



Department of
Transport

Boating Guide

Kalbarri - Port Gregory

Marine Safety












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



March 2015

Safety Equipment

		Protected Waters lakes, rivers, inlets and estuaries except Lake Argyle	0-2 Nautical Miles from the mainland shore	2-5 Nautical Miles from the mainland shore	Over 5 Nautical Miles from the mainland shore
	Recreational Skipper's Ticket The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 4.5kw (6 hp) must hold an RST.	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Bilge Pump/Bailer All vessels must carry a bilge pump. Vessels under 7 metres may carry a bailer in lieu of a bilge pump.	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Fire Extinguisher Vessels with an inboard engine or carrying hydrocarbon heating or cooling appliances must carry an approved fire extinguisher.	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Anchor and Line An efficient anchor and line must be carried.	—	✓	✓	✓
	Lifejacket A lifejacket bearing the label PFD Type 1 or the Australian standard AS 1512 or AS 4758 - Level 100 (or higher) must be carried for every person onboard.	—	✓	✓	✓
	Red and Orange Flares (in date) At least two hand held red flares and two hand held orange flares must be carried. Two parachute flares may be carried in lieu of the two hand held red flares and a smoke canister may be carried in lieu of the smoke flares.	—	✓	✓	✓
	EPIRB (in date) A 406 MHz EPIRB registered with AMSA bearing the standard AS/NZS 4280.1 must be carried if proceeding more than 2 miles from the mainland shore or more than 400 metres from an island located more than 2 miles from the mainland shore.	—	—	✓	✓
	Parachute Flares (in date) A minimum of two parachute flares must be carried if operating more than 5 miles from the mainland shore or more than 1 mile from an island located more than 5 miles from the mainland shore.	—	—	—	✓
	Marine Radio A marine radio must be carried if operating more than 5 miles from the mainland shore or more than 1 mile from an island located more than 5 miles from the mainland shore. The radio can be 27 MHz, VHF or HF.	—	—	—	✓

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Contacts

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Email: marine.safety@transport.wa.gov.au
Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine
Webcam: www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine/kalbarri-coast-cam.asp
Marine Safety Hotline: 1300 863 308

Police

Kalbarri: 9936 3000
Geraldton: 9923 4555
Water Police: 9442 8600

Department of Fisheries

Geraldton: 9920 8400
Fishwatch: 1800 815 507
Website: www.fish.wa.gov.au

Department of Parks and Wildlife

Kalbarri Office: 9937 1140
Geraldton Office: 9921 5955
Website: www.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Shire Rangers

Shire of Northampton
0458 341 200 or 0427 341 205

Local Government Authorities

Kalbarri: 9937 1097
Northampton: 9934 1202

Geraldton Regional Hospital

9956 2222

Volunteer Marine Rescue Services

Kalbarri (VMR 688): 9937 2112
27MHz channel 88/90
VHF channel 16/80
Geraldton (VMR 670): 9964 3543

Yacht Clubs

Geraldton (VMR 670): 9964 1664

Boating Weather Forecasts

Boating weather: 1900 969 902



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Local knowledge

Navigation of the sand bar at the Kalbarri river mouth can be dangerous and skippers are advised to consider the safety tips included on the chart in this guide.

The Mid West is known for the strong southerly winds that prevail during the summer months. Skippers are advised to check the weather reports before heading out on the water. Winds can blow up quite suddenly and reach speeds of 30 knots, making the return journey hazardous to small vessels.

Aids to navigation

It is illegal to interfere with, remove or damage any beacon, buoy or other artificial aid to navigation.

Without permission in writing from DoT, it is illegal to secure any vessel to any beacon, buoy, seamark or other aid to navigation.

Obstruction of navigation aids, channels and leads

Drop nets, fishing nets, marker buoys or other buoyed objects can not be placed or allowed to remain in any channel or fairway in any port or harbour, or in any channel, fairway or passage in any navigable waters except by permission of DoT.

You also can't anchor or moor a vessel in any channel or fairway, unless the vessel is in distress.

