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HOW TO PICK UP A MOORING

- Note any obstacles, prevailing wind and tides before approaching the mooring buoy by motoring into the wind or tide (whichever is stronger), if safe to do so.
- Observe the mooring information for the limits of use.
- Read the information on the buoy to ensure that the mooring ID matches the mooring you have booked and to confirm your vessel is within the size and wind strength limitations for the mooring.
- Take care to avoid running over the pick-up line when approaching the mooring.
- Using a boat hook, retrieve the pick-up line.
- Attach the pick-up eye to a cleat or strong point on the bow of the vessel. Do not attach another line to the pick-up line. This will increase the swing circle of the vessel and may lead to vessel or reef damage.
- Do not tie the pick up line to the boat.

HOW TO DROP A MOORING

- Motor slowly towards the mooring to slacken the line slightly.
- Cast the pick-up line well clear of the vessel.
- Reverse away from the mooring buoy and lines.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

To use the moorings, you need to make a booking with the Department of Conservation and Land Management's Exmouth District Office.

Address:

Exmouth District
 20 Nimitz Street
 Exmouth WA 6707
 Exmouth Office:
 Telephone (08) 9949 1676
 exmouth@calm.wa.gov.au
 or
 Coral Bay
 Telephone 0429 491 676

For more detailed information on moorings see the NatureBase website page 'Mooring Policy for the Management of Moorings in WA's Marine Conservation Reserves' at

http://www.naturebase.net/national_parks/marine_mooring_policy.html

Also see the Department's

'Policy Statement no. 59 - Moorings' at

http://www.naturebase.net/national_parks/pdf_files/moorings_policy_statement59.pdf

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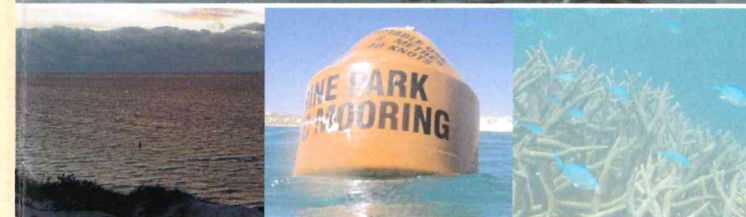


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Why we need public moorings at Coral Bay



WHY WE NEED PUBLIC MOORINGS AT CORAL BAY

Coral Bay's popularity brings 300,000 people to Ningaloo Marine Park each year.

Many bring boats and other water craft to enjoy the pristine surroundings and explore the marine park.

Unfortunately, anchors cause damage to one of the park's most beautiful attractions – the coral of the Ningaloo Reef. Damaging coral is an offence under the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 and the Wildlife Act 1950.

Anchors and their chains break the coral, destroying the habitat of marine life.

Ningaloo Marine Park (including the Maud Sanctuary Zone) is one of six marine conservation reserves in Western Australia managed by the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

Because of the increasing number of vessels, public moorings which minimise the need for anchoring are being installed in marine conservation reserves to protect marine life.

A total of 25 environmentally friendly public moorings—pins fixed to the ocean floor—have recently been installed with Natural Heritage Trust National Moorings Program funding in the Maud Sanctuary Zone with the support of Australian mooring expert Gordon La Praik of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

Nine of the moorings are for commercial tourist operators, four for embarking and disembarking passengers, five are south of Coral Bay town and seven will be at dive sites in the Maud Sanctuary Zone.

The moorings are colour coded, with five classes of moorings identified to cater for different vessel lengths and wind strength.

Moorings specifications and limits are displayed on the mooring float (see the table below).

Some commercial operators (fishing and tourism) have been approved by the Department to have private moorings, which have white floats. You must get the owner's permission before attaching your vessel to these moorings. The moorings in southern Bills Bay are not for public use unless approved by the Department.



PUBLIC MOORING CLASSES

Colour coded float	Class of Mooring	Maximum Wind Strength	Maximum Length
Brown	Tender	40 knots	8 metres
Green	Class A	40 knots	12 metres
Blue	Class B	45 knots	18 metres
Orange	Class C	45 knots	25 metres
TBA	Class D	50 knots	35 metres

** Commercial mooring floats are to be white in colour in Ningaloo Marine Park.*

ADVICE AND INFORMATION FOR USERS

Public moorings are identified by colour and feature the State Government and Department's logos. They also have the words Marine Parks and an identification number inscribed on them.

There is advice and information provided on the buoy.

- You are responsible for the safety of your vessel while using the moorings.
- Be aware of changing weather conditions, your vessel draught and the mooring swing.

- If the wind is more than 40 knots and/or your vessel is longer than the length specified on the float, please don't use the mooring.
- Use the length of vessel rope specified. Shorter ropes may damage the mooring.
- Public moorings must not be used by more than one vessel at a time unless otherwise stated.
- Two-hour time limits may apply. You may need to book the mooring site for use. Please see contact details below.
- Please comply with all the information displayed on the mooring float.

MOORING LOCATIONS

Please see the table below for Department mooring locations in Maud Sanctuary Zone, Ningaloo Marine Park.

Marine Park	CALM Reference ID	Class of Mooring (max vessel length)	Depth metres at LAT	Times for use Bookings required	Location
Ningaloo	ID9	Class A (12m)	1.8	Day / overnight	Monck Head
Ningaloo	ID10	Tender (8m)	1.6	Day / overnight	Monck Head
Ningaloo	ID11	Tender (8m)	0.8	Day / overnight	Monck Head
Ningaloo	ID12	Tender (8m)	0.9	Day / overnight	Monck Head
Ningaloo	ID13	Tender (8m)	-	Day / overnight	Monck Head
Ningaloo	ID20	Class A (12m)	0.7	Day only	Snapper Hole
Ningaloo	ID21	Class A (12m)	0.6	Day only	Inner Reef
Ningaloo	ID22	Class A (12m)	1.1	Day only	Snapper Hole
Ningaloo	ID23	Class A (12m)	0.8	Day only	Reef

* Please note these moorings are located within Maud Sanctuary Zone and fishing of any type is not permitted.

