

Western Australian Marine Act 1982

(WAMA-2025-207904)

**Exemption of electric hydrofoil boards from compliance with certain provisions
of the *Navigable Waters Regulations 1958***

I, **Graeme Meinema**, Director Waterways Safety Management, Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) and delegate of the Chief Executive Officer, acting pursuant to the power in section 115A of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* (the Act), **hereby exempt** a person operating an electric hydrofoil board which has a motor with a power output of more than 4.5kW (6hp) (EHB) from compliance with the following regulations of the *Navigable Waters Regulations 1958* (the Regulations):

- a. Regulation 45B(7)(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) which require registrable vessels to display registration numbers of a certain size in a specified location;
- b. Regulation 50B(3) which requires a person on a pleasure vessel that is less than 4.8m in length but is not a personal watercraft to wear an appropriate lifejacket; and
- c. Regulation 52A(2) which requires registrable vessels to be equipped with lifejackets.

The exemptions above are subject to the following conditions:

Registration:

1. The EHB displays its registration number on the left and right sides of the board.
2. Each digit of the registration number is at least 50mm in height, 12mm in width and of plain block design (not script or slanting).
3. If the background is not white, each digit of the number has a white border at least 7mm wide.

Operation:

4. The EHB is operated only between sunrise and sunset.

Safety Equipment:

5. The operator of an EHB wears an appropriate lifejacket of Level 50 or higher.

This instrument does not exempt the operator of an EHB from compliance with other marine legislation such as the *Prevention of Collisions in State Waters Regulations 1983*; speed restrictions, Recreational Skipper's Ticket requirements, and the requirement to carry a marine radio, distress signals, and an EPIRB or PLB when operating various distances offshore.

The terms in this instrument have the same meaning as in the Act and the Regulations.

This instrument revokes instrument WAMA-2024-206139 and remains in force until 1 August 2027, unless revoked sooner.



Graeme Meinema

Director Waterways Safety Management

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