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## **Navigable Waters Regulations 1958**



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**Defined terms**



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## Navigable Waters Regulations 1958

### Part I — Preliminary

#### 1. Citation and commencement

These regulations may be cited as the *Navigable Waters Regulations 1958*, and shall come into force one month after the publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*.

[*Regulation 1 amended: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 667.*]

#### 2. Terms used

In these regulations, subject to the context —

*Acts* means the *Shipping and Pilotage Act 1967*, the *Jetties Act 1926* and the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*;

*authorised person* means a person appointed under section 117(2) of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*;

*department* means the department principally assisting the Minister in the administration of the Acts;

*diving* means diving using compressed gas for breathing by means of either surface supplied breathing apparatus or self-contained underwater breathing apparatus;

*inspector* means a person appointed under section 117(1) of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*;

**length**, in relation to a vessel, means —

- (a) in the case of a vessel that is registered under regulation 45B —
  - (i) the length of the vessel specified in the certificate of registration of that vessel; or
  - (ii) if the Minister is not satisfied as to the accuracy of that registered length, the length determined under paragraph (b);

and

- (b) in any other case, the distance from the fore part of the hull to the after part of the hull taken at the upperside of the uppermost weathertight deck or, in the case of an open vessel, at the height of the gunwale;

**motor boat** means a vessel propelled by any means other than oars or sail and includes a speed boat and a sailing vessel which is equipped with propelling machinery and propelled by mechanical power;

**navigable waters** means —

- (a) the territorial sea adjacent to the State; and
- (b) the sea on the landward side of the territorial sea adjacent to the State that is not within the limits of the State; and
- (c) waters within the limits of the State on which any vessel or any type of marine craft can be navigated;

**non-registrable vessel** means a pleasure vessel as defined in the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* section 98(1) that is not a registrable vessel;

**officer of the department** means an officer of the department and includes any Government officer or other person acting for or on behalf of or with the authority of the department;

**owner** in relation to a vessel includes the master or person in charge of the vessel;

**personal watercraft** means a vessel that —

- (a) is propelled by means of an inboard motor powering a water jet pump; and
- (b) is designed to be steered by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel and not within it;

**protected waters** means the waters contained in any lake, river or estuary, or by any breakwater, but does not include the waters of Cambridge Gulf or Lake Argyle;

**public jetty** means **public jetty** as defined in the *Jetties Act 1926*, section 3;

**registrable vessel**, subject to regulation 45A(3) —

- (a) means a pleasure vessel as defined in the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* section 98(1) that is or may be propelled by mechanical power; and
- (b) includes a vessel that is ordinarily propelled by sail only;

**speed boat** means a motor boat designed for, or capable of, a speed in excess of 12 knots;

**territorial sea** means the territorial sea determined under the *Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973* (Commonwealth).

[Regulation 2 amended: *Gazette* 19 Dec 1962 p. 4014; 23 Mar 1965 p. 900; 7 Jun 1972 p. 1721; 22 Dec 1972 p. 4777; 12 Jul 1974 p. 2624; 1 Jul 1983 p. 2263; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4239; 24 Apr 1998 p. 2161; 11 Mar 2003 p. 752; 24 Oct 2008 p. 4669-70; 11 Dec 2009 p. 5059; 25 Nov 2011 p. 4873; SL 2023/135 r. 4.]

## 2A. Measurement of distance

In these regulations, a reference to a distance from any shore or land is a reference to that distance measured from the high water mark on the shore or land and not from any jetty, pier or other structure abutting on or adjacent to the shore or land.

[Regulation 2A inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 5.]

**3. Responsibility of master and owner**

- (1) Where by these regulations any act is required or forbidden to be done in relation to any vessel, it is the duty of the master and owner of the vessel to do the act or to refrain from doing the act as the case may be except where otherwise expressly provided by these regulations.
- (2) For the purposes of this regulation and except where otherwise expressly provided, the provisions of regulations 51C and 52B to 52D, inclusive apply to every vessel being a vessel within the meaning of the Acts or to every owner or person in charge of any such vessel, as the case may be.

*[Regulation 3 amended: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4014; 10 Feb 2006 p. 667; 27 Aug 2010 p. 4113; 25 Jul 2014 p. 2581.]*

**3A. When emergency vessels exempt**

A provision of these regulations does not apply to a vessel if —

- (a) the vessel has been declared to be an emergency vessel under regulation 19H; and
- (b) the vessel is being used as an emergency vessel in accordance with the terms of that declaration; and
- (c) the provision is one from which the vessel is exempt under regulation 19H(2)(b).

*[Regulation 3A inserted: Gazette 3 Aug 1990 p. 3753; amended: Gazette 20 Jun 2000 p. 3038.]*

**3B. International Organization for Standardization**

The International Organization for Standardization is specified as a like body for the purposes of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* section 115(1)(a).

*[Regulation 3B inserted: Gazette 3 Mar 2017 p. 1485.]*

## **Part II — General good order regulations**

### **4. Regulations, application of**

Unless the contrary intention appears these regulations apply to and in relation to —

- (a) commercial vessels and pleasure vessels to which Parts II and VI of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* apply, in or upon navigable waters; and
- (b) persons in or upon navigable waters.

*[Regulation 4 inserted: Gazette 28 May 1969 p. 1568; amended: Gazette 1 Jul 1983 p. 2263.]*

### **5. Inspection of vessels**

- (a) Any officer of the department and any police officer may at any hour of the day or night enter upon and inspect any vessel and the equipment, machinery and gear in or about the vessel.
- (b) Any person who obstructs, threatens or interferes with an officer of the department or police officer when acting under the last preceding subregulation shall be guilty of an offence.
- (c) No person on or about a vessel shall, on demand by an officer of the department, refuse to furnish the officer with the person's name and address.
- (d) The department may cancel or suspend any certificate granted by the department under any of the Acts to a person convicted of an offence under this regulation.

### **6. Lifesaving equipment not to be interfered with**

No person shall interfere with, remove or damage any lifesaving equipment which has been placed in a public place for use in saving life from drowning.

*[Regulation 6 amended: Gazette 28 May 1969 p. 1568.]*

**6A. Owner of vessel to comply with directions**

The owner of a vessel shall, at all times, comply with any directions given by an officer of the department, an authorised person, an inspector or a police officer.

Penalty: a fine of \$500.

*[Regulation 6A inserted: Gazette 28 Aug 1992 p. 4239;  
amended: Gazette 17 Nov 2009 p. 4630.]*

**7. Aids to navigation not to be interfered with**

- (a) No person shall interfere with, remove or damage any beacon, buoy or other artificial aid to navigation.
- (b) No person shall, except with permission in writing from the department, make fast any vessel to any beacon, buoy, seamark or other aid to navigation.

**8. Rubbish**

- (a) No person shall throw into or cause to be placed in any port or harbour or navigable waters any matter or thing except with the permission of the department.
- (b) A person convicted of an offence under this regulation shall within 10 days after demand by the department remove or cause to be removed from the port or harbour or navigable waters the matter or thing thrown or placed therein. Where the matter or thing is not so removed within the period of 10 days, the department may remove it or cause it to be removed and all costs incurred in or about such removal shall be deemed to be a debt payable to the department by the person offending and may be recovered by action in law in a court of competent jurisdiction.

*[Regulation 8 amended: Gazette 28 May 1969 p. 1568;  
22 Dec 1972 p. 4777.]*

**9. Sand below high water mark not to be interfered with**

- (a) Except as provided by subregulation (b) of the last preceding regulation, no person shall, except with permission of the department, remove any sand or other material from below high water mark in any port or harbour.
- (b) No person shall interfere with or cause damage or erosion to the sea shore or to any natural or artificial river bank within a port or harbour.

**10. Conduct on or near vessels, public jetties or bridges**

No person shall —

- (a) while using or swimming from or near any public jetty or bridge obstruct, impede or interfere with the passage of any vessel approaching or leaving the public jetty or bridge; or
- (b) cause a nuisance to any person on, in or about a vessel, public jetty or bridge.

*[Regulation 10 amended: Gazette 12 Jul 1974 p. 2624.]*

**10A. Areas for swimming**

The department may, by notice published in the *Government Gazette* —

- (a) define and set aside any area of navigable waters as an area that shall not be used for any purpose other than swimming;
- (b) prohibit swimming from or near any public jetty or bridge specified in the notice or within any area of navigable waters defined in the notice;
- (c) vary or cancel any previous notice under this regulation.

*[Regulation 10A inserted: Gazette 12 Jul 1974 p. 2625; amended: Gazette 16 Mar 1979 p. 750.]*

**11. Swimming from public jetty to be at own risk**

A person using or swimming from a public jetty shall do so at his own risk so far as liability of the Crown or the department is concerned for any injury, loss or damage incurred by that person in his use of the jetty.

**12. Regattas**

- (a) No person shall navigate a vessel in such a manner or in such a position as to obstruct, impede or otherwise interfere with, or endanger the safety of boats or persons assembled or competing in events on the occasion of any form of aquatic sport, boat race, swimming carnival, regatta or other assembly for the purpose of entertainment within any navigable waters, for which permission has been granted pursuant to regulation 51C.

*[(b) deleted]*

- (c) Notwithstanding subregulation (a) the person in charge of any sailing vessel or motor boat competing in an organized event shall comply with regulation 13.

*[Regulation 12 amended: Gazette 3 Oct 1967 p. 2592; 18 Dec 1981 p. 5219; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4239.]*

**13. Prevention of Collisions at Sea Regulations 1983 apply**

It is the duty of every person in charge of a motor boat or sailing vessel to be conversant with, and to abide at all times by, these regulations and the *Prevention of Collisions at Sea Regulations 1983* made under the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*.

*[Regulation 13 inserted: Gazette 18 Dec 1981 p. 5219; amended: Gazette 1 Jul 1983 p. 2263.]*



**14. Vessel not to be used to cause nuisance or damage**

No vessel shall travel at such a speed or in such a manner as to cause —

- (a) nuisance to any person or to any other vessel whether moored or not; or
- (b) damage to any person or to that or any other vessel whether moored or not; or
- (c) damage or erosion to any bank or property.

*[Regulation 14 amended: Gazette 17 Nov 2009 p. 4628.]*

**14A. Safe navigation of vessels**

No person shall navigate a vessel in such a manner as to —

- (a) endanger the safety of that or any other vessel or any person; or
- (b) obstruct, impede or otherwise interfere with any other vessel.

*[Regulation 14A inserted: Gazette 22 Sep 1978 p. 3504.]*

**14B. Passengers to keep within certain limits of vessel during navigation**

The person in charge of a vessel shall not permit any other person not engaged in activities required by the navigation of the vessel or the purposes for which that vessel is being used to remain in a position where any portion of his body is exposed to the risk of injury beyond the limits of the hull of that vessel.

*[Regulation 14B inserted: Gazette 22 Aug 1975 p. 3044.]*

**15. Towing vessels**

- (1) No motor boat shall pass through or under any bridge with more than one vessel in tow.

- (2) A person shall not use a vessel for the purposes of towing unless he is at least 17 years of age and is accompanied, in the vessel, by a person of at least 14 years of age.
- (3) A person in control of a towing vessel shall maintain a constant look-out ahead and the person accompanying him, in the vessel, shall maintain a constant watch over the vessel or object being towed by that vessel.
- (4) Subregulations (2) and (3) do not apply where —
  - (a) a distressed vessel is being towed in an emergency situation and no other person is available as an observer; or
  - (b) the person in control of a vessel is unaccompanied at the time he finds a drifting vessel or object in any navigable waters and is towing the vessel or object away in order to prevent a danger arising to vessels using those waters.

*[Regulation 15 amended: Gazette 22 Sep 1978 p. 3504.]*

**16. Inflammable liquid**

No person shall carry or attempt to carry or cause to be carried any inflammable liquid in any vessel licensed to carry passengers whether or not the liquid is carried with cargo or in passenger's baggage or otherwise.

**17. Two vessels leaving adjacent berths at the same time**

Where 2 or more vessels are scheduled to leave the same or adjoining jetties or berths at the same time, the vessel first underway has the right of way and the other vessel or vessels must remain stationary until the vessel first underway is well clear.

*[Regulation 17 amended: Gazette 24 Apr 1998 p. 2161; SL 2023/135 r. 6.]*

**18. Right of way when approaching jetties**

- (a) Where 2 motor boats approach the same public jetty from different directions under such circumstances that if they proceed on their courses a dangerous situation is likely to arise, the motor boat bound down a river shall give way to the motor boat bound up a river.
- (b) Where 2 motor boats approach the same public jetty in the same direction under circumstances that if they proceed on their course a dangerous situation is likely to arise, the motor boat on the outer course shall give way to the motor boat on the inner course.

**18A. At least 2 persons to man sea going vessel**

- (1) In this regulation *vessel* means any vessel, other than a recreational paddle craft (as defined in regulation 46(2)) that is a vessel, held for the purpose of pleasure privately and not for hire or reward.
- (2) A person shall not cause or permit a vessel to go to sea and to remain outside the limits of any port for a period exceeding 12 hours unless the vessel is manned by not less than 2 persons.

*[Regulation 18A inserted: Gazette 30 Dec 1966 p. 3465;  
amended: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2581.]*

*[19. Deleted: SL 2023/135 r. 7.]*

**19A. Speed limit in Swan and Canning Rivers**

Subject to regulations 48 and 48A, a person shall not cause a vessel to travel at a speed exceeding 10 knots in the waters of the Swan and Canning Rivers between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

*[Regulation 19A inserted: Gazette 24 Mar 1972 p. 699.]*

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**19B. Use of signals and flares etc.**

A person shall not, except in the case of an emergency, or where a vessel is in distress and requires assistance, use or set off any signal, flare, rocket or other distress signal without having first obtained the written permission of the department.

Penalty: a fine of \$1 000.

*[Regulation 19B inserted: Gazette 24 Mar 1972 p. 699; amended: Gazette 28 Aug 1992 p. 4242; 17 Nov 2009 p. 4629 and 4630.]*

**19C. Master to display diving signals during diving**

- (1) Except as provided by subregulation (3), the master or person in charge of a vessel from which a person is diving must, at all times during which the vessel is being so used, cause to be exhibited on the vessel so as to be clearly visible to all approaching vessels at all times, the International Code Flag “A” (a swallowed tailed flag having 2 vertical halves; the inner being white and the outer blue, indicating “diver below”).
- (2) The International Code Flag “A” referred to in subregulation (1) must be —
  - (a) a flag of size 6 of the International Flag Code; or
  - (b) not less than 750 mm in length and not less than 600 mm in width.
- (3) The master or person in charge of a vessel from which a person is diving during the hours of darkness shall cause to be displayed on the vessel, in a vertical line and so as to be clearly visible to all approaching vessels at all times, 3 all round lights (having a visibility of not less than 200 m) the highest and lowest of which must be red and the middle light must be white.

*[Regulation 19C inserted: Gazette 22 Dec 1972 p. 4777; amended: Gazette 9 Feb 1979 p. 375; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4239; 11 Mar 2003 p. 752-3.]*

**19D. Person to display certain signals when diving otherwise than from vessel**

- (1) A person who is diving otherwise than from a vessel must ensure that there is displayed at the place where he or she is diving, so as to be clearly visible to all approaching vessels at all times —
  - (a) the International Code Flag “A”; or
  - (b) if diving is taking place during the hours of darkness, a yellow or orange flashing light with a visibility of not less than 200 m.
- (2) The International Code Flag “A” referred to in subregulation (1) must be —
  - (a) if displayed from a buoy, not less than 300 mm in length and not less than 200 mm in width; or
  - (b) if otherwise displayed —
    - (i) a flag of size 6 of the International Flag Code; or
    - (ii) not less than 750 mm in length and not less than 600 mm in width.