Reduce wash

Damage to vessels and floating pen jetties can be caused by a vessel's wash. Look behind you occasionally to make sure that your boat is not creating too much wash. If your wash is affecting other boats and property, slow down!

Vessels less than 3.75 metres

A person in charge of a vessel less than 3.75 metres in length is not allowed to travel greater than five nautical miles from the mainland shore.

However, you can operate the vessel within one nautical mile of an island located more than five nautical miles from the mainland shore.

Volunteer Marine Rescue Services

Kalbarri Sea Search and Rescue Group (VMR 688) operates out of Kalbarri.

Please remember to log on to the group before heading out to sea and supply them with:

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

This basic information can make the difference in a response to an emergency situation.

It is also important to remember to log off with the sea rescue group to avoid a search being initiated.

Paddle craft

Recreational canoes, kayaks, surf skis, wave skis, inflatables or similar paddle craft that are propelled by a person using a paddle must comply with WA marine laws.

To get a brochure and sticker about the rules call 1300 863 308 or visit www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine/paddle-safe.asp

Wind and kitesurfing

With the onset of the sea breeze windsurfers and kitesurfers congregate at many popular locations. In certain conditions these small, fast moving sailing vessels may be difficult to see and people navigating the coast need to maintain a proper lookout at all times and take appropriate action to avoid collisions.

Safety equipment

Kite and windsurfers operating more than 400 metres from shore are now required to carry safety equipment. To get a sticker about the rules visit, www.transport.wa.gov.au/kitesafe or call 1300 863 308.

Prevention of collision

All windsurfers and kitesurfers have a duty of care to ensure their activities are conducted with regard to the prevailing conditions and circumstances and take appropriate action to avoid collisions.

Boat ramp courtesy

A good skipper plans for a day on the water and organises equipment, motors and mooring lines before leaving the boat ramp. Remember the following:

- utilise designated rigging and de-rigging areas to avoid impeding other people launching and retrieving vessels;
- follow the directions indicated by signage and or painted on the roadway;
- utilise the correct lanes for launch and retrieval;
- move quickly to the end of the jetty giving room for other people to launch and recover; and
- have patience with others less experienced and remember we all had to start somewhere!



Port Gregory

Not to be used for navigation

LEGEND

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- 8 Knot Area
- Water Ski Area
- Closed Waters - All Vessels
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- Limit of Area Buoy
- Boat Ramp
- Public toilet
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- Trailer Parking
- GPS Validation Marker

