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## Logging on and off

Skippers are advised to log on and off every time they go out on their boats with their nearest radio station. Typically a Marine Rescue WA group, Australian Coast Radio Monitors (ACRM) base or Water Police.

When logging on with a radio station let them know who you are, where you are going, when you will arrive back and log off on your return.

## Logging on procedure

Logging on is a simple process and you'll know you've told someone responsible when you're due to arrive back and they will take the appropriate action if you haven't called in by then. If you change your planned time, call the radio station again and advise them of your change in plans.

This is an example of the radio call and the details the radio station will need to help find you in the event of an emergency:

**You say:** Marine Rescue [Station Name], Marine Rescue [Station Name], Marine Rescue [Station Name] - This is [vessel registration (3 times)] OVER.

**Marine Rescue will reply:** This is Marine Rescue [Station Name]  
please go to channel xx OVER.

**You say:** Going to channel xx (Change to channel xx and wait for Marine Rescue to call you).







Marine Rescue will call you 3 times (vessel rego) and say OVER.

**You say:** Marine Rescue [Station Name] this is [vessel rego]  
I wish to log on and supply them with the:

- vessel's name, registration number or call sign;
- departure time and location;
- destination;
- trip intentions;
- number of people on board;
- amount of fuel carried; and
- estimated time of return.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS



		<b>REGISTRABLE VESSELS</b> Including sailing vessels that are or can be propelled by mechanical power.	
		<b>PROTECTED WATERS</b> Includes rivers, lakes, estuaries, harbours and waters within 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters but excludes Cambridge Gulf and Lake Argyle.	<b>UNPROTECTED WATERS</b> Beyond 400 metres from the shore.
 <b>Recreational Skipper's Ticket</b> The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6 horsepower must hold an RST.		✓	✓
<b>Lifejacket Carriage</b> A lifejacket, as indicated in the table opposite, must be carried for every person on board.	<b>Vessels smaller than 4.8m</b>	✓ <b>Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED</b>	✓ <b>Minimum Level 100 MUST BE WORN</b>
	<b>Vessels 4.8m and larger</b>	✓ <b>Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED</b>	✓ <b>Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED</b>
<b>Lifejacket Wearing</b> As indicated in the table opposite.	<b>Children older than one and younger than 12</b>	✓ <b>Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED</b>	✓ <b>Minimum Level 100 MUST BE WORN</b>
	<b>Personal Water Craft</b>	✓ <b>Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN</b>	✓ <b>Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN</b>
<b>Distress Beacon (in-date)</b> 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.		<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓
<b>Red and Orange Flares (in-date)</b> At least two hand held red flares and two hand held orange flares must be carried. OR <b>Electronic Visual Distress Signal (EVDS)</b> An electronic signalling device may be carried in lieu of flares if a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn) is also carried.		<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓
<b>Marine Radio</b> A VHF or HF marine radio on any Registrable Vessel when operating more than 4 nautical miles from shore in unprotected waters.		<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>REQUIRED</b> beyond 4 nautical miles  <b>REQUIRED</b> within 4 nautical miles
<b>Recommended Additional Safety Equipment</b> It is recommended an anchor and line, a fire extinguisher and a means of removing water be carried.		<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>

## Contact details

**Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure**  
**Email:** [Ed.Boat@transport.wa.gov.au](mailto:Ed.Boat@transport.wa.gov.au)  
**Website:** [transport.wa.gov.au/imarine](http://transport.wa.gov.au/imarine)  
**Albany Office:** 9892 7333  
**Marine Safety Hotline:** 13 11 56

## Police

Emergency: 000  
Albany Police: 131 444  
Water Police: 9442 8600

Department of Fire and Emergency Services  
Marine Rescue Western Australia  
Emergency contact: VHF 16 - 82 - 81  
Marine Rescue Albany

## Boating Weather Forecasts

Boating weather: 1300 815 916  
Website: [bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au)

**Department of Primary Industries and  
Regional Development**  
Fishwatch: 1800 815 507  
Website: [dpiird.wa.gov.au](http://dpiird.wa.gov.au)

**Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions**  
Website: [dbca.wa.gov.au](http://dbca.wa.gov.au)



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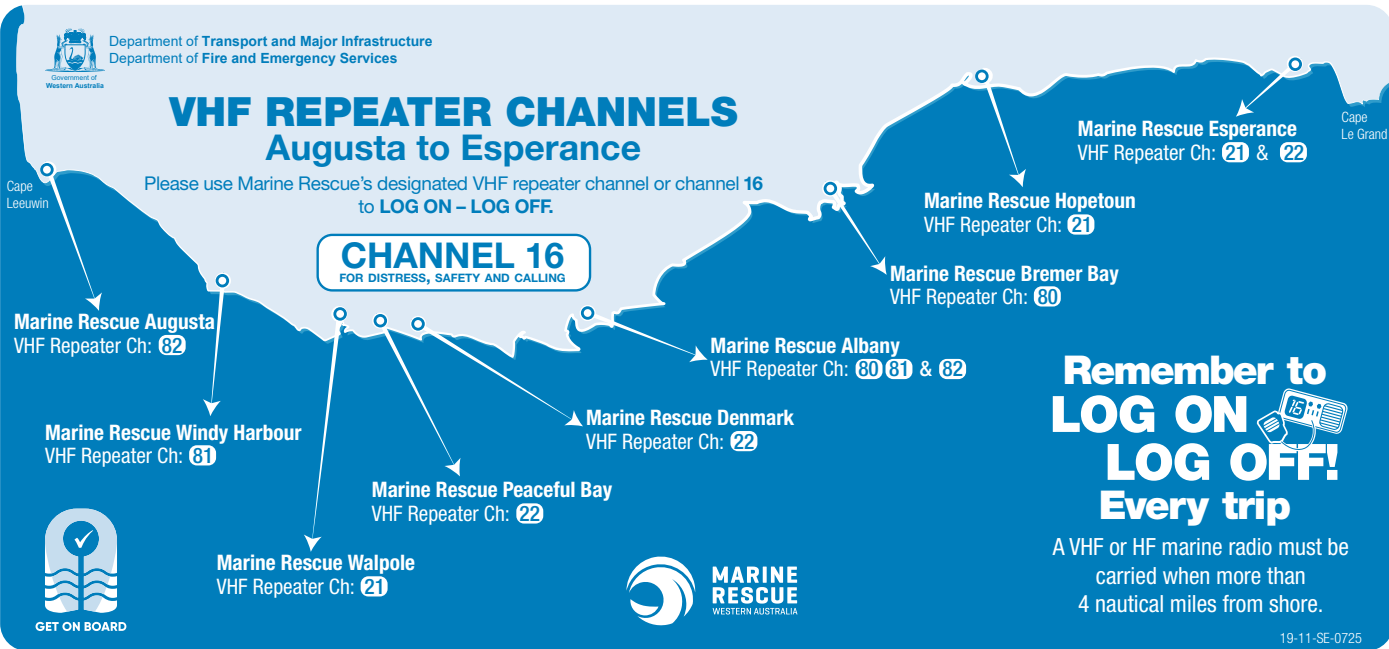
For further information go to [transport.wa.gov.au/boatingguides](https://transport.wa.gov.au/boatingguides) or scan the QR code.

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## Monitored Radio Channels













Marine Rescue Group	VHF & Repeater	HF
ACRM Capel	16 & 80/22	By Request
Albany	16 & 81/82	4125
Augusta	16 & 82	No
Bremer Bay	16 & 80	No
Bunbury	16	4125
Bussetton	16/74 & 80/22	No
Denmark	16 & 22	No
Esperance	16 & 21/22	2182/4125
Hopetoun	16 & 21	No
Mandurah	16/77 & 82	4125
Margaret River	16 & 80	No
Naturaliste	16/74 & 80/22	No
Peaceful Bay	16/77 & 22	No
Walpole	16 & 21	No
Windy Harbour	16 & 81	2182/4125