*[Regulation 19D inserted: Gazette 11 Mar 2003 p. 753-4.]*

**19E. Precautions when approaching diving operations**

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), the master or person in charge of a vessel approaching a place or another vessel displaying International Code Flag “A” or, during the hours of darkness, the appropriate signal must —
  - (a) keep his vessel at least 50 m clear of that place or vessel;  
or
  - (b) where it is not possible to keep 50 m clear of that place or vessel —
    - (i) proceed at the slowest speed at which his vessel can be safely navigated; and

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- (ii) maintain a proper lookout for persons in the water,

whilst passing within 50 m of the place or vessel displaying the flag or the appropriate signal.

Penalty: a fine of \$1 000.

- (2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1) —
  - (a) an officer of the Department; or
  - (b) an officer of a department principally assisting a Minister to whom the administration of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* or the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* is committed in the administration of that Act; or
  - (c) a police officer, or an Aboriginal police liaison officer appointed under the *Police Act 1892* section 38B(1),

who is the master or person in charge of a vessel may, in the course of his or her duties, approach a place or another vessel displaying the International Code Flag “A” or, during the hours of darkness, the appropriate signal.

- (3) The master or person in charge of a vessel under subregulation (2) must, while within 50 m of the vessel or place —
  - (a) proceed at a safe speed; and
  - (b) maintain a proper lookout for persons in the water.
- (4A) The master or person in charge of a vessel in the vicinity of a place or another vessel displaying International Code Flag “A” or, during the hours of darkness, the appropriate signal, but at least 50 m clear of that place or vessel, must, while in such a position —
  - (a) proceed at a safe speed; and

(b) maintain a proper lookout for persons in the water.

Penalty: a fine of \$1 000.

(4B) For the purposes of subregulation (4A), a vessel is in the vicinity as described in subregulation (4A) if the flag or signal is or would be visible to a person on the vessel maintaining a proper lookout.

(4) In this regulation —

**appropriate signal** means, as the case requires —

- (a) the 3 all round lights referred to in regulation 19C(3); or
- (b) the yellow or orange flashing light referred to in regulation 19D(1)(b).

*[Regulation 19E inserted: Gazette 22 Dec 1972 p. 4778; amended: Gazette 24 Jul 1987 p. 2830; 16 Oct 1987 p. 3893; 2 Nov 1990 p. 5470; 24 Apr 1998 p. 2161; 11 Mar 2003 p. 754-5; 13 Mar 2009 p. 762; 17 Nov 2009 p. 4629; 14 Sep 2018 p. 3316.]*

**19F. Owner of vessel to supply driver's name and address**

(1) When it is alleged that a vessel has been involved in the commission of an offence against any of the provisions of these regulations, an officer of the department may demand from the owner or person for the time being in charge of the vessel, the name and address of the driver of the vessel at the time of the alleged offence.

(2) If the owner, or person for the time being in charge of the vessel, refuses on demand to identify or supply the name and address of the driver of the vessel he commits an offence unless he can prove there are reasonable grounds for him not having knowledge of the driver's identity.

Penalty: a fine of \$500.

*[Regulation 19F inserted: Gazette 22 Dec 1972 p. 4778; amended: Gazette 28 Aug 1992 p. 4242; 17 Nov 2009 p. 4630.]*

**19G. Certificates of appointment**

For the purposes of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* section 118 —

- (a) the certificate of appointment issued to an inspector must be in the form of Schedule 1 Form 1; and
- (b) the certificate of appointment issued to an authorised person must be in the form of Schedule 1 Form 2; and
- (c) the certificate of appointment issued to a person who is both an inspector and an authorised person must be in the form of Schedule 1 Form 3.

*[Regulation 19G inserted: SL 2021/161 r. 4.]*

**19H. Declaration of emergency vessel**

- (1) The chief executive officer may, by notice published in the *Government Gazette*, declare a specific vessel to be an emergency vessel for the purposes of these regulations.
- (2) A declaration under subregulation (1) may specify —
  - (a) the areas within which the vessel may operate as an emergency vessel; and
  - (b) that these regulations, or specified provisions of these regulations, do not apply, in any circumstances or in specified circumstances, to that vessel while it is being used as an emergency vessel; and
  - (c) when a lamp displaying intermittent blue flashes may be used on that vessel; and
  - (d) the persons entitled to operate the vessel under emergency conditions; and
  - (e) such other matters as the chief executive officer considers expedient.



- (3) The chief executive officer may amend or revoke a declaration made under subregulation (1) by the publication of a subsequent notice in the *Government Gazette*.

*[Regulation 19H inserted: Gazette 3 Aug 1990 p. 3753;  
amended: Gazette 11 Aug 1992 p. 3975-6.]*

**19I. Flashing blue lamps**

- (1) A person shall not fit to a vessel a lamp that is capable of intermittent blue flashes unless that vessel has been declared to be an emergency vessel under regulation 19H.

Penalty: a fine of \$500.

- (2) A person shall not cause a lamp displaying intermittent blue flashes to be used on a vessel unless —

- (a) that vessel has been declared to be an emergency vessel under regulation 19H; and
- (b) the lamp is used in accordance with the terms of that declaration.

Penalty: a fine of \$500.

*[Regulation 19I inserted: Gazette 3 Aug 1990 p. 3753;  
amended: Gazette 28 Aug 1992 p. 4242; 17 Nov 2009 p. 4630.]*

**20. Penalties**

Unless otherwise provided, every person who by act or omission contravenes the provisions of any regulation in this Part, or the provisions of any notice published under, and by virtue of, this Part, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of \$500.

*[Regulation 20 inserted: Gazette 12 Jul 1974 p. 2625;  
amended: Gazette 17 Sep 1976 p. 3463; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4242;  
17 Nov 2009 p. 4630.]*

## **Part III — Use of public jetties**

### **21. Terms used**

In this Part, subject to the context —

*jetty* means *public jetty* as defined in section 3 of the *Jetties Act 1926*, and includes all jetties as defined in the said section and public and private jetties within a proclaimed port or harbour;

*vessel* means *vessel* as defined in section 3 of the *Jetties Act 1926*.

### **22. Application of this Part**

Regulations in this Part apply in relation to all persons, in, on, or using navigable waters in or about a jetty.

### **23. Jetties to be in accordance with these regulations**

- (a) No person shall land at, use or enter a jetty except in accordance with these regulations.
- (b) No person shall land at, use or enter a jetty which is under construction or under repair or is closed under section 6 of the *Jetties Act 1926*.

### **24. Vessels moored to jetties**

- (a) No vessel shall be moored or made fast to a jetty or any part thereof except to such mooring piles, ring bolts or other fastenings as are provided and no vessel shall remain alongside any jetty unless so moored or fastened.
- (b) No person shall cause any obstruction on or to any public steps or landing place for passengers on or at a jetty or impede the free passage of other persons on or along such steps or places.

**25. Vessels not to remain at jetties**

- (a) Any vessel fastened to or alongside a jetty shall be removed forthwith on order for removal being given by an officer of the department.
- (b) Subject to subregulation (a), vessels fastened to or alongside any jetty shall remain so fastened or alongside only while embarking or disembarking passengers or cargo.
- (c) No vessel loading or discharging cargo shall come alongside or be fastened to any jetty until the cargo is ready to be loaded or discharged as the case may be.
- (d) Except with the written permission of the department, no vessel shall remain alongside a jetty for the purpose of loading or discharging cargo between sunset and the next following sunrise.

**26. Cargo or property not to be left on jetties**

- (a) No property intended for shipment on to a vessel shall be placed on a jetty unless and until the vessel is alongside the jetty, and such property shall be removed from the jetty as soon as practicable after being placed thereon.
- (b) Property unloaded from a vessel on to a jetty shall be removed from the jetty as soon as practicable.
- (c) Property on a jetty shall be forthwith removed therefrom upon demand by an officer of the department.
- (d) Property left on a jetty shall be removed before the next sunrise.
- (e) A person who leaves property or is in charge of property left on a jetty contrary to this regulation commits an offence.
- (f) Property which remains on a jetty contrary to this regulation may be removed by an officer of the department, and the cost of removal and of any subsequent storage of the property shall be deemed to be a debt to the department payable jointly and

severally by the owner, consignor and consignee of the property, and may be recovered by action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

**27. Explosives not to be landed on jetties**

Without the permission of the department, no person shall land, place or handle on a jetty an explosive as defined in the *Dangerous Goods Safety (Explosives) Regulations 2007* regulation 8.

*[Regulation 27 amended: Gazette 24 Apr 1998 p. 2161; 25 Jul 2014 p. 2582.]*

**28. Vehicles and bicycles on jetties**

- (a) No vehicle shall be driven on to or be or remain on a jetty without permission of an officer of the department.
- (b) No person shall ride or have a bicycle on any jetty.

**29. Written permission required for bulk cargoes**

- (a) No bulk cargo shall be tipped from a vehicle or deposited from a vessel on to a public jetty: Provided that this subregulation shall not apply to the tipping or depositing of sand, stone, gravel, soil or manure which is tipped or deposited by permission in writing of an officer of the department.
- (b) All property tipped or deposited on to a jetty shall be so tipped or deposited gently and carefully.

**30. Damage to jetties**

- (a) Without prejudice to the liability of other persons, if any, the owner of a vessel is personally responsible for all damage to a jetty caused by a person employed by him.
- (b) Where damage to a jetty is caused by an owner or by a person employed by him, the department may repair the damage and the cost of such repairs shall be a debt due to the department and

payable by the owner and may be recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction.

**31. Fishing from public bridges and jetties**

- (1) A person shall not fish in or under a navigation arch of a public bridge or fish from any jetty so as to obstruct or interfere with the free movement of vessels approaching or leaving the jetty or so as to cause a nuisance on the jetty.
- (2) A person shall not hang or spread a fishing net from, on or over any part of a jetty.

*[Regulation 31 inserted: Gazette 23 Mar 1967 p. 814.]*

**32. Hawking, meetings etc. prohibited**

A person shall not —

- (a) without the consent of the department, offer goods for sale on a jetty; or
- (b) by any means, tout or solicit anyone to proceed as a passenger by any vessel or vehicle; or
- (c) without the consent of the department, display any sign or advertisement or use any loud speaking device, on a jetty; or
- (d) so conduct himself as to interfere with free movement of persons entering upon or leaving a jetty.

*[Regulation 32 inserted: Gazette 23 Mar 1967 p. 815.]*

**33. Gangways to be provided**

- (a) Any licensed passenger motor boat using a jetty for the purpose of embarking or disembarking passengers shall provide between the vessel and the jetty at least one safe gangway of not less than 800 mm in width and having a hand rail on both sides.

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- (b) Where passengers are embarking or disembarking between sunset and the next following sunrise, the gangway referred to in the last preceding subregulation shall be sufficiently lighted.

*[Regulation 33 amended: Gazette 14 Feb 1975 p. 572.]*

**34. Material not to be removed without permission**

No person shall remove or cause to be removed from any jetty or from the approaches thereto any gravel, stone, timber, trees, shrubs, grasses or other material without the written permission of the Minister to whom the administration of the *Public Works Act 1902* is committed or his representative.

*[Regulation 34 amended: Gazette 24 Apr 1998 p. 2162.]*

**35. Obstruction of jetties or officer**

- (a) No person shall place or cause to be placed on a jetty any obstruction without the written permission of the department or the department principally assisting the Minister to whom the administration of the *Public Works Act 1902* is committed in the administration of that Act.

- (b) No person shall obstruct any representative, officer or workman of the department or the department principally assisting the Minister to whom the administration of the *Public Works Act 1902* is committed in the administration of that Act in constructing, repairing, adding to or working on any jetty.

*[Regulation 35 amended: Gazette 24 Apr 1998 p. 2162.]*

**36. Penalties**

A person who by act or omission contravenes the provisions of any regulation in this Part commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

*[Regulation 36 amended: Gazette 17 Sep 1976 p. 3463; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4242; 17 Nov 2009 p. 4630.]*

## **Part IV — Berthing and mooring**

### **37. Application of this Part**

Subject to the context, the regulations in this Part apply in relation to all vessels referred to in any of the Acts in any port, harbour, or navigable waters.

### **38. Vessels to be moored, berthed or take their departure as directed**

- (a) The owner of a vessel shall moor or berth his vessel in such a place and in such a manner as directed by an officer of the department and shall, if so directed by an officer of the department, forthwith remove his vessel or mooring in accordance with such directions.
- (b) Where the owner of a vessel neglects or refuses to remove his vessel or his mooring as directed by an officer of the department, the officer may move or cause to be moved the vessel or moorings or both, as the case may be, and the cost of such moving shall be deemed to be a debt due to the department payable by the owner and may be recovered by action in a court of competent jurisdiction, but without prejudice to the liability of the owner to conviction and penalty under the last preceding subregulation.
- (c) An officer of the department may, without the knowledge or consent of the owner of the vessel, move or cause to be moved the vessel or its moorings or both as found necessary from time to time.
- (d) An officer of the department may direct that a vessel take its departure from a berth at such time or times as he may stipulate, so as to provide for the departure of the vessel at a time or times on a particular day or at times over a period of days; and a

person in charge of a vessel who fails to comply with any such direction commits an offence.

*[Regulation 38 amended: Gazette 23 Mar 1967 p. 815.]*

**39. Vessels and moorings not to be interfered with**

No person shall, without the consent of the department, or of the owner of a vessel, move, let go or otherwise interfere with a vessel or its moorings.

**40. Penalties**

A person who by act or omission contravenes the provisions of any regulation in this Part commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

*[Regulation 40 amended: Gazette 17 Sep 1976 p. 3463; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4242; 20 Jun 2000 p. 3038; 14 May 2004 p. 1447; 17 Nov 2009 p. 4630.]*



## **Part V — Obstruction and wrecks**

### **41. Application of this Part**

Subject to the context, regulations in this Part apply within ports, harbours and navigable waters and in relation to vessels, owners and persons referred to in the Acts.

### **42. Vessels not to be moored in fairway or channel**

- (a) No person shall anchor or moor any vessel in any fairway or channel, unless the vessel is in distress.
- (b) Where an anchor has been slipped or let go from a vessel in distress in a fairway or channel, the owner of the vessel shall, as soon as possible, recover and lift the anchor and place it in a position where it will not interfere with the free passage of any other vessel.
- (c) No person shall place a cable, rope or other obstruction in or across a fairway or channel without the permission in writing of the department.
- (d) No person who causes an obstruction in any fairway or channel shall allow the obstruction to remain in the fairway or channel.
- (e) A vessel detained by engine failure or similar cause in a fairway or channel shall be moved close to one side of and where possible out of the fairway or channel.

### **43. Channels or fairways not to be obstructed by nets etc.**

- (a) No crab drop net, fishing net, marker buoy or other buoyed object shall 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 the department.

- (b) No person shall sink, set adrift or abandon any vessel, wreck or thing liable to obstruct the passage of or to cause damage to any vessel in any port, harbour or navigable waters.
- (c) The owner of any vessel, wreck or thing which has been sunk, set adrift or abandoned in any port, harbour or navigable waters, shall raise and remove the same and where directions as to the removal are given to him by an officer of the department, the owner shall carry out the directions within such time as is specified by the officer.
- (d) Where any vessel, wreck or thing is not removed in accordance with subregulation (c), or where the officer of the department is unable, after making reasonable enquiries, to ascertain the identity or whereabouts of the owner, the department may remove the same or cause it to be removed and the cost of such removal shall be deemed to be a debt due to the department by the owner of the vessel, wreck or thing and may be recovered by action in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (e) An officer of the department may remove any buoyed object (including floats and attachments) found in any channel or fairway. A buoyed object so removed may be retained in the possession of the department until claimed by the owner or person entitled to possession thereof. If no such claim is made within 3 months after possession by the department, the object so possessed shall be deemed to have been abandoned by the owner and may be disposed of accordingly.

*[Regulation 43 amended: Gazette 30 Oct 1967 p. 2593;  
22 Sep 1978 p. 3504.]*

**44.      Beached vessels to be removed by owner or officer**

- (a) No person shall remove or otherwise interfere with a vessel which has been beached except with the consent of the owner of the vessel.

- (b) The owner of a beached vessel shall remove it to another place if and when directed by an officer of the department and in accordance with such directions.
- (c) An officer of the department may remove any beached vessel from any place to any other place.

