall exhibit a clearly visible, all round white light.

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River Closures and Restrictions

1. An 8 knot speed limit will be in place from the Narrows Bridge to Causeway Bridges including all of Perth Water from 3:00pm on 26th January 2020 until 9:00am on 27th January 2020. This excludes the existing 5 knot speed restricted area on the Perth side of Heirisson Island.

2. The centre section of Perth Water (as marked in yellow on the map) will be closed to all vessels from 6:00pm until 9:45pm on 26th January 2020. Passenger pick up and drop off from Barrack Street and Mend Street jetties. Following the event, an announcement will be broadcast on marine radio 131156. A 10-minute berthing limit applies.

3. There will be a 200 metre exclusion zone around the firework barges and pontoons within Perth Water from 6:00pm on 25th January 2020 until 8:00am on 27th January 2020.

4. Out from the eastern end of Sir James Mitchell Park adjacent to Ellam Street, a 100 by 225 metre exclusion zone will be in place from 3:00pm on 26th January 2020 until 8:00am on 16th January 2020 to facilitate the safe loading and unloading of event pyrotechnics.

5. The Belmont Water Ski Area will be closed to water skiing from 3:00pm on 26th January 2020 until 8:00am on 27th January 2020 to facilitate the safe navigation of traffic traveling through the area.

6. Swimming will be prohibited in Perth Water between The Narrows bridge and Causeway bridges, including all of Perth Water, from 3:00pm on 26th January 2020 until sunrise on 27th January 2020.

7. Anchoring is only permitted in the designated spectator vessel areas, and vessel skippers are to ensure that they are aware of the available water depth at the time of anchoring as some sections are quite shallow.

8. The spectator vessel area to the west and adjacent to Elizabeth Quay is recommended for vessels over 15 metres or deep draft vessels.

9. Jetty 4 at Barrack Street jetties and the west side of Mends Street jetty will be set up as first aid points for medical emergencies for the public from 3:00pm through until 9:00pm. Refer to the map for the location.

10. Vessel skippers are reminded of the 10 knot speed limit in any non-speed restricted areas of the Swan Canning Riverpark between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

11. Be mindful of your vessels wash to show courtesy to others, to reduce impact on the banks of the Swan River, and help prevent erosion and protect wildlife.

12. People wanting more information about the river closures, exclusion zones, spectator areas or vessel safety requirements, including vessel navigation lights, can log on to www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine or contact the Marine Safety Hotline 13 11 56.

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Further information about the river closures, spectator areas, safe boating and vessels navigation light requirements can be found on our website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine

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