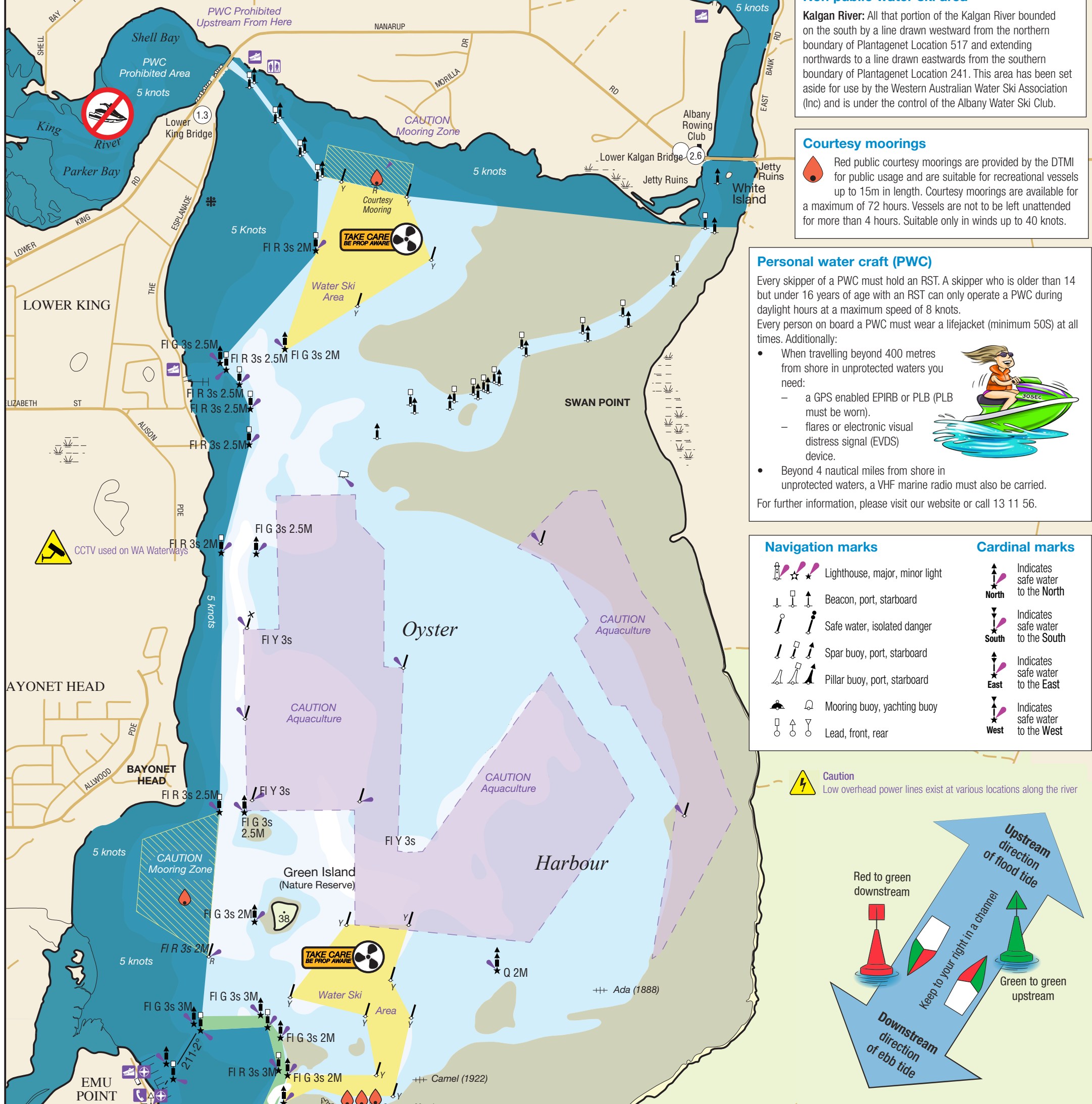
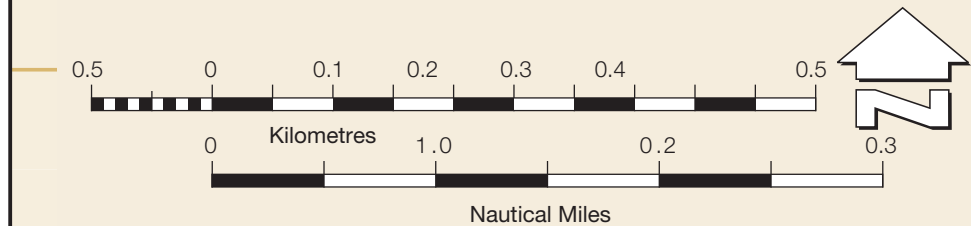


# OYSTER HARBOUR

For recreational use only.