**45. Penalties**

Any person who by act or omission contravenes the provisions of any regulation in this Part commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

*[Regulation 45 amended: Gazette 17 Sep 1976 p. 3463; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4242; 20 Jun 2000 p. 3038; 17 Nov 2009 p. 4630; 25 Jul 2014 p. 2582.]*

## **Part 5A — Registration of private pleasure vessels**

*[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 8.]*

### **45A. Terms used and application of this Part**

*[(1) deleted]*

(2) In this Part —

***ABP standard*** has the meaning given to the term in regulation 8 of the *Fair Trading (Product Information Standard) Regulations 2005*;

***hull identification number***, in relation to a vessel, means a number —

- (a) approved by the chief executive officer; and
- (b) affixed to the hull of the vessel —
  - (i) by a person approved by the chief executive officer or accredited to do so under regulation 45AA or 45AB; and
  - (ii) in a form and manner approved by the chief executive officer;

***owner*** in relation to a registered vessel, means the person stated to be the owner in the application for registration or transfer thereof, of the vessel, last received by the department;

***registered interstate pleasure vessel*** means a registrable vessel which is currently registered in any State or Territory under a system of registration equivalent to that under this Part;

***registered vessel*** means a vessel for the time being registered under this Part;

***tender*** means an auxiliary vessel that —

- (a) is not more than 3.1 m in length; and
- (b) is propelled by motored power not exceeding 3.73 kW; and

- (c) is used for one or more of the following purposes, and for no other purpose —
  - (i) as a life boat;
  - (ii) as a means of transportation between the parent vessel and the shore.
- (3) A tender is a non-registrable vessel if the tender is marked with the registration number of its parent vessel in black numerals not less than 50 mm in height and 12 mm in width with a white surround not less than 7 mm immediately forward of the transom on each side of the vessel.

*[Regulation 45A inserted: Gazette 16 Dec 1971 p. 5230-1; amended: Gazette 14 Feb 1975 p. 572; 17 Sep 1976 p. 3464; 22 Sep 1978 p. 3504; 1 Jul 1983 p. 2263; 12 Oct 1984 p. 3273; 21 Feb 1986 p. 566; 1 Dec 2000 p. 6763-4; 14 Jun 2002 p. 2324; 1 Sep 2006 p. 3597; SL 2022/137 r. 4; SL 2023/135 r. 9.]*

**45AA. Accreditation of persons as hull identification number providers**

- (1) The chief executive officer may accredit a person as a hull identification number provider.
- (2) A hull identification number provider accredited under subregulation (1) is accredited to —
  - (a) affix hull identification numbers to vessels; and
  - (b) examine vessels for the purpose of verifying that they have hull identification numbers; and
  - (c) issue certificates verifying the hull identification numbers of vessels.
- (3) The fee for accreditation of a person as a hull identification number provider is \$416.60.

*[Regulation 45AA inserted: SL 2022/137 r. 5; amended: SL 2023/45 r. 8.]*

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**45AB. Accreditation of persons as hull identification number examiners**

- (1) The chief executive officer may accredit as a hull identification number examiner a person who is employed by, or otherwise works for or on behalf of, a person accredited as a hull identification number provider under regulation 45AA(1).
- (2) A hull identification number examiner accredited under subregulation (1) is accredited to do the following in the course of their employment with, or otherwise for or on behalf of, the relevant hull identification number provider —
  - (a) affix hull identification numbers to vessels;
  - (b) examine vessels for the purpose of verifying that they have hull identification numbers;
  - (c) issue certificates verifying the hull identification numbers of vessels.
- (3) The fee for accreditation of a person as a hull identification number examiner is \$115.60.

*[Regulation 45AB inserted: SL 2022/137 r. 5; amended: SL 2023/45 r. 9.]*

**45AC. Provisions relating to accreditation of hull identification number providers and examiners**

- (1) The chief executive officer may impose conditions on an accreditation under regulation 45AA(1) or 45AB(1) and may revoke or vary those conditions.
- (2) The chief executive officer may extend the accreditation of a person under regulation 45AA(1) or 45AB(1) by notice given to the person.

- (3) The chief executive officer may revoke the accreditation of a person under regulation 45AA(1) or 45AB(1) if the chief executive officer is satisfied that —
- (a) the person has not complied with a condition of the accreditation; or
  - (b) the accreditation is no longer appropriate.
- (4) Subject to subregulation (3), an accreditation under regulation 45AA(1) or 45AB(1) has effect for the period specified in the accreditation or, if the accreditation is extended under subregulation (2), in the notice of extension.

*[Regulation 45AC inserted: SL 2022/137 r. 5.]*

**45AD. Transitional provisions regarding accreditation of hull identification number providers and examiners**

- (1) In this regulation —
- commencement day*** means the day on which the *Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2022* regulation 5 comes into operation;
- former Regulations*** means the *Navigable Waters Regulations 1958* as in force immediately before commencement day.
- (2) On and from commencement day —
- (a) a person who is approved by the chief executive officer under paragraph (b) of the definition of ***hull identification number*** in regulation 45A(2) of the former Regulations, and described as a provider in relation to hull identification numbers, is taken to be accredited as a hull identification number provider under regulation 45AA(1); and
  - (b) a person who is approved by the chief executive officer under paragraph (b) of the definition of ***hull identification number*** in regulation 45A(2) of the former Regulations, and described as an examiner in

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relation to hull identification numbers, is taken to be accredited as a hull identification number examiner under regulation 45AB(1); and

- (c) a certificate issued before commencement day by a person to whom paragraph (a) or (b) applies for the purpose of verifying the hull identification number of a vessel is taken to be a certificate issued by a person accredited to do so under regulation 45AA or 45AB verifying the hull identification number of the vessel.
- (3) A person taken to be accredited under subregulation (2)(a) or (b) is taken to be accredited for the period specified in the approval referred to in that paragraph, subject to any extension or revocation of the accreditation under regulation 45AC(2) or (3).

*[Regulation 45AD inserted: SL 2022/137 r. 5.]*

**45B. Registration of vessels**

- (1) Subject to subregulations (2) and (2a) and to regulation 45BAA, a person shall not use or have in any navigable waters a registrable vessel unless —
- (a) the vessel is registered with the department in accordance with this Part; and
  - (b) the current boat registration label for the vessel is fixed to the port side of the vessel, next to the registration number required by subregulation (7), in a manner which makes it clearly visible.
- (1a) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence.
- (2) A person may, within the period of 30 days immediately succeeding the day of expiry of the registration of the vessel, use or have in navigable waters a vessel that is not registered with the department in accordance with this Part.



- (2a) A person may, within the period of 3 months immediately succeeding the day of entry of a registered interstate pleasure vessel into any navigable waters, use or have in navigable waters a registered interstate pleasure vessel that is not registered with the department in accordance with this regulation.
- (3) Every application for the registration of a registrable vessel shall be made to the department in writing on a form specified by the Minister and shall include —
- (a) subject to paragraph (aa) the full name and residential address of the owner of the vessel and the telephone number of any telephone installed at that address for the owner; and
  - (aa) where the owner of a registered vessel is —
    - (i) a company, the full name of a natural person nominated by the company; or
    - (ii) a partnership, the full name of each partner, together with the addresses and telephone numbers at which the natural person or partners, as the case may be, may be contacted both during normal business hours and outside of those hours; and
  - (ab) the hull identification number of the vessel; and
  - (ac) the engine number of any motor fitted to the vessel; and
  - (ad) whether or not an Australian Builders Plate is attached to the vessel in accordance with the ABP standard; and
  - (b) the overall length of the vessel expressed in metres expressed to 2 decimal places; and
  - (c) the type of construction of the vessel and its colour; and
  - (d) the power in kilowatts and name of the manufacturer of the engine fitted to the vessel or carried as an auxiliary in the vessel and a statement as to whether the engine is of the inboard or outboard type.

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- (3a) An application under subregulation (3) is to be accompanied by —
- (aa) a certificate issued by a person accredited to do so under regulation 45AA or 45AB verifying the hull identification number of the vessel; and
  - (a) such proof of the particulars referred to in subregulation (3) as the department may require; and
  - (b) the appropriate fee ascertained in accordance with the following Table —

**Table of fees**

<b>Length of vessel</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
(i) less than 5 m	147.50
(ii) 5 m or more but less than 10 m	313.10
(iii) 10 m or more but less than 20 m	628.00
(iv) 20 m or more	918.45

- (4) Where an application for registration is made for a vessel —
- (a) not previously registered under these regulations; or
  - (b) for which the registration last issued under these regulations expired more than 30 days prior to the date of the application,

the application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee prescribed in subregulation (3a)(b) and a recording fee of \$32.55.

- (5) A vessel owned and operated solely for sea search and rescue operations by a properly constituted volunteer organization is exempted from fees prescribed in this regulation.

- (5a) On an application under this regulation the department is to register a vessel if and only if it is satisfied that —
- (a) the vessel has a hull identification number; and
  - (b) the particulars provided in the application are true and correct; and
  - (c) if the vessel has not been registered in Western Australia before and the vessel —
    - (i) is a vessel to which regulation 9 of the *Fair Trading (Product Information Standard) Regulations 2005* applies; or
    - (ii) is a vessel to which regulation 9 of the *Fair Trading (Product Information Standard) Regulations 2005* does not apply solely because of regulation 9(2)(a) of those regulations and in respect of which a certificate of survey has not been issued,  
  
the vessel has an Australian Builders Plate attached in accordance with the ABP standard.
- (5b) The requirement to have an Australian Builders Plate under subregulation (5a)(c) does not apply to a vessel imported from a State or Territory if —
- (a) the vessel has an Australian Builders Plate or an equivalent plate that complies with a requirement of the State or Territory that corresponds to the requirement to have an Australian Builders Plate under subregulation (5a)(c); or
  - (b) the vessel is exempt from that corresponding requirement by or under a law of the State or Territory; or
  - (c) the State or Territory does not have a requirement that corresponds to the requirement to have an Australian Builders Plate under subregulation (5a)(c) and the vessel is imported within 18 months after the day on which the

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*Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2006* came into operation.

- (5c) The chief executive officer may, on application, exempt a particular vessel from the requirement to have an Australian Builders Plate under subregulation (5a)(c) if satisfied that —
- (a) the vessel complies with some other appropriate safety standard and, in the circumstances of the case, it would be unreasonable for the vessel to be required to have an Australian Builders Plate; or
  - (b) the vessel is of a type for which appropriate safety standards do not exist and for which other safety standards cannot reasonably be adapted and, in the circumstances of the case, it would be unreasonable for the vessel to be required to have an Australian Builders Plate; or
  - (c) the vessel is of a type that closely resembles a vessel of a type that is not covered by regulation 9 of the *Fair Trading (Product Information Standard) Regulations 2005* because of regulation 9(2) of those regulations and, in the circumstances of the case, it would be unreasonable for the vessel to be required to have an Australian Builders Plate; or
  - (d) the vessel is to be used for only a short period of time, its use is unlikely to endanger the lives of its occupants or occupants of other vessels and, in the circumstances of the case, it would be unreasonable for the vessel to be required to have an Australian Builders Plate.
- (6) When the department registers a vessel under this Part, other than under regulation 45BAA, the department shall —
- (a) if the vessel has not previously been registered, allot a registration number for the vessel; and
  - (b) in every case, issue to the owner for whom the application was made a certificate of registration for the vessel and a boat registration label.

- (6A) An owner of a registered vessel, or a person authorised in writing by an owner, may be issued with a replacement certificate of registration on payment of a fee of \$13.90.
- (7) A person shall not use or have in any navigable waters a registrable vessel, other than a foreign pleasure vessel as defined in regulation 45BAA(1), unless —
- (a) where the vessel is not a vessel to which paragraph (b) or (c) applies, the registration number allotted to the vessel is legibly marked on each side of the vessel in accordance with the following provisions —
    - (i) the number shall not be positioned under a flared bow of the vessel and shall at all times be easily visible, whether or not the vessel is underway; and
    - (ii) where a vessel has the number marked on the hull the digits of the number shall be positioned so that the highest part of each digit commences at a point that is not lower than 75 mm below the gunwale of the vessel; and
    - (iii) each digit of the number shall be not less than 150 mm in height, and not less than 25 mm in width; and
    - (iv) where the background, of each digit is not white, each digit of the number shall have a white surround not less than 7 mm in width; and
    - (v) each digit of the number shall be of plain block design and not script and be vertical and not slanting;
  - and
  - (b) where the vessel is a yacht which is or may be propelled by mechanical power, the registration number allotted to the vessel is legibly marked on each side of the hull of

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the vessel in accordance with the following provisions —

- (i) the number shall be positioned immediately forward of the transom so as to be easily visible; and
- (ii) the digits of the number shall be positioned so that the highest part of each digit commences at a point that is not lower than 75 mm below the gunwale of the vessel; and
- (iii) each digit of the number shall be black and shall be not less than 50 mm in height and 12 mm in width; and
- (iv) where the background of each digit is not white, each digit of the number shall have a white surround not less than 7 mm in width; and
- (v) each digit of the number shall be of plain block design and not script and be vertical and not slanting;

and

- (c) where the vessel is a personal watercraft, the registration number allotted to the vessel is legibly marked on each side of the vessel in accordance with the following provisions —
  - (i) the number shall be positioned so as to be easily visible;
  - (ii) each digit of the number shall be not less than 100 mm in height, and not less than 25 mm in width;
  - (iii) where the background of each digit is not white, each digit of the number shall have a white surround not less than 7 mm in width;

- (iv) each digit of the number shall be of plain block design and not script and be vertical and not slanting.
- (7a) A person who contravenes subregulation (7) commits an offence.
- (8) Every registrable vessel, other than a foreign pleasure vessel as defined in regulation 45BAA(1), proceeding to sea on voyages north of Geraldton, shall have painted in black letters and figures at least 0.61 m in height and 0.1 m in width upon a yellow background, the registration number allotted to the vessel under this Part, prefixed by the letter “W” in the same dimensions, either —
- (a) upon the top of the wheelhouse; or
  - (b) upon a canvas sheet carried upon the vessel and displayed when required for identification of the vessel.
- (8a) A person who contravenes subregulation (8) commits an offence.