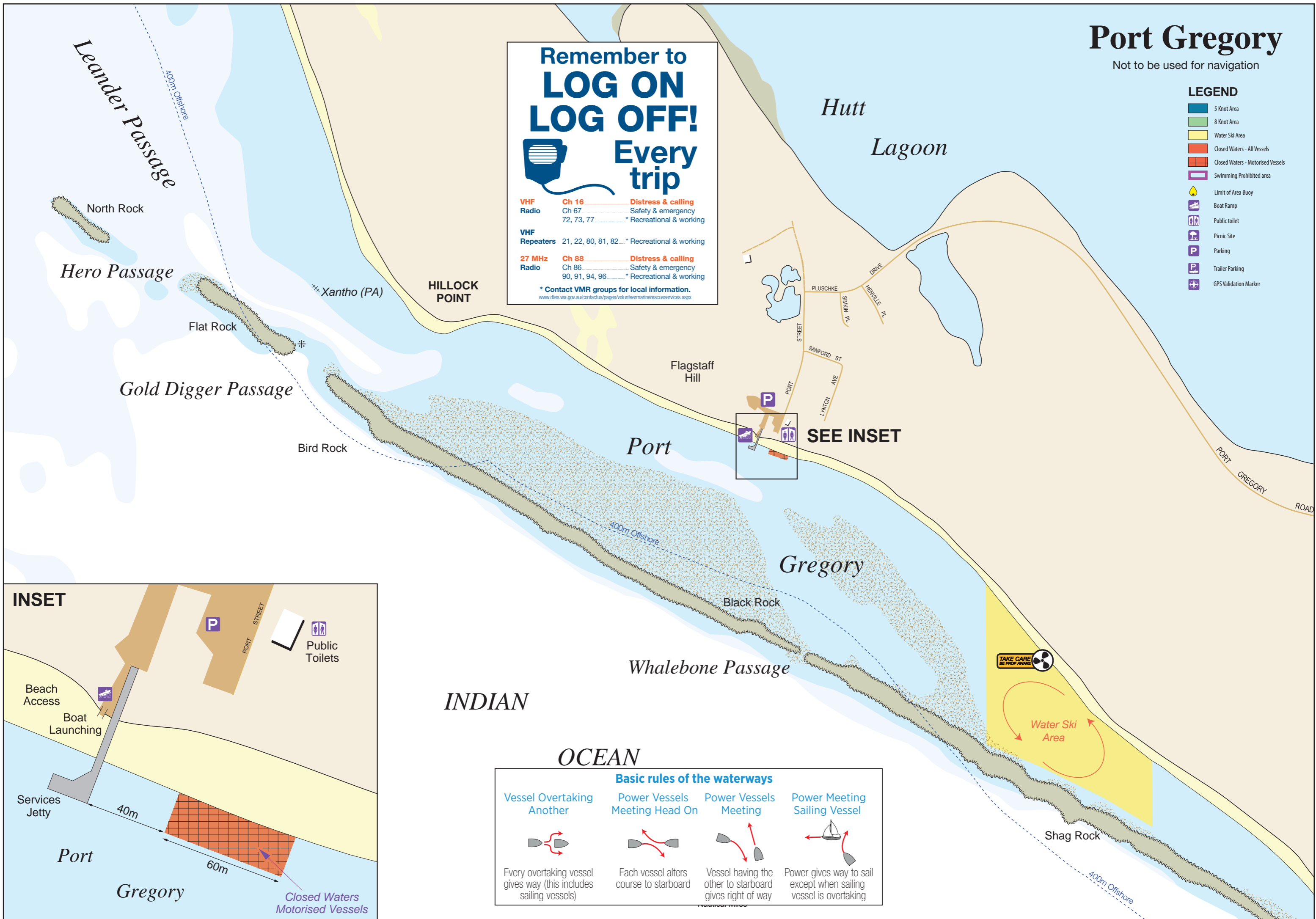
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Every trip

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Ch 67 Safety & emergency
72, 73, 77 * Recreational & working

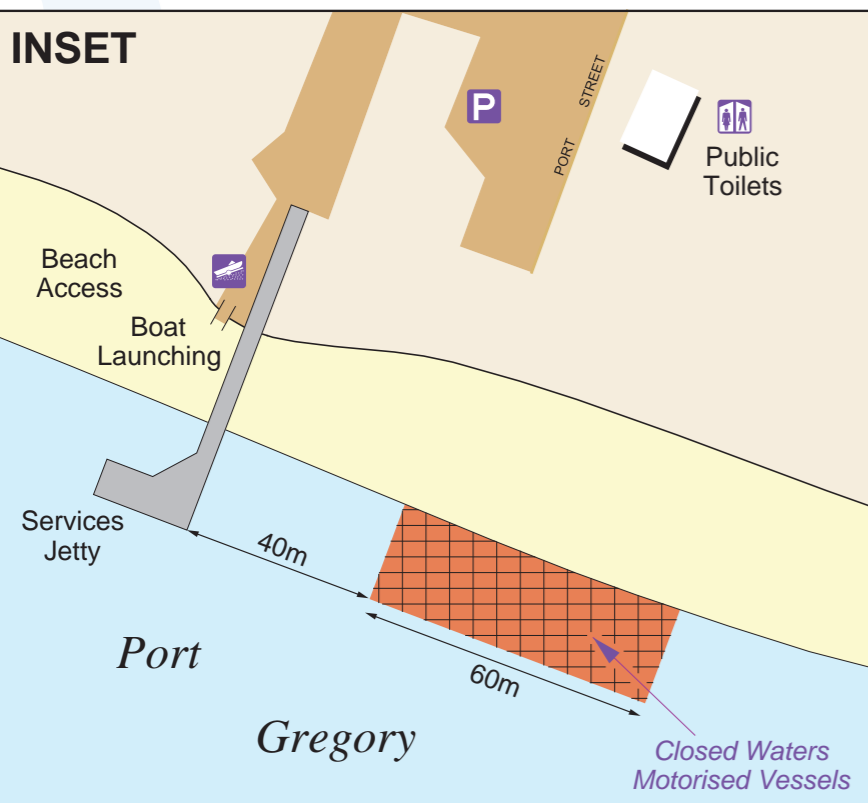
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www.dles.wa.gov.au/contactus/pages/volunteer-marine-rescue-services.aspx



