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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
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YOUR MARITIME PARTNERS CONTACT NUMBERS:

WATER POLICE (SEARCH & RESCUE) 24 HOURS
..... (08) 9442 8600

FISHERIES WESTERN AUSTRALIA
..... (08) 9482 7333

CALM (08) 9334 0333

TRANSPORT MARINE SAFETY
..... (08) 9239 2272

OTHER CONTACT NUMBERS:

CRIMESTOPPERS (MARINE WATCH)
..... 1800 333 000

BOATING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
..... (08) 9472 4441

FISHWATCH (ILLEGAL FISH REPORTS)
..... 1800 815 507

TRANSPORT MARITIME DIVISION
..... (08) 9239 2399

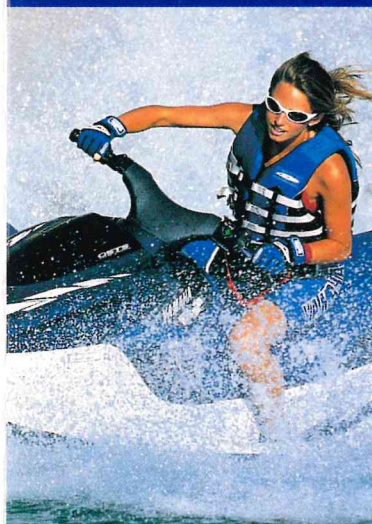
WEATHER INFORMATION (PERTH AREA)
..... 1900 155 350

OR YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER
MARINE RESCUE GROUP



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WAYS TO HAVE A BETTER TIME BOATING

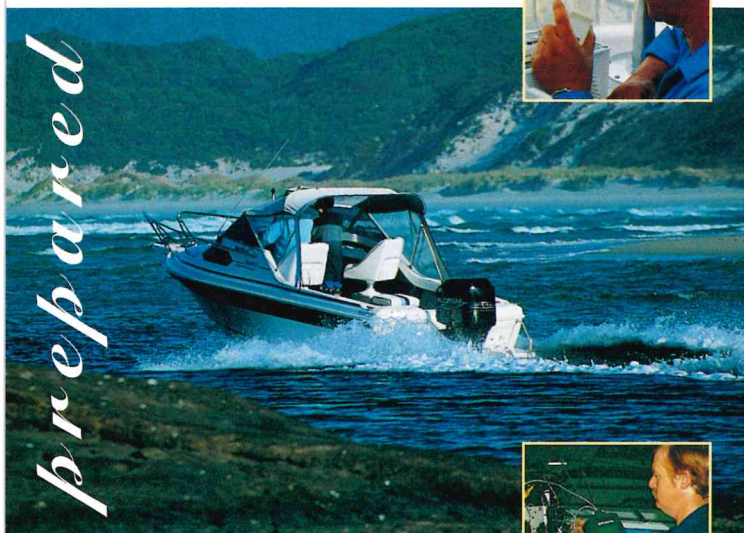


Four bodies vitally concerned with boating have teamed up to help you - one of 60,000 registered boat owners in Western Australia - to have an enjoyable and trouble-free time on our waterways. Before you cast off take a glance at this four point check list. . .



IS EVERYTHING SHIPSHAPE?

Of course it is, you say. But double check on fuel, safety equipment, tools, spares, radio, EPIRB (if you're going more than two nautical miles offshore) and such basics as water,



extra clothing, medical kit and (dare we say) bait. You'll want charts if you're heading into unfamiliar waters, and you'll need to know precisely what your obligations are if you are sailing into a marine conservation reserve.

Experienced boat owners know it's safer to travel in pairs. They'll also check on the weather. And, like aircraft pilots submit flight plans, boat owners will tell someone where they're going and when they expect to get there or back. It's simple enough to file a plan with a friend or by radio with Sea Rescue. Mandatory, really.



ARE YOU SUITABLY PROUD?