*[Regulation 45B inserted: Gazette 12 Oct 1984 p. 3273-5; amended: Gazette 2 Nov 1984 p. 3523; 30 Aug 1985 p. 3079; 21 Feb 1986 p. 566; 16 May 1986 p. 1661; 16 Apr 1987 p. 1370; 12 Aug 1988 p. 2715; 13 Jan 1989 p. 75; 30 Jun 1989 p. 1926; 1 Aug 1990 p. 3646; 26 Jul 1991 p. 3924; 10 Apr 1992 p. 1597; 30 Jun 1992 p. 2900; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4240; 29 Jun 1993 p. 3187; 14 Jun 1994 p. 2482; 30 Jun 1995 p. 2706; 25 Jun 1996 p. 2992; 27 Jun 1997 p. 3150; 12 May 1998 p. 2796; 20 Jun 2000 p. 3039; 1 Dec 2000 p. 6764-5; 27 Jul 2001 p. 3800; 14 Jun 2002 p. 2324-5; 27 Jun 2003 p. 2536; 25 Jun 2004 p. 2264; 24 Jun 2005 p. 2778; 23 Jun 2006 p. 2207; 1 Sep 2006 p. 3597-9; 12 Jun 2007 p. 2727; 24 Jun 2008 p. 2894; 9 Jan 2009 p. 37; 12 Jun 2009 p. 2130; 27 Aug 2010 p. 4115; 21 Jun 2011 p. 2241; 4 Nov 2011 p. 4634; 15 Jun 2012 p. 2525; 14 Jun 2013 p. 2237-8; 16 May 2014 p. 1542; 29 May 2015 p. 1881; 27 May 2016 p. 1551; 26 May 2017 p. 2640-1; 25 May 2018*

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*p. 1641; 17 May 2019 p. 1438; SL 2020/60 r. 8; SL 2021/68 r. 14; SL 2022/56 r. 6; SL 2022/137 r. 6; SL 2023/45 r. 10; SL 2023/135 r. 10.]*

**45BAA. Registration of foreign pleasure vessels**

- (1) In this regulation —  
*foreign pleasure vessel* means a registrable vessel which is owned by a person who is not a permanent resident of the State and which is temporarily within navigable waters but does not include a registered interstate pleasure vessel;  
*proposed departure date* in relation to a foreign pleasure vessel means the date notified to the department pursuant to subregulation (4)(g) in respect of that vessel.
- (2) Subject to subregulation (3), a person shall not use or have in any navigable waters a foreign pleasure vessel unless the vessel is registered with the department in accordance with this regulation.
- (2a) A person who contravenes subregulation (2) commits an offence.
- (3) A person may, within the period of 30 days immediately succeeding the day of entry of the foreign pleasure vessel into any navigable waters, use or have in navigable waters a foreign pleasure vessel that is not registered with the department in accordance with this regulation.
- (4) Every application for the registration of a foreign pleasure vessel shall be made to the department in writing on a form specified by the Minister and shall include particulars of —
  - (a) the full name and residential address of the owner of the vessel and the telephone number of any telephone installed at that address for the owner; and
  - (b) the full name and residential address of the master of the vessel; and



- (c) the overall length of the vessel expressed in metres expressed to 2 decimal places; and
  - (d) the type of construction of the vessel and its colour; and
  - (e) the power in kilowatts and name of the manufacturer of the engine fitted to the vessel or carried as an auxiliary in the vessel and a statement as to whether the engine is of the inboard or outboard type; and
  - (f) the date of entry of the vessel into navigable waters; and
  - (g) the proposed date of departure of the vessel from navigable waters.
- (4A) An application for the registration of a foreign pleasure vessel must be accompanied by a recording fee of \$32.55 and the appropriate fee ascertained in accordance with the following Table for each 3 month period or part of a 3 month period for which it is proposed the vessel will be in navigable waters —

**Table**

<b>Length of vessel</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
(i) less than 5 m	4.45
(ii) 5 m or more but less than 10 m	8.25
(iii) 10 m or more but less than 20 m	10.75
(iv) 20 m or more but less than 30 m	21.45
(v) 30 m or more but less than 40 m	42.75
(vi) 40 m or more	85.60

- (5) When the department registers a foreign pleasure vessel under this regulation the department shall, if the vessel has not previously been registered under this regulation, allot a

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registration number for the vessel and issue to the owner for whom the application was made —

- (a) a boat registration label; and
  - (b) a certificate of registration for the vessel, which certificate shall indicate the date of expiry of the registration of the vessel.
- (6) A person shall not use or have in any navigable waters a foreign pleasure vessel unless —
- (a) the current boat registration label for the vessel is fixed to the port side of the vessel in a manner and position which makes it clearly visible; and
  - (b) the certificate of registration referred to in subregulation (5) is carried upon the vessel.
- (6a) A person who contravenes subregulation (6) commits an offence.
- (7) Where an application for registration as a foreign pleasure vessel is duly made under this regulation and is accompanied by the prescribed fees the department shall issue a certificate of registration for a period commencing on the date shown on the receipt imprinted on the certificate and expiring on the proposed departure date.
- (8) Where a foreign pleasure vessel previously registered under this regulation does not leave navigable waters on the proposed departure date and application for registration of the vessel under this regulation is duly made under subregulation (4) and is accompanied by the prescribed fee before that registration expires or within 30 days immediately succeeding the day on which that registration expires the department shall register the vessel for a period expiring on the proposed departure date shown in that application and the registration shall be deemed to be a continuation of the previous registration and to have effect

on and from the day next succeeding the day on which that registration expires.

*[Regulation 45BAA inserted: Gazette 21 Feb 1986 p. 566-7; amended: Gazette 2 Mar 1990 p. 1328; 1 Aug 1990 p. 3647; 10 Apr 1992 p. 1597; 30 Jun 1992 p. 2900; 29 Jun 1993 p. 3188; 14 Jun 1994 p. 2482; 27 Jun 1997 p. 3151; 12 May 1998 p. 2796; 1 Dec 2000 p. 6765; 27 Jul 2001 p. 3800; 14 Jun 2002 p. 2325; 27 Jun 2003 p. 2536; 25 Jun 2004 p. 2264; 24 Jun 2005 p. 2778; 23 Jun 2006 p. 2207; 12 Jun 2007 p. 2727; 24 Jun 2008 p. 2895; 12 Jun 2009 p. 2130; 27 Aug 2010 p. 4115; 21 Jun 2011 p. 2241; 27 May 2016 p. 1550; 25 May 2018 p. 1641; 17 May 2019 p. 1438; SL 2020/60 r. 8; SL 2021/68 r. 14; SL 2022/56 r. 6; SL 2023/45 r. 11.]*

**45BAB. Chief executive officer may issue registration stickers**

- (1) The chief executive officer may issue to the owner of a registered vessel, or to a person authorised in writing by the owner, an adhesive sticker that displays the registration number allotted to the vessel.
- (2) The fee for issuing a sticker under subregulation (1) is \$1.90.

*[Regulation 45BAB inserted: SL 2022/137 r. 7; amended: SL 2023/45 r. 12.]*

**45BA. Dealers plates**

- (1) Any person who is carrying on the business of —
  - (a) manufacturing vessels; or
  - (b) buying or selling new vessels; or
  - (c) buying or selling used vessels; or
  - (d) repairing vessels; or
  - (e) buying or selling trade articles used on vessels,

may apply in writing to the department for the issue to him of one or more sets of dealers plates.

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- (2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be made in writing in a form approved by the department and be accompanied by a fee of —
- (a) \$404.10 for the issue of the first set of plates; and
  - (b) \$168.90 for the issue of each additional set of plates.
- (3) A person to whom a set of dealers plates is issued by the department pursuant to an application made in accordance with subregulation (2) is entitled, subject to subregulation (5) to use those dealers plates in accordance with the provisions of this regulation for a period of 12 months from the date of issue to him of the dealers plates and thereafter the person may so use the dealers plates for successive periods of 12 months if renewal fees of \$306.80 for the first set of plates and 10% of that fee for each additional set of plates are paid to the department prior to the commencement of each such successive period of 12 months.
- (4) A person shall not use a vessel, or cause or permit a vessel to be used, while dealers plates are affixed on the vessel unless —
- (a) the vessel is being used by or with the consent of the person to whom the dealers plates have been issued; and
  - (b) the vessel is being used for purposes connected with the manufacture, alteration, repair, testing, sale or demonstration for a commercial purpose of the vessel or of a trade article used on the vessel; and
  - (c) the plates are securely affixed to the vessel and are visible at a distance of 50 m while the vessel is underway,

and no payment or valuable consideration of any kind shall be made, given or demanded for the use of a vessel while dealers plates are affixed on the vessel.

- (4a) A person who contravenes subregulation (4) commits an offence.

- (5)(a) The department may by notice served on a person to whom dealers plates have been issued, require him to immediately or within 7 days deliver up the plates to the department.
- (b) A person served with a notice pursuant to paragraph (a) commits an offence if the person uses the plates after service of that notice.
- (6) Where any dealers plate or set of dealers plates issued under this regulation is lost the person to whom it was issued commits an offence if the person does not, as soon as practicable, notify the department of that fact.
- (6a) The department may issue a further dealers plate or set of dealers plates in replacement for that lost —
- (a) on being notified under subregulation (6); and
  - (b) on the payment of a fee of \$168.90.
- (7) The provisions of regulation 45B(1) do not apply to the use of a vessel to which dealers plates are affixed in the manner prescribed by this regulation on any occasion when the use of the vessel with dealers plates so affixed is authorised by the provisions of this regulation.

*[Regulation 45BA inserted: Gazette 14 Mar 1975 p. 899; amended: Gazette 20 Jun 1980 p. 1831; 5 Aug 1983 p. 2837; 12 Oct 1984 p. 3275; 16 Oct 1987 p. 3893; 12 Aug 1988 p. 2715; 30 Jun 1989 p. 1927; 1 Aug 1990 p. 3647; 26 Jul 1991 p. 3925; 30 Jun 1992 p. 2901; 29 Jun 1993 p. 3188; 14 Jun 1994 p. 2482-3; 27 Jun 1997 p. 3151; 12 May 1998 p. 2796; 20 Jun 2000 p. 3039; 1 Dec 2000 p. 6765-6; 27 Jul 2001 p. 3800; 27 Jun 2003 p. 2537; 25 Jun 2004 p. 2265; 24 Jun 2005 p. 2779; 23 Jun 2006 p. 2208; 12 Jun 2007 p. 2727; 1 Jul 2008 p. 3154; 12 Jun 2009 p. 2130; 21 Jun 2011 p. 2241; 15 Jun 2012 p. 2526; 14 Jun 2013 p. 2238; 16 May 2014 p. 1542-3; 29 May 2015 p. 1882; 27 May 2016 p. 1551; 25 May 2018 p. 1641; 17 May 2019 p. 1438; SL 2020/60 r. 8; SL 2021/68 r. 14; SL 2022/56 r. 6; SL 2023/45 r. 13; SL 2023/135 r. 11.]*

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**45C. Duration of registration etc.**

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), where an application for registration is duly made under regulation 45B and is accompanied by the prescribed fees the department shall issue a certificate of registration for a period of 12 months, which period shall commence on the date shown on the receipt imprinted on the application.
- (2) Where application for registration of a vessel previously registered under this Part is duly made under regulation 45B and is accompanied by the prescribed fee —
  - (a) within the period of 30 days immediately preceding the day on which the registration expires; or
  - (b) within the period of 30 days immediately succeeding the day on which the registration expires,

the department shall register the vessel for a period of 12 months and the registration shall be deemed to be a continuation of the previous registration and to have effect on and from the day next succeeding the day on which that registration expires.

*[Regulation 45C inserted: Gazette 12 Oct 1984 p. 3275.]*

**45D. Owners to furnish particulars of changes of address etc.**

- (1) The owner of a registered vessel commits an offence if the owner does not —
  - (a) produce to an officer of the department or a member of the police force the certificate of registration of the vessel within the time specified by the officer or member; and
  - (b) notify the department in a form approved by the Minister of any change in any of the registered particulars of the vessel or the address of the owner or any of the nominated persons referred to in

regulation 45B(3)(aa), within 15 days of any such change occurring.

- (2) Where a certificate of registration or a boat registration label issued under this Part in respect of a vessel has been lost, stolen, destroyed, mislaid, defaced, mutilated or rendered illegible, the owner of the vessel commits an offence if the person does not, as soon as practicable, notify the department of that fact and of the circumstances which gave rise to that fact.
- (3) On being notified under subregulation (2), the department may issue a duplicate certificate of registration or a replacement boat registration label, as the case requires.

*[Regulation 45D inserted: Gazette 16 Dec 1971 p. 5232; amended: Gazette 21 Feb 1986 p. 567; 1 Aug 1990 p. 3647; 10 Apr 1992 p. 1597-8; 30 Jun 1992 p. 2901; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4240; 27 Jun 1997 p. 3151; 12 May 1998 p. 2796; 20 Jun 2000 p. 3039; 1 Dec 2000 p. 6766.]*

#### **45E. Transfers of vessels**

- (1) Where the owner of a registered vessel sells or otherwise disposes of the vessel, the owner commits an offence if the owner does not —
  - (a) forthwith furnish to the person to whom the vessel has been sold or disposed of the certificate of registration issued in respect of the vessel; and
  - (b) within 7 days of the sale or disposal, give notice to the department in writing of the sale or disposal of the vessel of the consent to the sale or disposal of the vessel of all registered owners of the vessel and the name and address of the person to whom the vessel has been sold or disposed of.

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- (2) Subject to subregulation (5), a person to whom a registered vessel has been sold or disposed of commits an offence if the person does not, within 15 days of the sale or disposal —
- (a) apply to the department for the transfer of the vessel and include with the application a recording fee of \$32.55; and
  - (b) produce to the department —
    - (i) the certificate of registration of the vessel; and
    - (ii) the consent in writing of all the parties named in the application and such other proof of the sale or disposal of the vessel as the department may require; and
    - (iii) the particulars referred to in regulation 45B(3), and such proof of the particulars as the department may require; and
    - (iv) a certificate issued by a person accredited to do so under regulation 45AA or 45AB verifying the hull identification number of the vessel.
- (2a) On an application under subregulation (2) the department is to transfer the registration, and return to the person by whom the application was made the certificate of registration, suitably endorsed, if and only if the department is satisfied that —
- (a) the vessel has a hull identification number; and
  - (b) the particulars provided in the application are true and correct.
- (3) The owner of a registered vessel commits an offence if the owner does not notify the department in writing of the loss of that vessel, however occasioned, within 15 days of the owner learning of that loss.
- (4) Subregulation (3) does not apply if the department has already been notified of the loss of the vessel pursuant to regulation 52H.



- (5) A person to whom a vessel registered under regulation 45BAA has been sold or disposed of commits an offence if the person does not, within 15 days of the sale or disposal, produce to the department the certificate of registration of the vessel and such other proof of the sale or disposal of the vessel as the department may require.
- (6) On receiving the certificate or registration and proof of sale or disposal referred to in subregulation (5), the department is to —
- (a) transfer the registration of the vessel and return to that person the certificate of registration, suitably endorsed; or
  - (b) where the department considers the vessel is no longer a foreign pleasure vessel, direct that person to make application for registration of the vessel under regulation 45B.

*[Regulation 45E inserted: Gazette 16 Dec 1971 p. 5232; amended: Gazette 12 Jul 1974 p. 2625; 9 Feb 1979 p. 375; 7 Aug 1981 p. 3230; 12 Oct 1984 p. 3275; 2 Nov 1984 p. 3523; 21 Feb 1986 p. 567-8; 2 Mar 1990 p. 1329; 1 Aug 1990 p. 3647; 10 Apr 1992 p. 1598; 30 Jun 1992 p. 2901; 24 Apr 1998 p. 2162; 1 Dec 2000 p. 6766-8; 14 Jun 2002 p. 2325; 27 Jun 2003 p. 2537; 30 Nov 2007 p. 5938; 27 Aug 2010 p. 4115; 21 Jun 2011 p. 2242; 15 Jun 2012 p. 2526; 14 Jun 2013 p. 2238; 29 May 2015 p. 1882; 27 May 2016 p. 1551; 26 May 2017 p. 2641; 25 May 2018 p. 1641; 17 May 2019 p. 1438; SL 2020/60 r. 8; SL 2021/68 r. 14; SL 2022/56 r. 6; SL 2022/137 r. 8; SL 2023/45 r. 14.]*

**45EA. Altering hull identification number prohibited**

- (1) A person who, without the approval of the chief executive officer, alters, removes or renders illegible the hull identification number of a registered vessel commits an offence.

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- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply to a person accredited under regulation 45AA(1) or 45AB(1) acting in accordance with their accreditation.

*[Regulation 45EA inserted: Gazette 1 Dec 2000 p. 6768; amended: SL 2022/137 r. 9.]*

**45EB. Duty of owner to reaffix hull identification number**

Where a hull identification number of a registered vessel has, without the approval of the chief executive officer, been altered, removed or rendered illegible (whether accidentally or deliberately), the owner of the vessel commits an offence if the owner does not, as soon as practicable after becoming aware that the number has been altered, removed or rendered illegible, ensure that the number approved by the chief executive officer is reaffixed to the hull of the vessel —

- (a) by a person approved by the chief executive officer or accredited to do so under regulation 45AA or 45AB; and
- (b) in a form and manner approved by the chief executive officer.

*[Regulation 45EB inserted: SL 2022/137 r. 10.]*

**45F. Penalties**

A person who commits an offence under this Part is liable to a fine of \$500.

