## **Boating Guide Swan Canning Riverpark**Marine Safety



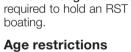


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#### **Recreational Skipper's Ticket**

A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor of **6 horsepower or less** is not required to hold a Recreational Skipper's

A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor greater than 6 horsepower is required to hold an RST and carry it when



RST holders over 14 but under 16 years of age are restricted to operating during daylight hours at a speed less than 8 knots.

You must be 14 years or older to apply for an RST.

## Interstate skipper's tickets

If you hold a current interstate ticket, recognised by the Department and are visiting or permanently relocating to WA, you have three months to have the qualification recognised.

You must hold an RST or equivalent to operate a vessel with a motor greater than 6 horsepower in WA, regardless of where your boat is registered.

Skippers are required to alert the Department if they develop a medical condition that affects their ability to safely operate a recreational vessel. More information can be found on our website by searching Recreational Skipper's Ticket or call 13 11 56.

## Personal water craft

Personal water craft (PWC) – often called jet skis - must be registered with the Department and are subject to an annual registration fee.

PWCs are regarded as powerboats as far as the rules are concerned, meaning there are rules covering the age of skippers, safety equipment, speed and areas of operation.

## **Recreational Skipper's Ticket**

You must hold an RST to operate a PWC. A skipper of a PWC aged between 14 and 16 years can only operate it during daylight hours and at a maximum speed of 8 knots.

#### Safety equipment

Every person on board a PWC must wear a lifejacket (minimum

When travelling beyond 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters you need:

- A GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB worn
- Flares or electronic visual distress signal device (EVDS)
- Beyond 4 nautical miles from shore in unprotected waters a marine radio must also be carried.

## **SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**



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	Lifejacket Carriage A lifejacket, as indicated in the table	Vessels smaller than 4.8m	Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	Minimum Level 100 MUST BE WORN
	opposite, must be carried for every person on board.	vessels 4.8m and	Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	
	<b>Lifejacket Wearing</b> As indicated in the table opposite.	Children older than one and younger than 12	Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	Minimum Level 100 MUST BE WORN
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Distress Beacon (in-date) A GPS enabled 406 MHz EPIRB OR if worn by at least one person, a GPS enabled PLB. Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with AMSA.		RECOMMENDED	1
Red and Orange Flar At least two hand held r two hand held orange fl	ed flares and		

् जी	Recommended Additional Safety Equipment		
	Marine Radio A VHF or HF marine radio on any Registrable Vessel when operating more than 4 nautical miles from shore in unprotected waters.	RECOMMENDED	REQUIRED beyond 4 nautical miles  RECOMMENDED within 4 nautical miles
ens of	be carried in lieu of flares <b>IF</b> a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn) is also carried.		

#### Contact details

**Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure** Email: Ed.Boat@transport.wa.gov.au

Emergency: 000 Water Police: 9442 8600

Department of Fire and Emergency Services Marine Rescue Western Australia Emergency contact: VHF 16



Marine Safety Hotline: 13 11 56

Boating weather: 1300 815 916 Website: bom.gov.au **Department of Primary Industries and** 

**Regional Development** Fishwatch: 1800 815 507 Website: dpird.wa.gov.au

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and **Attractions and Wildcare Helpline** Website: dbca.wa.gov.au



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#### Freestyling, wake and wave jumping

Freestyling is operating a PWC in a way that the skipper of another vessel is unable to predict your course or speed in order to avoid a collision with you. Wave and wake jumping is driving a PWC over a wave or swell with the aim of becoming airborne. Freestyling and wake jumping is

- within any speed restricted area;
- within 30 metres of another PWC;
- within 50 metres of another vessel or person in the
- in all water ski take-off and landing areas. and
- in the Swan and Canning Riverpark except in the gazetted freestyle area downstream of the Narrows Bridge.

## Water skiing

#### **Rules and regulations**

Water skiing involves being towed over water at a speed of 8 knots or more by a vessel.

#### It takes at least three people to go water skiing: 1. A driver of at least 17 years of age with an RST

- 2. An observer of at least 14 years of age

3. A person being towed by the vessel. Vessels taking off with skiers always give way to vessels landing

Beach take-off and landings are only permitted in the designated take-off and landing areas.

#### Distance behind a skier

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

#### Trick skiing

Trick skiing is prohibited within 100 metres of any take-off and landing areas.

#### Distance from shore

Stay at least 50 metres (or as gazetted) from shore except when landing or taking-off in a designated take-off and landing area. The rules that apply to power boats also apply to boats towing skiers. There are also some extra rules:

- a motor boat can't tow a skier between sundown and 8am in the waters of the Swan River or between sundown and 9am in the waters of the Canning River;
- deep water take-offs only, except in ski take-off areas; and
- collision rules still apply in ski areas. This means a ski boat has no priority over a boat that is passing through the area.

## General ski area information

In the Swan Canning Riverpark, you may only ski within gazetted ski areas and between times allowed for that area. Ski areas are marked by signs on the foreshore and some also have their boundaries marked by buoys in the water.



Most ski areas will also have signage describing the rules and regulations particular to the area i.e. must ski in an anticlockwise direction.

#### **Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)**

Parks and Wildlife Service of the DBCA works closely with the community, businesses, and local and State Government agencies to protect and improve the ecological and community benefits and amenity of the Swan Canning

## Boating to keep our rivers healthy

- Take care to minimise your boatwash.
- Take home your tenders, dinghies and boats or use an approved storage facility.
- Prevent antifouling and cleaning agents, paint, solvents
- Launch and retrieve your boat, tenders or other watercraft without disturbing riverside vegetation or damaging riverbanks. Boats may only be launched from trailers at the boat ramps shown in this boating guide.
- Make sure fuel and oil never go into the rivers by keeping your engine serviced. Install and regularly change an oil absorbent bilge mat. Refuel carefully and clean up any
- Always take care to avoid disturbing wildlife.

or damaging foreshore vegetation.

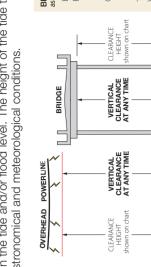
- Take your rubbish with you. Store it on board and dispose of it properly in bins or take it home. • Only anchor in areas clear of seagrass and never tie up to
- Report activities that may be harmful to the Riverpark by calling DBCA's Parks and Wildlife Service on (08) 9303 7700. There are penalties for polluting the Swan and Canning rivers

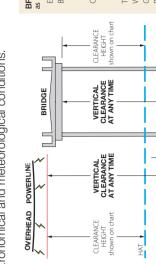
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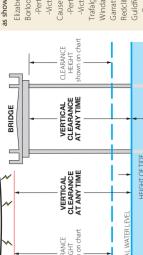
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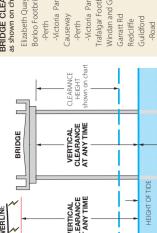
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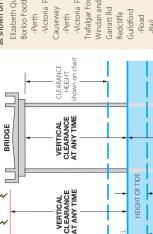
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