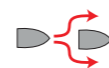
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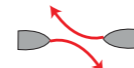
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Vessel Overtaking
Another



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CAUTION

DANGEROUS RIVERMOUTH ENTRANCE
BREAKING WAVES
SHIFTING SANDS
STRONG CURRENTS
NAVIGATE WITH EXTREME CAUTION

PASS NORTH OF MARKER

CAUTION
BREAKING WAVES

Cross the bar safely

Follow these important safety tips:

- Seek local knowledge about the bar
- Check the weather, tide and bar conditions for departure and return
- Check your engines and controls
- Secure all hatches and loose items eg. the anchor
- Have required safety gear easily accessible
- Make sure everyone on board is wearing an appropriate lifejacket
- Safety brief your passengers
- Log on/off
- Stop near the bar and observe wave conditions
- Approach the bar with caution
Look for dangerous sets of waves
If in doubt, **don't go out**
- Keep a vigilant lookout at all times.

Recreational Skipper's Ticket



The person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor of **6hp (4.5 kilowatts) or less** is not required to hold a Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST).

A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor **greater than 6hp (4.5 kilowatts)** is required to hold a RST. You are required to carry your RST card 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.

Wear a lifejacket

You will enhance your safety if you wear lifejacket:

- at the first sign of bad weather;
- between sunset and sunrise or during restricted visibility;
- when operating in unfamiliar waters;
- when operating with a following sea;
- when boating alone (this is strongly recommended);
- at all times on children under 10 years; or
- if you are a poor swimmer.

Navigation lights

All vessels underway during the hours of sunset to sunrise must display navigation lights appropriate to the particular size and type of vessel. For further information please refer to the RST Workbook or contact the Department on 1300 863 308.

Diving flag

Any boat with divers operating from it must always display signals by day or night to inform other boat users. The daytime signal for divers is an International Code Flag "A". The flag must be at least 750mm long and 600mm wide.

Divers operating without a vessel, for example from a jetty, must display the International Code Flag "A". The flag must be at least 750mm long and 600mm wide.

The flag may be displayed from a buoy. If displayed from a buoy, the flag must not be less than 300 mm in length and 200 mm in width.

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

Personal water craft (PWC)

Age limits

To operate a PWC you need an RST. An RST holder between 14 and 16 years of age is restricted to 8 knots.

Safety equipment

Every person on board a PWC must wear a lifejacket at all times:

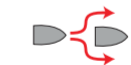
- within 400 metres of the shore it can be a lifejacket Level 150, 100, 50 or 50s;
- between 400 metres and 2 nautical miles from shore in unprotected waters a lifejacket Level 150 or 100 must be worn. An in date inshore distress flare kit, in serviceable condition must also be carried;
- between 2 and 5 nautical miles, a lifejacket Level 100 or 150 must be worn. An in date inshore distress flare kit and an in date registered 406 MHz EPIRB, in serviceable condition must also be carried.

Freestyle driving and wake jumping is prohibited:

- within any speed restricted area;
- within 30 metres of another PWC;
- within 50 metres of another vessel or person in the water.

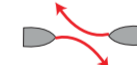
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