*[Regulation 45F inserted: Gazette 1 Dec 2000 p. 6768; amended: Gazette 17 Nov 2009 p. 4630.]*

## **Part 6 — Private pleasure vessels**

*[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 12.]*

### **Division 1 — Preliminary**

*[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 12.]*

#### **46. Terms used**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 3(2), a reference in this Part to a motor boat is a reference to a motor boat that is a ***pleasure vessel*** within the meaning of section 98(1) of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*; and the word ***owner*** has the meaning provided by that section.
- (2) In this Part —  
***appropriate lifejacket***, for a person, means —
  - (a) in relation to a registrable vessel that is not a personal watercraft, any of the following, of a size and buoyancy appropriate to the body mass of that person —
    - (i) a Level 100 lifejacket;
    - (ii) a Level 150 lifejacket;
    - (iii) a Level 275 lifejacket;
    - (iv) a SOLAS lifejacket;
  - and
  - (b) in relation to a non-registrable vessel and a registrable vessel that is a personal watercraft, any of the following, of a size and buoyancy appropriate to the body mass of that person —
    - (i) a Level 50S lifejacket;
    - (ii) a Level 50 lifejacket;
    - (iii) a Level 100 lifejacket;
    - (iv) a Level 150 lifejacket;
    - (v) a Level 275 lifejacket;

(vi) a SOLAS lifejacket;

**approved electronic visual distress signal** means an electronic visual distress signal approved by the Minister, for the purposes of regulation 52B, by notice published in the *Gazette*;

**AS**, followed by a designation, means the Australian Standard having that designation published by Standards Australia;

**AS/NZS**, followed by a designation, means the Australian/New Zealand Standard having that designation jointly published by Standards Australia and the Standards Council of New Zealand;

**Australian Communications and Media Authority** means the Australian Communications and Media Authority established under the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005* (Commonwealth) section 6;

**Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon** means an emergency position-indicating radio beacon registered with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority established under the *Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990* (Commonwealth) section 5 that —

(a) before 1 September 2028, complies with —

- (i) AS/NZS 4280.1:2003; or
- (ii) AS/NZS 4280.1:2017; or
- (iii) AS/NZS 4280.1:2022;

and

(b) on or after 1 September 2028 but before 1 September 2033, is GNSS-equipped and complies with —

- (i) AS/NZS 4280.1:2017; or
- (ii) AS/NZS 4280.1:2022;

and

- (c) on or after 1 September 2033, is GNSS-equipped and complies with AS/NZS 4280.1:2022;

***GNSS-equipped***, in relation to an Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon or a personal locator beacon, means capable of —

- (a) determining, by means of a global navigation satellite system, the location of the Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon or personal locator beacon, as the case may be; and
- (b) encoding information as to the location within the signal transmitted by the Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon or personal locator beacon;

***ISO***, followed by a designation, means the standard having that designation published by the International Organization for Standardization;

***Level 50 lifejacket*** means —

- (a) a lifejacket classified as Level 50 by AS 4758; or
- (b) a buoyancy aid classified as performance level 50 by ISO 12402;

***Level 50S lifejacket*** means —

- (a) a lifejacket classified as Level 50S by AS 4758; or
- (b) a special purpose buoyancy aid classified as performance level 50 by ISO 12402;

***Level 100 lifejacket*** means —

- (a) a lifejacket classified as Level 100 by AS 4758; or
- (b) a lifejacket classified as performance level 100 by ISO 12402;

***Level 150 lifejacket*** means —

- (a) a lifejacket classified as Level 150 by AS 4758; or
- (b) a lifejacket classified as performance level 150 by ISO 12402;

**Level 275 lifejacket** means —

- (a) a lifejacket classified as Level 275 by AS 4758; or
- (b) a lifejacket classified as performance level 275 by ISO 12402;

**marine transceiver** means a marine radio transceiver approved by the Australian Communications and Media Authority that is —

- (a) a High Frequency or Very High Frequency radio; or
- (b) before 1 September 2028 — a 27 MHz radio;

**para-sailing** means the sport or exercise where a person is towed over water by a motor boat and with the aid of a kite, parachute or similar apparatus becomes airborne;

**personal locator beacon** means a beacon registered with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority established under the *Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990* (Commonwealth) section 5 that —

- (a) before 1 September 2028, complies with —
  - (i) AS/NZS 4280.2:2003; or
  - (ii) AS/NZS 4280.2:2017;

and

- (b) on or after 1 September 2028, is GNSS-equipped and complies with AS/NZS 4280.2:2017;

**PFD Type 1** means a personal flotation device that bears the stamp of Standards Australia and conforms to standard AS 1512 issued by that body;

**PFD Type 2** means a personal flotation device that bears the stamp of Standards Australia and conforms to standard AS 1499 issued by that body;

**PFD Type 3** means a personal flotation device that bears the stamp of Standards Australia and conforms to standard AS 2260 issued by that body;

**recreational paddle craft** means a canoe, a kayak, a surfski, an inflatable craft or any other similar craft, whether or not a vessel, that is propelled by paddle or otherwise by the movements of a person operating the craft, but does not include such a craft that is or may be propelled by mechanical power;

**sailboard** means a sailboard, a kite surfboard or any other similar recreational equipment that is principally propelled by wind;

**sailboard riding** means sailboard riding, windsurfing, kitesurfing, kiteboarding or otherwise using a sailboard for the purpose of engaging in a water related recreational activity;

**SOLAS lifejacket** means a lifejacket that meets the standards of the current International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea;

**trick water ski-ing** means the sport or exercise of being towed over the water by a motor boat, without being continuously supported on the surface;

**water ski-ing** means the sport or exercise of being towed over water, at a speed of 8 knots or more, by a motor boat, so as to be supported on the surface by a ski or skis, an aquaplane or other apparatus, or the feet; and **water skier** means a person engaging in water ski-ing or in trick water ski-ing.

*[Regulation 46 inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4014-15; amended: Gazette 12 Jul 1974 p. 2625; 16 May 1986 p. 1661; 10 Apr 1992 p. 1598; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4240-1; 24 Apr 1998 p. 2162; 8 May 2001 p. 2273; 1 Sep 2006 p. 3599; 9 Jan 2009 p. 37; 27 Aug 2010 p. 4113; 25 Jul 2014 p. 2582; 3 Mar 2017 p. 1485-6; SL 2023/135 r. 13.]*

## Division 2 — Recreational skippers' tickets

[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 14.]

[46A. Deleted: Gazette 3 Mar 2017 p. 1486.]

[Heading deleted: Gazette 1 Jul 1983 p. 2263.]

### 47. Terms used

(1) In this Division —

**CEO** means the chief executive officer of the department;

**examiner** means a person or body approved for the purpose of regulation 47C(2)(a);

**foreign skipper's ticket** means an equivalent of a recreational skipper's ticket granted outside Western Australia the prerequisites for which, in the CEO's opinion, require a person to meet or exceed the recreational skipper's competency requirements;

Note: **owner** is defined in regulation 2 to include the master or person in charge of a vessel.

**recreational skipper's ticket** means a ticket granted by the CEO under regulation 47C;

**RST vessel** means a vessel that —

- (a) is a registrable vessel; and
- (b) is propelled by motored power that exceeds 4.5 kW.

(2) For the purposes of this Division, a person meets the recreational skipper's competency requirements if the person has knowledge of, and is able to demonstrate, the minimum competencies set out in the *Guidelines for Recreational Boat Operator Competencies* published by the National Marine Safety Committee in 2000.



- (3) For the purposes of this Division, an applicant for a recreational skipper's ticket is taken to have lodged an application if the applicant has —
- (a) lodged an application with the CEO; or
  - (b) given a completed application to the examiner to be lodged in accordance with regulation 47C(3)(c)(ii).

*[Regulation 47 inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 667-8;  
amended: SL 2023/135 r. 15.]*

*[47AA, 47AB. Deleted: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2583.]*

**47A. Authority to drive motor boats and RST vessels**

*[(1) deleted]*

- (2) A person who is under 10 years of age must not drive a motor boat.
- (3) A person who is at least 10, but under 14, years of age must not drive an RST vessel unless he or she is under the direct supervision of a person who holds a recreational skipper's ticket and is at least 18 years of age.
- (4) A person who is at least 14, but under 16, years of age must not drive an RST vessel unless he or she —
- (a) holds a recreational skipper's ticket and is driving the vessel —
    - (i) at a speed not exceeding 8 knots; and
    - (ii) between sunrise and sunset;
- or
- (b) is under the direct supervision of a person who holds a recreational skipper's ticket and is at least 18 years of age.

- (5) A person who is at least 16 years of age must not drive an RST vessel unless he or she —
- (a) holds a recreational skipper's ticket; or
  - (b) is under the direct supervision of a person who holds a recreational skipper's ticket and is at least 18 years of age.
- (6) The owner of an RST vessel must not knowingly permit it to be driven in contravention of subregulations (2) to (5).
- (7) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence.
- [Regulation 47A inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 669-70; amended: SL 2023/135 r. 16.]*

**47B. Learner deemed to be directly supervised**

- (1) If a learner is driving an RST vessel under the supervision of an examiner, the learner is taken to be under the direct supervision of the examiner —
- (a) if the vessel is within 400 m of the examiner; and
  - (b) even if the examiner is also instructing or assessing one or more other learners.
- (2) In this regulation —
- learner** means a person who is learning to drive an RST vessel or is being assessed for the purpose of seeking to obtain a recreational skipper's ticket.

*[Regulation 47B inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 670.]*

**47C. Recreational skipper's ticket**

- (1) Subject to regulation 47G, the CEO is to grant a recreational skipper's ticket to a person who applies in accordance with subregulation (3), if satisfied that the person meets the recreational skipper's competency requirements.

- (2) The CEO may, in satisfaction of the requirement imposed by subregulation (1) —
- (a) accept evidence from a person or body approved by the CEO for that purpose; or
  - (b) accept possession by the applicant of a higher qualification or a foreign skipper's ticket.
- (3) An application for a recreational skipper's ticket —
- (a) is to be made to the CEO in writing in a form specified by the Minister; and
  - (b) is to be accompanied by evidence that the applicant meets the recreational skipper's competency requirements; and
  - (ba) must be accompanied by a fee of \$32.55; and
  - (c) may be lodged —
    - (i) by the applicant; or
    - (ii) if lodged with evidence of the kind referred to in subregulation (2)(a), by the examiner on behalf of the applicant.
- (4) If an applicant has lodged an application together with evidence of the kind referred to in subregulation (2)(a) and the fee referred to in subregulation (3)(ba), the applicant is taken to hold a recreational skipper's ticket until he or she receives —
- (a) a recreational skipper's ticket; or
  - (b) written notice that the CEO has refused the application.
- (5) The CEO is to issue a replacement recreational skipper's ticket —
- (a) when the CEO is notified under regulation 47I of a change to the ticket holder's name or address; or
  - (b) at the request of the ticket holder, if —
    - (i) the CEO is satisfied that the original ticket has been lost, damaged or destroyed; and

- (ii) the ticket holder pays a replacement fee of \$24.60.
- (6) The CEO may issue a replacement recreational skipper's ticket at any other time if the CEO considers it appropriate.
- (7) In this regulation —
  - higher qualification** means —
    - (a) a certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency granted or recognised under the *W.A. Marine (Certificates of Competency and Safety Manning) Regulations 1983* other than a certificate of competency as —
      - (i) Coxswain Instructor of commercial ski-boat; or
      - (ii) Marine Engineer Class III; or
      - (iii) Marine Engine Driver Grade I; or
      - (iv) Marine Engine Driver Grade II;
    - or
    - (b) any other qualification the prerequisites for which, in the CEO's opinion, require a person to meet or exceed the recreational skipper's competency requirements.

*[Regulation 47C inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 671-2; amended: Gazette 14 Jun 2013 p. 2238; 27 May 2016 p. 1551; 26 May 2017 p. 2641; 25 May 2018 p. 1640-1; 17 May 2019 p. 1438; SL 2020/60 r. 8; SL 2021/68 r. 14; SL 2022/56 r. 6; SL 2023/45 r. 15.]*

*[47CA. Deleted: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2583.]*

**47D. Recreational skipper's ticket, conditions on**

- (1) The CEO may grant a recreational skipper's ticket subject to any conditions the CEO considers appropriate for ensuring the safety of any person or the public generally.

- (2) A person who holds a recreational skipper's ticket that is subject to a condition is taken not to hold a recreational skipper's ticket if the condition is not being complied with.
- (3) The CEO may revoke a condition by giving written notice to the ticket holder.

*[Regulation 47D inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 673.]*

**47E. Interstate or overseas ticket valid for 3 months**

A person who holds a foreign skipper's ticket and enters Western Australia, whether as a visitor or with the intention of permanently residing in the State, is taken to hold a recreational skipper's ticket until 3 months have elapsed since the person entered the State.

*[Regulation 47E inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 673.]*

**47F. Exemptions**

- (1) The CEO may exempt a person or class of persons from all or any of the provisions of regulation 47A.
- (2) The CEO may grant an exemption subject to any conditions the CEO considers appropriate for ensuring the safety of any person or the public generally.
- (3) A provision of regulation 47A in respect of which an exemption has been granted does not apply to a person —
  - (a) to whom the exemption applies; and
  - (b) who is driving a vessel in accordance with the exemption and any conditions to which it is subject.

*[Regulation 47F inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 673;  
amended: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2583.]*

**47G. Recreational skipper's ticket, CEO may refuse, cancel or suspend**

- (1) The CEO may refuse an application for, or cancel or suspend, a recreational skipper's ticket if satisfied that the applicant or ticket holder —
  - (a) is seeking to obtain, or obtained, the ticket by fraud, dishonesty or misrepresentation; or
  - (b) should not hold a recreational skipper's ticket because he or she would be likely to be a danger to the public if permitted to be in charge of an RST vessel.
- (2) The CEO must not cancel a recreational skipper's ticket until the ticket holder has been given a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the CEO that the ticket should not be cancelled.
- (3) If the CEO refuses an application for, or cancels or suspends, a recreational skipper's ticket the CEO must give written notice of the refusal, cancellation or suspension, and the reasons for it, to the applicant or ticket holder.
- (4) The power under subregulation (1) to cancel or suspend a recreational skipper's ticket includes a power to cancel or suspend the application of regulation 47E to a person who is taken under that regulation to hold a recreational skipper's ticket.
- (5) A person aggrieved by a decision of the CEO under this regulation may apply to the State Administrative Tribunal for a review of the decision.

*[Regulation 47G inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 673-4.]*

**47H. Ticket to be produced on request**

- (1) The holder of a recreational skipper's ticket must produce it for inspection when requested to do so by an authorised person (as defined in section 98 of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*).

- (2) A person who is taken under regulation 47C(4) to hold a recreational skipper's ticket complies with subregulation (1) if the person produces written evidence that —
- (a) the person has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of an examiner, that the person meets the recreational skipper's competency requirements; and
  - (b) the person has lodged an application in accordance with regulation 47C(3).
- (3) A person who is taken under regulation 47E to hold a recreational skipper's ticket complies with subregulation (1) if he or she produces —
- (a) his or her foreign skipper's ticket; and
  - (b) evidence of the date of his or her entry into Western Australia.
- (4) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence.  
*[Regulation 47H inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 674.]*

**47I. Ticket holder to notify change of details**

- (1) The holder of a recreational skipper's ticket who changes his or her name or address must give written notice of the change to the CEO within 21 days of the change being made.
- (2) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence.  
*[Regulation 47I inserted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 674-5.]*

**48. Limitation of speed, water ski-ing and para-sailing**

Subject to regulation 48A a person shall not, in any navigable waters, drive a motor boat at a speed exceeding 8 knots, water ski or para-sail —

- (a) without the approval of the department —
  - (i) in any water having a depth of less than 3 m; or

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- (ii) within 50 m of a river bank or water's edge;
- or
- (b) in or through a mooring area; or
- (c) within 15 m of a vessel underway; or
- (d) within 50 m of —
  - (i) a moored vessel; or
  - [(ii) deleted]*
  - (iii) a person in the water; or
  - (iv) a jetty or wharf;
- or
- (e) through an arch of a bridge.