Throwing a few fast half hitches over a bollard may impress your passengers. But they'll be even more impressed if you show obvious pride in running a tight ship. The decks are not cluttered and equipment is neatly stowed. The vessel is never overloaded and the passengers are distributed to ensure the craft's stability in the prevailing conditions ("no one on the fly bridge, please, we're in a rolling sea").



Alert skippers keep a sharp lookout at all times, especially in busy waters. They know the navigation rules and can "read" buoys, beacons and marks. They keep 'sniffing' the wind for a sudden change in the weather. They inspire confidence in all those on board and of course insist on safe alcohol consumption on the water.

But they're not so proud that they don't mind having at their elbow someone else with matching skills - just in case help is needed. If skipper and helper have both done a basic training course, so much the better.

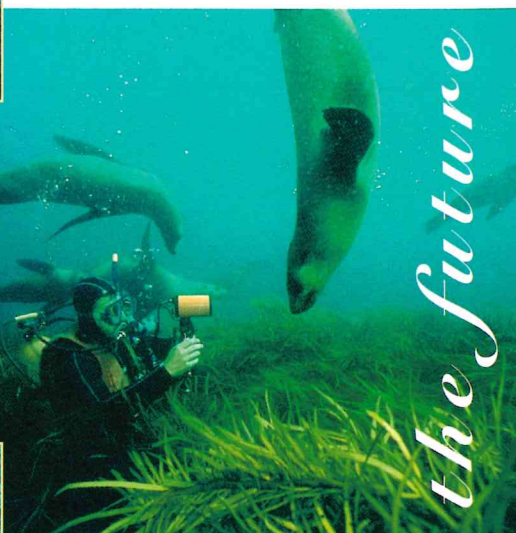
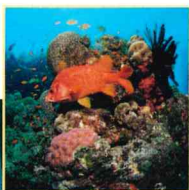




WILL YOU TAKE CARE?

West Australian boaties are amongst the luckiest in the world – they enjoy 12,500 kilometres of near pristine coastline.

But with that kind of luck comes the need for great care. No matter how powerful their egos, thoughtful fishers will take only what bag, size and other limits permit. Know what those limits are and keep telling yourself: "I'm fishing for the future."



To help protect our unique marine environment, sensitive boaties will throw nothing overboard (except maybe berley). Plastic in its various forms can cause serious injury (even death) to many of our best loved wildlife. Bring home your rubbish.



And of course marine parks are special – enjoy the diving and fishing in approved areas but please no spearfishing and plundering. That amounts to total care.



BUT WHAT IF?

Even when everything is shipshape, the planning has been good and the skipper alert, emergencies can occur. The key to countering trouble is to know what to do when it comes. In an

emergency, the most vital link between you and help is communication – for most boat users that means radio.

If you go more than five nautical miles offshore, you must carry a marine band radio (in addition to your EPIRB). Log on with a shore station before going to sea.



Keep a listening watch – you may be able to help others in trouble, or even report suspicious vessel activity. Know how to call the Water Police 24 Hour Co-ordination Centre or a sea rescue group. Lives may depend on it.

The best way to find out what to do if trouble comes is to acquire (and inwardly digest) the official WA Boating Guide, published by Transport Marine Safety. No ship is shipshape without it. When back in port, secure your vessel and become a part of the marine watch program.





INTRODUCING YOUR 4 MARITIME PARTNERS

Working with you for safe, happy boating now and in the future



FISHERIES WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Fisheries Western Australia is responsible for the conservation, development and sharing of fish and other living aquatic resources within Western Australia for the benefit of present and future generations.



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The Department of Conservation and Land Management conserves and manages Western Australia's native plants and animals, and the lands, waters and resources entrusted to it for the benefit of present and future generations.



TRANSPORT
Marine Safety

TRANSPORT MARINE SAFETY

Transport Marine Safety's areas of responsibility are vessel safety standards, safe boating in navigable waters, education and training, incident and accident investigation, aquatic events and marine oil pollution.



WATER POLICE

The Water Police are involved in the planning and carrying out of sea search and rescue operations, the training of volunteers for such work, marine intelligence and investigation, diving recovery operations and marine watch - the prevention of water based crime.