## LEGEND

- |   |                              |   |                                   |
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|  | 5 knot speed restricted area |  | Closed waters - All vessels       |
|  | 8 knot speed restricted area |  | Closed waters - Motorised vessels |
|  | Water Skiing Area            |  | Aquaculture lease area            |
|  | Non public water skiing area |  | Mooring zone                      |
|  | GPS validation mark          |  | Courtesy mooring                  |
|  | Wreck                        |  | Rock awash                        |



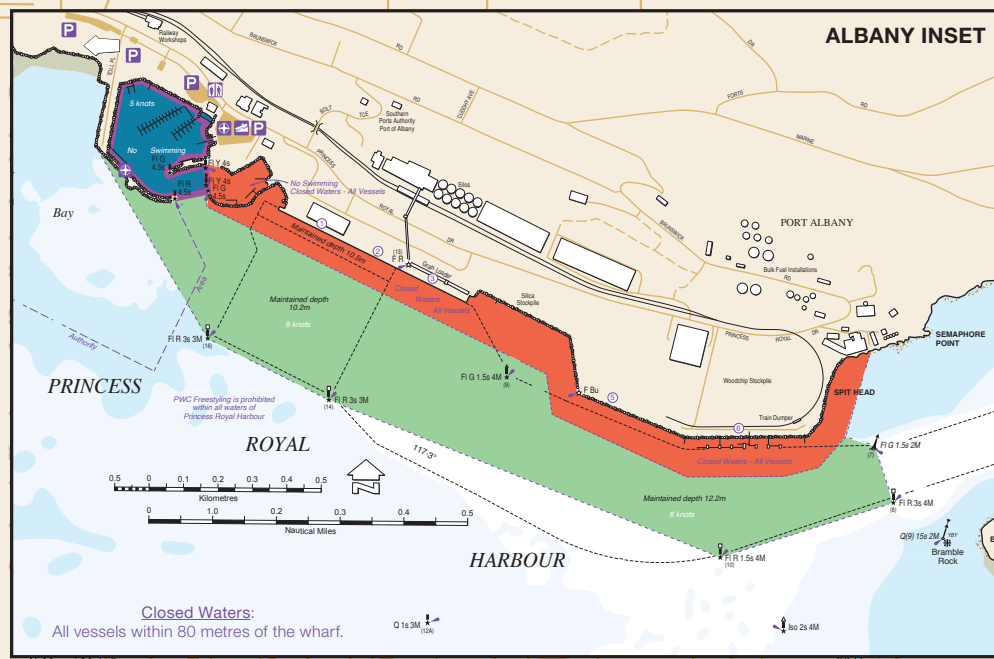


# ALBANY

For recreational use only.

## LEGEND

- 5 knot speed restricted area
- 8 knot speed restricted area
- Water skiing area
- Swimming prohibited area
- Closed waters - All vessels
- Closed waters - Motorised vessels
- Aquaculture lease area
- Courtesy mooring, Launching ramp
- GPS validation point, Coast camera
- Public toilet, Parking area
- Rock awash, Breakers



**Closed Waters:**  
All vessels within 80 metres of the wharf.

**Princess Royal Harbour:**  
PWC Freestyle is prohibited within all waters of Princess Royal Harbour.

**Port of Albany:**  
PWC Freestyle is prohibited within all waters of Port of Albany.

**Water Ski Area:**  
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## Diving

Any boat with divers (not snorkellers) operating from it must always display signals by day or night to alert other boat users. The daytime signal for divers is an International Code Flag "A". The flag must be at least 750 millimetres long and 600 millimetres wide.