*[Regulation 48 inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4015; amended: Gazette 9 Feb 1970 p. 377; 22 Dec 1972 p. 4778; 14 Feb 1975 p. 572; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4241; 10 Feb 2006 p. 675; 3 Mar 2017 p. 1486; SL 2023/135 r. 18.]*

**48A. Areas for speed boats and water ski-ing**

- (1) The chief executive officer may, by notice published in the *Government Gazette* —
  - (a) limit the speed of any specified class or classes of motor boat, in any navigable waters therein defined;
  - (b) define and set aside any area of navigable waters for the purpose of racing by speed boats of which the owners have been granted permission to race by the chief executive officer;
  - (c) define and set aside, and impose conditions on the use of, any area of navigable waters for the purposes of para-sailing or water ski-ing and, where he sees fit, specify times when that area may be so used and may by that notice, permit the use in accordance with that notice of any waters mentioned in regulation 48(a), for that purpose;



- (d) vary or cancel any previous notice under this subregulation.
- (2) A person shall not race a motor boat, or drive a motor boat towing a para-sailor or a water skier in any navigable waters, except in an area defined and set aside by the chief executive officer for the purpose and, where times during which the area may be so used have been specified under subregulation (1)(c), during those times, and where the chief executive officer has imposed any conditions on the racing of speed boats, on para-sailing or on water ski-ing, in any such defined area, a person failing to comply with those conditions commits an offence.
- (3) Where, under the provisions of this regulation, the chief executive officer defines and sets aside any area of navigable waters, for a specified purpose, he may, at the same or any other time order that those waters be not used for any but the specified purpose; and a person shall not thereupon, use those waters for any but the specified purpose.

*[Regulation 48A inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4016; amended: Gazette 16 Dec 1963 p. 3876; 16 Oct 1970 p. 3206; 12 Jul 1974 p. 2625; 16 May 1986 p. 1661; 11 Aug 1992 p. 3975-6; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4241.]*

**49. Driver to be accompanied and to be alert**

- (1) A person shall not drive a speed boat towing a para-sailor or a water skier unless he is at least 17 years of age and is accompanied, in the boat, by a person of at least 14 years of age.
- (2) A person driving a speed boat towing a para-sailor or a water skier shall maintain a constant lookout ahead and the person accompanying him, in the boat, shall maintain a constant watch over the para-sailor or para-sailors or the skier or skiers being towed by that boat.

*[Regulation 49 inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4016; amended: Gazette 16 Oct 1970 p. 3206; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4241.]*

[49A. Deleted: Gazette 10 Feb 2006 p. 675.]

[49B. Deleted: Gazette 1 Jul 1983 p. 2263.]

**49C. Driving speed boats behind skiers**

A person shall not drive a speed boat directly behind a water skier or another boat underway so as to approach within 50 m of such water skier or other boat.

[Regulation 49C inserted: Gazette 16 Oct 1970 p. 3206;  
amended: Gazette 14 Feb 1975 p. 572; 3 Mar 2017 p. 1486;  
SL 2023/135 r. 19.]

**49D. Right of way when landing a water skier**

A person driving a boat about to take-off shall yield right of way to a speed boat coming in to land a water skier.

[Regulation 49D inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4016.]

**49E. Ski ropes**

A person shall not permit a ski rope to trail within 30 m of the shore of any area set aside for water ski-ing, unless the rope handles are held by a skier.

[Regulation 49E inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4016;  
amended: Gazette 14 Feb 1975 p. 572.]

**49F. Towing trick water skiers**

A person shall not drive a speed boat towing a person or persons engaged in the exercise of trick water ski-ing so as to approach within 100 m of any landing or take-off area.

[Regulation 49F inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4016;  
amended: Gazette 16 Dec 1963 p. 3876; 14 Feb 1975 p. 572;  
3 Mar 2017 p. 1486.]

**49G. Towing skiers near landing or take-off areas**

Except as otherwise provided by any notice published under the provisions of regulation 48A, a person shall not drive a speed boat towing water skiers within 30 m of the shore of any landing or take-off area, except for the purpose of landing or taking off water skiers.

*[Regulation 49G inserted: Gazette 16 Dec 1963 p. 3876; amended: Gazette 14 Feb 1975 p. 572.]*

**49H. Ski line to be retrieved**

After landing a water skier, the driver of a speed boat that towed the skier shall continue to a distance of not less than 60 m from the point of dropping such skier, where he shall stop and retrieve the ski line and if coming to shore he shall then drive the boat at a speed not exceeding 8 knots and in a manner so as not to interfere with, or obstruct, any other boat towing a water skier.

*[Regulation 49H inserted: Gazette 16 Oct 1970 p. 3206; amended: Gazette 14 Feb 1975 p. 572.]*

**49I. Driver of speed boat not to approach shore where skier has landed**

The driver of a speed boat landing a water skier shall not approach within 25 m of the shore where the skier is to be landed.

*[Regulation 49I inserted: Gazette 16 Oct 1970 p. 3206; amended: Gazette 14 Feb 1975 p. 572.]*

**49J. Sitting on gunwale or back of driver's seat prohibited**

A person shall not, while driving a speed boat, sit on the gunwale or on the back of the driving seat.

*[Regulation 49J inserted: Gazette 3 Oct 1967 p. 2593.]*

**49K. Water skis to be retrieved immediately**

A water skier shall, immediately upon losing or intentionally discarding a ski, retrieve or cause to be retrieved such ski.

*[Regulation 49K inserted: Gazette 1 May 1970 p. 1233.]*

*[49L. Deleted: Gazette 1 Jul 1983 p. 2263.]*

**49M. Restrictions on slalom ski-ing or ski-jumping**

A person shall not use any navigable waters for the purpose of —

- (a) a slalom course or ski-jump unless prior approval in writing has been obtained from the department; and
- (b) a slalom course or ski-jump unless a safety zone surrounding such slalom course or ski-jump is defined by red marker buoys, each having a diameter of 200 mm and fitted with a 300 mm high orange triangular pennant; and
- (c) slalom ski-ing unless that person is wearing any of the following, of a size and buoyancy appropriate to the body mass of that person —
  - (i) a Level 50 lifejacket;
  - (ii) a Level 50S lifejacket;
  - (iii) a Level 100 lifejacket;
  - (iv) a Level 150 lifejacket;
  - (v) a Level 275 lifejacket;
  - (vi) a SOLAS lifejacket;
  - (vii) a PFD Type 1;
  - (viii) a PFD Type 2;
  - (ix) a PFD Type 3;and

- (d) slalom ski-ing or ski-jumping unless that person is permitted to use the slalom course or ski-jump by the person or club having the approval of the department to use the water for that purpose.

*[Regulation 49M inserted: Gazette 16 Oct 1970 p. 3206; amended: Gazette 14 Feb 1975 p. 572; 24 Apr 1998 p. 2162; 3 Mar 2017 p. 1487; SL 2023/135 r. 20.]*

**50. Towing of water skier prohibited at certain times**

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a person shall not drive a motor boat towing a water skier —
  - (a) before 8 am and after sunset in the waters of the Swan River; or
  - (b) before 9 am and after sunset in the waters of the Canning River.
- (2) Where by notice under regulation 48A an area of the Swan River has been defined and set aside for the purposes of water ski-ing at times specified in the notice and any of the times specified are within the period prescribed in paragraph (a) of subregulation (1), that paragraph does not apply to a person driving a motor boat for the purposes of water ski-ing in that area at times permitted by, and otherwise in accordance with, that notice.

*[Regulation 50 inserted: Gazette 14 Aug 1981 p. 3340; amended: Gazette 16 May 1986 p. 1661; SL 2023/135 r. 21.]*

**50A. Restrictions on freestyle driving, surfing and wave jumping on personal watercraft**

- (1) The chief executive officer may, by notice published in the *Gazette* —
  - (a) define and set aside any area of navigable waters where freestyle driving, surfing or wave jumping on a personal watercraft is prohibited;

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- (b) vary or cancel any previous notice under this subregulation.
- (2) A person must not engage in freestyle driving, surfing or wave jumping on a personal watercraft in an area defined and set aside by the chief executive officer under subregulation (1).
- (3) A person must not, in any navigable waters, engage in freestyle driving, surfing or wave jumping on a personal watercraft unless the personal watercraft is —
  - (a) 30 m clear of any other personal watercraft; and
  - (b) 50 m clear of any other vessel or person.
- (4) In this regulation —

***freestyle driving***, in relation to a personal watercraft, means the practice of driving the personal watercraft in such a manner that the driver of another vessel in sight of the personal watercraft would be unable to determine the intended course or speed of the personal watercraft so as to take action under the *Prevention of Collisions at Sea Regulations 1983* to avoid a collision;

***surfing*** in relation to a personal watercraft, means the practice of driving the personal watercraft down a breaking wave or swell, whether formed naturally or by the passage of a vessel;

***wave jumping***, in relation to a personal watercraft, means the practice of driving the personal watercraft over or across a breaking wave or swell, whether formed naturally or by the passage of a vessel, with the aim of becoming airborne.

*[Regulation 50A inserted: Gazette 24 Apr 1998 p. 2162-3.]*

### **Division 4 — Lifejackets**

*[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 22.]*

#### **50B. Lifejackets to be worn on vessels**

- (1) In this regulation —  
***open area***, in relation to a vessel, means all areas of the vessel that are not wholly enclosed by a rigid structure.
- (2) If a vessel that is not a personal watercraft is being navigated outside protected waters and more than 400 m from any shore, each person on the vessel who has reached 12 months of age but who is not yet 12 years of age must, when on an open area of the vessel, wear an appropriate lifejacket.
- (3) If a vessel that is less than 4.8 m in length but that is not a personal watercraft is being navigated outside protected waters and more than 400 m from any shore, each person on the vessel who has reached 12 months of age must wear an appropriate lifejacket.
- (4) If a vessel is a personal watercraft that is being navigated in navigable waters, each person on the vessel who has reached 12 months of age must wear an appropriate lifejacket.
- (5) If a person who has reached 12 years of age is required to wear an appropriate lifejacket under subregulation (3) or (4) and the person is wearing a lifejacket, that person must produce the lifejacket to an officer of the department on demand.
- (6) The master or person in charge of a vessel must ensure that each person who is required to wear an appropriate lifejacket under subregulation (2), (3) or (4) wears an appropriate lifejacket.
- (7) If a person on the vessel who is not yet 12 years of age is required to wear an appropriate lifejacket under subregulation (2), (3) or (4) and the person is wearing a lifejacket, the master or person in charge of the vessel must

produce the lifejacket to an officer of the department on demand.

- (8) A person who has reached 12 years of age who contravenes subregulation (3), (4) or (5) commits an offence.
- (9) A master or person in charge of a vessel who contravenes subregulation (6) or (7) commits an offence.

*[Regulation 50B inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 23.]*

### **Division 5 — Sailboard riding**

*[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 24.]*

#### **50C. Restrictions on sailboard riding**

- (1) The chief executive officer may, by notice published in the *Gazette* —
  - (a) define and set aside any area of navigable waters where sailboard riding is prohibited;
  - (b) vary or cancel any previous notice under this subregulation.
- (2) A person must not engage in sailboard riding in an area defined and set aside by the chief executive officer under subregulation (1).
- (3) A person who contravenes subregulation (2) commits an offence.

*[Regulation 50C inserted: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2583.]*



### **Division 6 — Motor boats**

*[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 25.]*

*[50D. Deleted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4017.]*

#### **51. Silencers on motor boats**

A person shall not use a motor boat unless it is fitted with an efficient silencer approved by the department.

*[Regulation 51 inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4017.]*

#### **51A. Motor boats not to emit smoke or vapour**

Except in the case of an emergency, a person shall not cause or permit a motor boat to emit smoke or vapour to such an extent as to cause danger, nuisance or annoyance to the public.

*[Regulation 51A inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4017.]*

### **Division 7 — Aquatic sport events**

*[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 26.]*

*[51B. Deleted: Gazette 7 Sep 1979 p. 2735.]*

#### **51C. Organized races, displays, regattas and aquatic sports**

- (1) A person shall not organize, promote or conduct a race, display or regatta for vessels of any description or an exhibition of any form of aquatic sport, including water ski-ing, in any navigable waters, unless permission therefor has first been granted by the chief executive officer.
- (2) For the purposes of subregulation (1) —
  - (a) a sailboard is to be taken to be a vessel; and
  - (b) a recreational paddle craft that is not a vessel is to be taken to be a vessel.

*[Regulation 51C inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4017;  
amended: Gazette 25 Nov 2011 p. 4874; 25 Jul 2014 p. 2583.]*

### **Division 8 — Equipment and safety**

*[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 27.]*

*[51D, 52. Deleted: SL 2023/135 r. 28.]*

#### **52A. Vessels being navigated to be equipped with lifejackets**

- (1) This regulation does not apply to a personal watercraft.
- (2) The owner of a registrable vessel must ensure that the vessel, while being navigated, is equipped with at least 1 appropriate lifejacket for each person on board who has reached 12 months of age.
- (3) The owner of a non-registrable vessel must ensure that the vessel, while being navigated outside protected waters and more than 400 m from any shore, is equipped with at least 1 appropriate lifejacket for each person on board who has reached 12 months of age.
- (4) For the purposes of determining the number of lifejackets a vessel is equipped with under subregulation (2) or (3), a lifejacket being worn by a person on board the vessel is taken to be a lifejacket that the vessel is equipped with.
- (5) An owner who contravenes this regulation commits an offence.

*[Regulation 52A inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 28.]*

#### **52B. Vessels to be equipped with certain distress signals**

- (1AA) For the purposes of this regulation, a vessel is taken not to be equipped with a particular distress signal if —
- (a) the distress signal has a date of expiry marked on it by its manufacturer; and
  - (b) the date of expiry has passed.
- (1) The owner of a vessel must ensure that the vessel, while being navigated outside protected waters and more than 400 m from any shore, is equipped with the following distress signals —

- (a) not fewer than —
  - (i) 2 red hand held flares; and
  - (ii) 2 orange hand held flares;or
- (b) an approved electronic visual distress signal if —
  - (i) the vessel is also equipped with an Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon that is GNSS-equipped; or
  - (ii) a personal locator beacon that is GNSS-equipped is attached to a person on board the vessel;or
- (c) before 1 September 2026, not fewer than —
  - (i) 2 orange hand held flares; and
  - (ii) 2 parachute distress rockets.

*[(1a), (2) deleted]*

- (2AA) The distress signals required by subregulation (1)(a) and (c) must comply with —
- (a) the *Marine Orders Part 25* (Commonwealth); or
  - (b) Australian Standard 2092-2004 *Pyrotechnic marine distress flares and signals for pleasure craft* published by Standards Australia on 10 May 2004.

*[(2A) deleted]*

- (3) An owner who contravenes this regulation commits an offence.

*[Regulation 52B inserted: Gazette 22 Aug 1975 p. 3044; amended: Gazette 11 May 1990 p. 2283; 31 Dec 1993 p. 6913-14; 24 Apr 1998 p. 2164; 24 Oct 2008 p. 4670; 11 Dec 2009 p. 5059; 13 Dec 2013 p. 6177; 25 Jul 2014 p. 2584; 3 Mar 2017 p. 1489; SL 2023/135 r. 29.]*

**52BAA. Certain vessels to be equipped with marine transceiver**

- (1) The owner of a registrable vessel that proceeds more than 4 nautical miles from any shore must ensure that the vessel is equipped with a marine transceiver.
- (2) Whilst the vessel is underway the marine transceiver referred to in subregulation (1) must, when not used for other transmission, remain switched on and tuned to the emergency distress calling frequency or the working frequency of the shore station with which the vessel is logged on.

*[(3A) deleted]*

- (3) An owner who contravenes this regulation commits an offence.

*[Regulation 52BAA inserted: Gazette 31 Dec 1993 p. 6914; amended: Gazette 24 Apr 1998 p. 2164; 25 Jul 2014 p. 2585; SL 2023/135 r. 30.]*

**52BAB. Certain vessels to carry locator beacons**

The owner of a vessel that is outside protected waters and more than 400 m from any shore must ensure that —

- (a) the vessel is equipped with an Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon; or
- (b) a personal locator beacon is attached to a person on board the vessel.

*[Regulation 52BAB inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 31.]*

**52BAC. Sailboard riders to carry lifejackets, distress signals and emergency beacons**

- (1) For the purposes of this regulation, a person who is sailboard riding is to be taken not to be carrying a particular distress signal —
  - (a) if the distress signal has a date of expiry marked on it by its manufacturer and the date of expiry has passed; or

- (b) if applicable to the distress signal — if subregulation (6) or (7) is not complied with.
- (2) A person who is sailboard riding outside protected waters and more than 400 m from any shore must wear any of the following appropriate in terms of the buoyancy and size of the body mass of the person —
- (a) a Level 50 lifejacket;
  - (b) a Level 50S lifejacket;
  - (c) a Level 100 lifejacket;
  - (d) a Level 150 lifejacket;
  - (e) a Level 275 lifejacket;
  - (f) a SOLAS lifejacket;
  - (g) a PFD Type 1;
  - (h) a PFD Type 2;
  - (i) a PFD Type 3.
- (3) Unless subregulation (4) or (5) applies, a person who is sailboard riding outside protected waters and more than 400 m from any shore must carry —
- (a) an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or personal locator beacon; or
  - (b) the following distress signals —
    - (i) not fewer than —
      - (I) 2 red hand held flares; or
      - (II) 2 parachute distress rockets;
    - (ii) not fewer than —
      - (I) 2 hand held orange smoke signals; or
      - (II) one orange smoke canister.
- (4) Unless subregulation (5) applies, a person who is sailboard riding more than 2 nautical miles from the mainland, or more than 400 m from an island situated more than 2 nautical miles

from the mainland, must carry an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or a personal locator beacon.

- (5) A person who is sailboard riding more than 5 nautical miles from the mainland, or more than one nautical mile from an island situated more than 5 nautical miles from the mainland, must carry —
- (a) an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or personal locator beacon; and
  - (b) not fewer than 2 parachute distress rockets; and
  - (c) not fewer than —
    - (i) 2 hand held orange smoke signals; or
    - (ii) one orange smoke canister.

[(6) *deleted*]

- (7) The distress signals required by subregulations (3)(b) and (5)(b) and (c) must comply with —
- (a) the *Marine Orders Part 25* (Commonwealth); or
  - (b) Australian Standard 2092-2004 *Pyrotechnic marine distress flares and signals for pleasure craft* published by Standards Australia on 10 May 2004.
- (8) A person who is required to wear or carry any equipment while sailboard riding under subregulation (2), (3), (4) or (5) must —
- (a) maintain the equipment in a serviceable condition; and
  - (b) produce the equipment to an officer of the department on demand.
- (9) A person who contravenes subregulation (2), (3), (4), (5) or (8) commits an offence.

*[Regulation 52BAC inserted: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2585-7; amended: Gazette 3 Mar 2017 p. 1489.]*

**52BAD. Owners to ensure recreational paddle craft are equipped with lifejackets, distress signals and emergency beacons**

- (1) In this regulation —  
*owner*, in relation to —
- (a) a recreational paddle craft that is a vessel, has the meaning given in regulation 2;
  - (b) a recreational paddle craft that is not a vessel, includes the person in charge of the recreational paddle craft;
- shore* includes a jetty, wharf or similar structure connected to the shore.
- (2) For the purposes of this regulation, a recreational paddle craft is to be taken not to be equipped with a particular distress signal if —
- (a) the distress signal has a date of expiry marked on it by its manufacturer and the date of expiry has passed; or
  - (b) if applicable to the distress signal, subregulation (8) or (9) is not complied with.
- (3) The owner of a recreational paddle craft that proceeds outside protected waters and more than 400 m from any shore must ensure that the recreational paddle craft is equipped with —
- (a) at least 1 of the following for each person on board who has reached 12 months of age, appropriate in terms of the buoyancy and size of the body mass of every such person —
    - (i) a Level 50 lifejacket;
    - (ii) a Level 50S lifejacket;
    - (iii) a Level 100 lifejacket;
    - (iv) a Level 150 lifejacket;
    - (v) a Level 275 lifejacket;
    - (vi) a SOLAS lifejacket;
    - (vii) a PFD Type 1;

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**Division 8** Equipment and safety

**r. 52BAD**

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- (viii) a PFD Type 2;
  - (ix) a PFD Type 3;
  - and
  - (b) a bailer, if the recreational paddle craft is not self-draining.
- (4) Unless subregulation (5) or (6) applies, the owner of a recreational paddle craft that proceeds outside protected waters and more than 400 m from any shore must ensure that the recreational paddle craft is equipped with —
  - (a) an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or personal locator beacon; or
  - (b) distress signals as required by regulation 52BAC(3)(b).
- (5) Unless subregulation (6) applies, the owner of a recreational paddle craft that proceeds more than 2 nautical miles from the mainland, or more than 400 m from an island situated more than 2 nautical miles from the mainland, must ensure that the recreational paddle craft is equipped with an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or personal locator beacon.
- (6) The owner of a recreational paddle craft that proceeds more than 5 nautical miles from the mainland, or more than one nautical mile from an island situated more than 5 nautical miles from the mainland, must ensure that the recreational paddle craft is equipped with —
  - (a) an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or personal locator beacon; and
  - (b) a marine transceiver; and
  - (c) not fewer than 2 parachute distress rockets; and
  - (d) not fewer than —
    - (i) 2 hand held orange smoke signals; or
    - (ii) one orange smoke canister.



(7) A recreational paddle craft is to be taken not to be equipped with a personal locator beacon for the purposes of subregulation (4)(a), (5) or (6)(a) unless the personal locator beacon is securely attached to a person on board the recreational paddle craft.

*[(8) deleted]*

(9) The distress signals required by subregulations (4)(b) and (6)(c) and (d) must comply with —

- (a) the *Marine Orders Part 25* (Commonwealth); or
- (b) Australian Standard 2092-2004 *Pyrotechnic marine distress flares and signals for pleasure craft* published by Standards Australia on 10 May 2004.

(10) A person who is required to ensure that a recreational paddle craft is equipped in accordance with subregulation (3), (4), (5) or (6) must —

- (a) maintain the equipment in a serviceable condition; and
- (b) produce the equipment to an officer of the department on demand.

(11) A person who contravenes subregulation (3), (4), (5), (6) or (10) commits an offence.

*[Regulation 52BAD inserted: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2587-8; amended: Gazette 3 Mar 2017 p. 1489-90; SL 2023/135 r. 32.]*

**52BA. Equipment to be maintained in serviceable condition and readily accessible**

(1) All items of equipment required to be carried on board any vessel pursuant to regulations 52A, 52B, 52BAA, 52BAB and 52G shall be —

- (a) maintained in a serviceable condition; and
- (b) situated so as to be readily accessible to all persons on board the vessel.

- (2) Where any of the items of equipment referred to in regulation 52BA(1) are stored under cover, the position of those items shall be clearly indicated by appropriate markings.
- (3) All equipment required to be carried on board any vessel pursuant to regulations 52A, 52B, 52BAA, 52BAB and 52G shall be produced to an officer of the department on demand.

*[Regulation 52BA inserted: Gazette 17 Sep 1976 p. 3464; amended: Gazette 31 Dec 1993 p. 6915; SL 2023/135 r. 33.]*

**52BB. Lifejacket worn on personal watercraft to be maintained in serviceable condition**

A lifejacket that is required to be worn under regulation 50B(4) must be maintained in a serviceable condition.

*[Regulation 52BB inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 34.]*

*[52C. Deleted: SL 2023/135 r. 35.]*

**52CA. Chief executive officer may grant exemption from compliance with r. 52A, 52B, 52BAC and 52BAD**

- (1A) For the purposes of this regulation, a reference in subregulations (1) and (2) to a vessel is to be taken to include a reference to a sailboard and to a recreational paddle craft that is not a vessel.
- (1) A provision of regulations 52A and 52B does not apply to a vessel while it is taking part in any race or regatta for which permission has been granted by the chief executive officer under regulation 51C if —
  - (a) a written exemption has been granted by the chief executive officer under subregulation (2) from that provision, for that vessel or description of vessel during that race or regatta; and

- (b) the owner and the person in charge of the vessel comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption imposed on them respectively by the chief executive officer.
- (2A) Subregulation (1) has effect in relation to a sailboard as if that subregulation referred to a provision of regulation 52BAC instead of referring to a provision of regulations 52A and 52B.
- (2B) Subregulation (1) has effect in relation to a recreational paddle craft as if that subregulation referred to a provision of regulation 52BAD instead of referring to a provision of regulations 52A and 52B.
- (2) The chief executive officer may, upon written application, grant an exemption described in subregulation (1)(a) if he or she is satisfied that the safety of competitors in the race or regatta will not be endangered by the grant of the exemption; and may impose conditions on the owners and persons in charge of vessels taking part therein and on the person or persons by whom the race or regatta is organized.
- (3) Without limiting the other grounds on which the chief executive officer may refuse to grant an exemption under subregulation (2), he or she shall not grant an exemption unless he or she is satisfied that —
  - (a) the race or regatta is to commence after sunrise and be completed before sunset; and
  - (b) a sufficient number of suitable rescue craft will be available throughout the duration of the event.

*[Regulation 52CA inserted: Gazette 4 Sep 1981 p. 3861-2; amended: Gazette 25 Nov 2011 p. 4874; 25 Jul 2014 p. 2589; SL 2023/135 r. 36.]*

*[52CAB. Deleted: Gazette 24 Apr 1998 p. 2164.]*

**52D. Person in charge of vessel, sailboard or recreational paddle craft in unsafe circumstances to obey directions of departmental officer**

- (1) When under the circumstances for the time being prevailing, a vessel is unseaworthy, overloaded or insufficiently equipped or is in an unsafe position or locality, the person in charge of the vessel shall forthwith obey any demand or instruction given to him by the department or by an officer of the department or any person acting with the authority of the department, relating to the removal of the vessel, to reducing the load thereof or to providing any additional equipment required therefor.
- (2) For the purposes of subregulation (1) —
  - (a) a sailboard is to be taken to be a vessel; and
  - (b) a recreational paddle craft that is not a vessel is to be taken to be a vessel.

*[Regulation 52D inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4017; amended: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2589.]*

**52E. Storage and use of fuel in motor boats**

The following provisions apply to the storage and use of fuel in all motor boats, namely —

- (a) fuel shall be carried in containers soundly constructed of metal or any other approved materials and shall not, in any event, be carried in plastic containers; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (c), the pipes leading from the fuel tank to the engine shall be of steel or copper having all joints brazed and union faces ground and made of metal; and
- (c) a short length of flexible piping of some other material may be used with the approval of the department; and

- (d) an efficient valve shall be fitted against the fuel tank outlet.

*[Regulation 52E inserted: Gazette 4 Nov 1965 p. 3804.]*

**52F. Ventilation of engine compartment**

Any engine compartment of a motor boat shall be adequately ventilated.

*[Regulation 52F inserted: Gazette 4 Nov 1965 p. 3804.]*

**52G. Navigation lights**

- (1) The owner of a vessel must ensure that the vessel, while operating between sunset and sunrise, displays the navigation lights prescribed under the *Prevention of Collisions at Sea Regulations 1983*.
- (2) An owner who contravenes this regulation commits an offence.

*[Regulation 52G inserted: Gazette 31 Dec 1993 p. 6915.]*

**52H. Reporting accidents and fires**

Whenever —

- (a) any vessel (including a vessel propelled solely by sail) is involved in an accident; or
- (b) a fire occurs on board any vessel (including a vessel propelled solely by sail),

and by reason of that accident or fire —

- (c) the vessel is lost or sustains damage rendering it unseaworthy or incapable of being safely navigated; or
- (d) loss of life or serious injury occurs,

the owner or person in charge of the vessel shall within 7 days of the occurrence of that accident or fire notify the department by sending to the department a written report containing

particulars of the accident or fire and of any loss, damage, injury or loss of life.

*[Regulation 52H inserted: Gazette 12 Jul 1974 p. 2626.]*

### **Division 9 — Offences and penalties**

*[Heading inserted: SL 2023/135 r. 37.]*

#### **53. Offences and penalties**

- (1) Every person who by act or omission contravenes the provisions of any regulation in this Part that does not itself provide that the contravention is an offence, or the provisions of any notice published under, and by virtue of, this Part, commits an offence.
- (2) Every person who by act or omission fails to comply with any condition imposed on him under regulation 52CA(2) commits an offence.
- (3) It is a defence to a complaint of an offence against subregulation (2) for an owner or a person in charge of a vessel who is charged with the offence to show that he did not know, and could not reasonably be expected to have known, of the condition imposed under regulation 52CA(2).
- (4) For the purposes of subregulation (3) —
  - (a) a sailboard is to be taken to be a vessel; and
  - (b) a recreational paddle craft that is not a vessel is to be taken to be a vessel.
- (5) A person who commits an offence under this Part is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

*[Regulation 53 inserted: Gazette 19 Dec 1962 p. 4017; amended: Gazette 17 Sep 1976 p. 3464; 4 Sep 1981 p. 3862; 28 Aug 1992 p. 4242; 20 Jun 2000 p. 3039; 14 May 2004 p. 1447; 17 Nov 2009 p. 4630; 25 Jul 2014 p. 2590.]*

*[Part VII: Division 1 heading deleted: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2590;  
r. 54, 57, 58 and 67 deleted: SL 2022/137 r. 11;  
r. 55 and 56 deleted: Gazette 1 Aug 1990 p. 3641;  
Divisions II and III (r. 59-66) deleted: Gazette 9 Feb 1970  
p. 377.]*

## **Part VIII — Miscellaneous**

*[Heading inserted: Gazette 25 Jul 2014 p. 2591.]*

### **68. Duty of owner or person navigating vessel**

Where by these regulations an act is required to be done, or forbidden to be done in relation to any vessel, the owner or the person causing, permitting or suffering the vessel to be navigated has, unless the contrary intention appears, the duty of causing to be done the act so required to be done, or of preventing from being done the act so forbidden to be done, as the case may be.

*[Regulation 68 inserted: Gazette 11 Sep 1987 p. 3545.]*



**Schedule 1**

[r. 19G]

[Heading inserted: SL 2021/161 r. 5.]

**Form 1**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT**

**INSPECTOR**

(Section 118 of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*)

Certificate number: .....

This is to certify that ..... is designated as an inspector under the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* section 117(1) for the purposes of that Act.

Signed .....  
Chief Executive Officer / Delegate of the Chief Executive Officer

**The functions conferred on the inspector under other enactments:**

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....

[Form 1 inserted: SL 2021/161 r. 5.]

**Form 2**

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**Form 2**  
**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT**  
**AUTHORISED PERSON**

(Section 118 of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*)

Certificate number: .....

This is to certify that ..... is appointed as an authorised person under the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* section 117(2) for the purposes of <sup>(1)</sup> .....

Signed .....  
Chief Executive Officer / Delegate of the Chief Executive Officer

**General nature of the authorised person's functions:**

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
- .....

**Insert:**

<sup>(1)</sup> the provisions of this Act or the regulations for the purposes of which the person is authorised.

*[Form 2 inserted: SL 2021/161 r. 5.]*

**Form 3**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT  
INSPECTOR AND AUTHORISED PERSON**

(Section 118 of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*)

Certificate number: .....

This is to certify that ..... is designated as an inspector and appointed as an authorised person under the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* section 117 for the purposes of that Act.

Signed .....  
Chief Executive Officer / Delegate of the Chief Executive Officer

**General nature of the person's functions and the functions conferred on the person under other enactments:**

1. ....
  2. ....
  3. ....
  4. ....
- .....