Divers operating without a vessel, for example from a jetty, must also display the International Code Flag "A".

The flag can be displayed from a buoy and must not be less than 300 millimetres in length and 200 millimetres in width.

The flag must be clearly visible to all vessels operating in the vicinity.

## Vessels to keep clear

When approaching a place or another vessel displaying the International Code Flag "A" or the appropriate signal during the hours of darkness, you must —

- keep your vessel at least 50 metres clear of that place or vessel; or
- where it is not possible to keep 50 metres clear of that place or vessel —
  - proceed at the slowest speed at which the vessel can be safely navigated; and
  - maintain a proper lookout for people in the water.

For further information, please visit our website or call 13 11 56.



**Diver Below**  
Keep Clear 50 Metres

## Distress beacons (in-date)

EPIRB (AS/NZS 4280.1) or PLB (AS/NZS 4280.2)

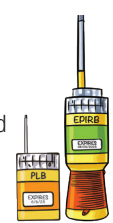
Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

When operating more than 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters you must carry a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB worn by a person on board.

For further information, please visit our website or call 13 11 56.



**Remember to LOG ON, LOG OFF! every trip**  
with the local Marine Rescue group



## Recreational Skipper's Ticket

The person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor of 6 horsepower or less is not required to hold a Recreational Skippers Ticket (RST).

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

## Age restrictions

A person under 10 years may not drive a motor boat. RST holders over 14 but under 16 years of age are restricted to operating during daylight hours at a speed less than 8 knots.

## Interstate skipper's tickets

If you hold a valid/current interstate ticket, recognised by DTMI and you enter, as a visitor or with the intention of permanently residing in Western Australia, you have three months to have the qualification recognised.

Regardless from which state your boat is from you must hold a RST or equivalent to operate a vessel with a motor greater than 6 horsepower.

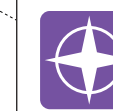
## Medical fitness

Skippers are required to alert us if they develop a medical condition that affects their ability to safely operate a recreational vessel. More information can be found on our website under Recreational Skipper's Ticket. For further information, please visit our website or call 13 11 56.



## GPS validation markers

Global Positioning System (GPS) validation markers are unique visible marks placed at a number of public boat ramps and jetties where skippers and owners of portable GPS units can validate their position and map datum settings. The markers are small, flat and yellow, similar to 'cats eye' road lane markers. For further information, please visit our website or call 13 11 56.



## Navigation lights

All vessels underway during the hours of sunset to sunrise must display appropriate navigation lights for the size and type of craft. For further information, please visit our website or call 13 11 56.

### Basic rules of the waterways

**Vessel Overtaking Another**  
Every overtaking vessel gives way (this includes sailing vessels)

**Power Vessels Meeting Head On**  
Each vessel alters course to starboard (right)

**Power Vessels Meeting**  
Give way to vessels on your starboard (right)

**Power Meeting Sailing Vessel**  
Power gives way to sail except when sailing vessel is overtaking

**Ships in Channels**  
All vessels must keep clear of ships using or approaching the marked navigation channel ships.

## Coast cameras

DTMI maintains a network of cameras in coastal locations to provide boaters and other aquatic users with near live images of the current weather and ocean conditions.

The images are updated every minute and displayed on our website: [www.transport.wa.gov.au/coast-cams](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/coast-cams)



## Paddle craft, kiteboarding and windsurfing

Paddle craft, kite boarders and windsurfers operating more than 400 metres from shore are required to carry safety equipment. For more information, please visit [transport.wa.gov.au/marine/boating-safety-equipment.asp](http://transport.wa.gov.au/marine/boating-safety-equipment.asp) or call 13 11 56.



## HMAS Perth

The former guided missile destroyer HMAS Perth was sunk as a dive wreck on 24 November 2001 in a position approximately 500 metres south west of Seal Island. The wreck site is marked by a lit Special Mark and has three mooring buoys in the area. There is a 250 metre radius fishing exclusion zone surrounding the dive site. Mooring reservations can be made through the City of Albany.



**Make a difference**  
MAINTAIN AND WEAR YOUR LIFEJACKET



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