*[Form 3 inserted: SL 2021/161 r. 5.]*

*[Schedule 2 deleted: Gazette 1 Aug 1990 p. 3641.]*



## Notes

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<i>Navigable Waters Regulations</i> <sup>1</sup>	2 Apr 1958 p. 622-32	1 May 1958 (see r. 1)
Untitled regulations	23 Dec 1960 p. 4063-4	23 Dec 1960
Untitled regulations	19 Dec 1962 p. 4014-18	28 Dec 1962
Untitled regulations	16 Dec 1963 p. 3875-6	16 Dec 1963
Untitled regulations	9 Dec 1964 p. 3907	9 Dec 1964
Untitled regulations	23 Mar 1965 p. 900	23 Mar 1965
Untitled regulations	4 Nov 1965 p. 3803-4 (erratum 26 Nov 1965 p. 4029)	4 Nov 1965
Untitled regulations	30 Dec 1966 p. 3465	30 Dec 1966
Untitled regulations	23 Mar 1967 p. 814-15	23 Mar 1967
Untitled regulations	3 Oct 1967 p. 2592-3	3 Oct 1967
Untitled regulations	28 May 1969 p. 1568	28 May 1969
Untitled regulations	2 Jul 1969 p. 1954	2 Jul 1969
Untitled regulations	9 Feb 1970 p. 377	9 Feb 1970

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<b>Reprint of the <i>Navigable Waters Regulations</i> authorised 15 Apr 1970 by Gazette 28 Apr 1970 p. 1181-98</b> (includes amendments listed above except those by Gazette 9 Feb 1970)		
Untitled regulations	1 May 1970 p. 1233	1 May 1970
Untitled regulations	16 Oct 1970 p. 3205-6	16 Oct 1970
Untitled regulations	16 Dec 1971 p. 5230-2	16 Dec 1971
Untitled regulations	24 Mar 1972 p. 699	24 Mar 1972
Untitled regulations	7 Jun 1972 p. 1721	7 Jun 1972
<b>Reprint of the <i>Navigable Waters Regulations</i> authorised 24 Jul 1972 by Gazette 1 Aug 1972 p. 2901-20</b> (includes amendments listed above except those by Gazette 7 Jun 1972)		
Untitled regulations	22 Dec 1972 p. 4777-8	22 Dec 1972
Untitled notice under the <i>Metric Conversion Act 1972</i> s. 6	15 Jun 1973 p. 2234	1 Jul 1973
<b>Reprint of the <i>Navigable Waters Regulations</i> authorised 4 Jul 1974 by Gazette 10 Jul 1974 p. 2547-65</b> (includes amendments listed above)		
Untitled regulations	12 Jul 1974 p. 2624-6	12 Jul 1974
Untitled regulations	14 Feb 1975 p. 572	1 Mar 1975
Untitled regulations	14 Mar 1975 p. 899-900	14 Mar 1975
Untitled regulations	22 Aug 1975 p. 3044	22 Aug 1975
<b>Reprint of the <i>Navigable Waters Regulations</i> authorised 6 Apr 1976 by Gazette 14 Apr 1976 p. 1141-63</b> (includes amendments listed above)		
Untitled regulations	17 Sep 1976 p. 3463	17 Sep 1976
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Untitled regulations	17 Mar 1978 p. 816-17	20 Mar 1978 (see <i>Gazette</i> 17 Mar 1978 p. 789)
Untitled regulations	31 Mar 1978 p. 989-90	31 Mar 1978
Untitled regulations	22 Sep 1978 p. 3504-5	22 Sep 1978
Untitled regulations	9 Feb 1979 p. 375	9 Feb 1979
Untitled regulations	16 Mar 1979 p. 750-1	16 Mar 1979
<b>Reprint of the <i>Navigable Waters Regulations</i> authorised 25 Jun 1979 by Gazette 23 Jul 1979 p. 2047-69</b> (includes amendments listed above except those by Gazette 9 Feb and 16 Mar 1979)		
Untitled regulations	7 Sep 1979 p. 2735	7 Sep 1979
Untitled regulations	20 Jun 1980 p. 1831	1 Jul 1980 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1980</i>	28 Nov 1980 p. 4050	28 Nov 1980
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1980</i>	28 Nov 1980 p. 4051	1 Dec 1980 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1980</i>	28 Nov 1980 p. 4051	28 Nov 1980
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1981</i>	26 Jun 1981 p. 2413	1 Jul 1981 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1981</i>	7 Aug 1981 p. 3230	7 Aug 1981
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 1981</i>	14 Aug 1981 p. 3340	14 Aug 1981
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 5) 1981</i>	4 Sep 1981 p. 3861-2	4 Sep 1981
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1981</i>	9 Oct 1981 p. 4257	9 Oct 1981

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<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 6) 1981</i>	18 Dec 1981 p. 5219	18 Dec 1981
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1982</i>	7 May 1982 p. 1454	7 May 1982
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1982</i>	4 Jun 1982 p. 1808	4 Jun 1982
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1982</i>	24 Dec 1982 p. 4920	24 Dec 1982
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1983</i>	1 Jul 1983 p. 2263	1 Jul 1983 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1983</i>	5 Aug 1983 p. 2837	5 Aug 1983
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1983</i>	25 Nov 1983 p. 4670-1	25 Nov 1983
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1984</i>	6 Jul 1984 p. 2028	6 Jul 1984
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1984</i>	12 Oct 1984 p. 3273-5	1 Nov 1984 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1984</i>	2 Nov 1984 p. 3523	2 Nov 1984
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1985</i>	30 Aug 1985 p. 3079	30 Aug 1985
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1986</i>	21 Feb 1986 p. 566-8	21 Feb 1986
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1986</i>	16 May 1986 p. 1660-1	16 May 1986
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 1986</i>	16 May 1986 p. 1661	16 May 1986
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1987</i>	16 Apr 1987 p. 1370	1 May 1987 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1987</i>	24 Jul 1987 p. 2830	24 Jul 1987
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<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1988</i>	12 Aug 1988 p. 2715	12 Aug 1988
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1988</i>	28 Oct 1988 p. 4289	28 Oct 1988
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1988</i>	13 Jan 1989 p. 75	13 Jan 1989
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1989</i>	30 Jun 1989 p. 1926-8	1 Jul 1989 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1989</i>	25 Aug 1989 p. 2846	25 Aug 1989
<b>Reprint of the Navigable Waters Regulations as at 17 Oct 1989 by Gazette 8 Nov 1989 p. 4001-39</b> (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1989</i>	2 Mar 1990 p. 1328-9	2 Mar 1990
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1990</i>	11 May 1990 p. 2283	11 May 1990
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1990</i>	1 Aug 1990 p. 3640-1	1 Aug 1990 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1990</i>	1 Aug 1990 p. 3646-7	1 Aug 1990 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1990</i>	3 Aug 1990 p. 3753	3 Aug 1990
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 1990</i>	2 Nov 1990 p. 5469-70	2 Nov 1990
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1991</i>	26 Jul 1991 p. 3924-5	1 Aug 1991 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1992</i> <sup>2</sup>	10 Apr 1992 p. 1596-8	1 Jul 1992 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1992</i>	30 Jun 1992 p. 2900-1	1 Jul 1992 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1992</i>	11 Aug 1992 p. 3975-6	11 Aug 1992
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 1992</i>	28 Aug 1992 p. 4238-42	1 Sep 1992 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1993</i>	29 Jun 1993 p. 3187-8	1 Jul 1993 (see r. 2)



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<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1994</i>	14 Jun 1994 p. 2482-3	1 Jul 1994 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1995</i>	30 Jun 1995 p. 2706	1 Jul 1995 (see r. 2)
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<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1996</i>	25 Jun 1996 p. 2992	1 Jul 1996 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1997</i>	27 Jun 1997 p. 3150-1	1 Jul 1997 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1997</i>	3 Apr 1998 p. 1990	3 Apr 1998
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1997</i>	3 Apr 1998 p. 1991	1 Oct 1998 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1998</i>	24 Apr 1998 p. 2160-4	24 Apr 1998
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1998</i>	12 May 1998 p. 2796	1 Jul 1998 (see r. 2)
<b>Reprint of the Navigable Waters Regulations as at 3 Mar 2000</b> (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2000</i>	20 Jun 2000 p. 3038-9	1 Jul 2000 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2000</i>	1 Dec 2000 p. 6763-8	28 Feb 2001 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2001</i>	8 May 2001 p. 2273	8 May 2001
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2001</i>	27 Jul 2001 p. 3799-800	1 Aug 2001 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2002</i>	14 Jun 2002 p. 2324-5	1 Jul 2002 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2002</i>	11 Mar 2003 p. 752-5	11 Mar 2003
<b>Reprint 11: The Navigable Waters Regulations as at 21 Mar 2003</b> (includes amendments listed above)		
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<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2004</i>	25 Jun 2004 p. 2264-5	1 Jul 2004 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2004</i>	24 Aug 2004 p. 3659-60	24 Aug 2004
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2005</i>	24 Jun 2005 p. 2778-9	1 Jul 2005 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2005</i>	10 Feb 2006 p. 667-75	10 Feb 2006
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2006</i>	23 Jun 2006 p. 2207-8	1 Jul 2006 (see r. 2)
<b>Reprint 12: The Navigable Waters Regulations 1958 as at 4 Aug 2006</b> (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2006</i>	1 Sep 2006 p. 3596-9	2 Sep 2006 (see r. 2(a) and <i>Gazette</i> 1 Sep 2006 p. 3591)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2007</i>	12 Jun 2007 p. 2726-7	1 Jul 2007 (see r. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2007</i>	30 Nov 2007 p. 5938	r. 1 and 2: 30 Nov 2007 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Dec 2007 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2008</i>	24 Jun 2008 p. 2891-2	r. 1 and 2: 24 Jun 2008 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Feb 2009 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 2008</i>	24 Jun 2008 p. 2894-5	r. 1 and 2: 24 Jun 2008 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2008 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2008</i>	1 Jul 2008 p. 3154	r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2008 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 2 Jul 2008 (see r. 2(b))
<b>Reprint 13: The Navigable Waters Regulations 1958 as at 3 Oct 2008</b> (includes amendments listed above except those in the <i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2008</i> )		

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<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 5) 2008</i>	24 Oct 2008 p. 4669-70	r. 1 and 2: 24 Oct 2008 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 25 Oct 2008 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 6) 2008</i>	9 Jan 2009 p. 36-7	r. 1 and 2: 9 Jan 2009 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 10 Jan 2009 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2009</i>	13 Mar 2009 p. 761-2	r. 1 and 2: 13 Mar 2009 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 14 Mar 2009 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2009</i>	12 Jun 2009 p. 2129-30	r. 1 and 2: 12 Jun 2009 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2009 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2009</i>	17 Nov 2009 p. 4628-30	r. 1 and 2: 17 Nov 2009 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 18 Nov 2009 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 2009</i>	11 Dec 2009 p. 5058-9	r. 1 and 2: 11 Dec 2009 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 12 Dec 2009 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2010</i>	19 Mar 2010 p. 1036	r. 1 and 2: 19 Mar 2010 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 20 Mar 2010 (see r. 2(b))
<b>Reprint 14: The Navigable Waters Regulations 1958 as at 14 May 2010</b> (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2010</i>	27 Aug 2010 p. 4112-14	r. 1 and 2: 27 Aug 2010 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 28 Aug 2010 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 2010</i>	27 Aug 2010 p. 4114-15	r. 1 and 2: 27 Aug 2010 (see r. 2(a)); r. 3, 4(2), 5 and 6: 28 Aug 2010 (see r. 2(b)); r. 4(1): 1 Sep 2010 (see r. 2(c))

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<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2011</i>	21 Jun 2011 p. 2240-2	r. 1 and 2: 21 Jun 2011 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2011 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2011</i>	4 Nov 2011 p. 4634	r. 1 and 2: 4 Nov 2011 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Dec 2011 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2011</i>	25 Nov 2011 p. 4873-4	r. 1 and 2: 25 Nov 2011 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 26 Nov 2011 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2012</i>	15 Jun 2012 p. 2525-6	r. 1 and 2: 15 Jun 2012 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2012 (see r. 2(b))
<b>Reprint 15: The Navigable Waters Regulations 1958 as at 20 Jul 2012</b> (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2013</i>	14 Jun 2013 p. 2237-8	r. 1 and 2: 14 Jun 2013 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2013 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2013</i>	6 Sep 2013 p. 4247	r. 1 and 2: 6 Sep 2013 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jan 2014 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 2013</i>	13 Dec 2013 p. 6177	r. 1 and 2: 13 Dec 2013 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 14 Dec 2013 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2014</i>	16 May 2014 p. 1542-3	r. 1 and 2: 16 May 2014 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2014 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2014</i>	25 Jul 2014 p. 2581-91	r. 1 and 2: 25 Jul 2014 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Aug 2014 (see r. 2(b))
<b>Reprint 16: The Navigable Waters Regulations 1958 as at 5 Dec 2014</b> (includes amendments listed above)		

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<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2015</i>	29 May 2015 p. 1881-2	r. 1 and 2: 29 May 2015 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2015 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2016 Pt. 2</i>	27 May 2016 p. 1549-54	1 Jul 2016 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Lifejackets) Regulations 2017 Pt. 2</i>	3 Mar 2017 p. 1484-91	4 Mar 2017 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2017 Pt. 3</i>	26 May 2017 p. 2639-45	1 Jul 2017 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2018 Pt. 2</i>	25 May 2018 p. 1640-7	1 Jul 2018 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2018</i>	14 Sep 2018 p. 3315-16	r. 1 and 2: 14 Sep 2018 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jan 2019 (see r. 2(b) and <i>Gazette</i> 14 Sep 2018 p. 3305)
<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2019 Pt. 2</i>	17 May 2019 p. 1437-42	1 Jul 2019 (r. 2(c))
<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2020 Pt. 4</i>	SL 2020/60 22 May 2020	1 Jul 2020 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2021 Pt. 5</i>	SL 2021/68 4 Jun 2021	1 Jul 2021 (see r. 2(b), SL 2021/51 r. 2(b) and SL 2021/50 cl. 2)
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2021</i>	SL 2021/161 10 Sep 2021	r. 1 and 2: 10 Sep 2021 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 11 Sep 2021 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2022 Pt. 3</i>	SL 2022/56 20 May 2022	1 Jul 2022 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 2022</i>	SL 2022/137 29 Jul 2022	r. 1 and 2: 29 Jul 2022 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 30 Jul 2022 (see r. 2(b))

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<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2023 Pt. 4</i>	SL 2023/45 19 May 2023	1 Jul 2023 (see r. 2(c))
<i>Transport Regulations Amendment (Marine Safety Equipment) Regulations 2023 Pt. 2</i>	SL 2023/135 9 Aug 2023	1 Sep 2023 (see r. 2(b))

### **Other notes**

- <sup>1</sup> Now known as the *Navigable Waters Regulations 1958*; citation changed (see note under r. 1).
- <sup>2</sup> The *Navigable Waters Amendment Regulations 1992* r. 9 is a transitional provision that has no further effect.

## Defined terms

*[This is a list of terms defined and the provisions where they are defined.  
The list is not part of the law.]*

<b>Defined term</b>	<b>Provision(s)</b>
ABP standard .....	45A(2)
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appropriate signal .....	19E(4)
approved electronic visual distress signal .....	46(2)
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AS/NZS .....	46(2)
Australian Communications and Media Authority .....	46(2)
authorised person .....	2
CEO .....	47(1)
commencement day .....	45AD(1)
department .....	2
diving .....	2
Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon .....	46(2)
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foreign pleasure vessel .....	45BAA(1)
foreign skipper's ticket .....	47(1)
former Regulations .....	45AD(1)
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higher qualification .....	47C(7)
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inspector .....	2
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Level 50 lifejacket .....	46(2)
Level 50S lifejacket .....	46(2)
marine transceiver .....	46(1)
motor boat .....	2
navigable waters .....	2
non-registrable vessel .....	2
officer of the department .....	2
open area .....	50B(1)
owner .....	2, 45A(2), 46(1), 52BAD(1)

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para-sailing.....	46(2)
personal locator beacon.....	46(2)
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PFD Type 1.....	46(2)
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water ski-ing.....	46(2)
wave jumping.....	50A(4)

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