



Johns Creek Boat Harbour (Point Samson)



Point Samson is located 1,579 kilometres north of Perth, in the Pilbara region. The town's main industry is fishing, but it is also a popular holiday destination in the Dampier Archipelago. There are numerous reefs and coves to explore, and many good fishing spots.

The boat harbour comprises seven commercial boat pens, a land-backed wharf, a service jetty, a boat ramp, fuelling facilities, careening pad and hardstanding area, as well as an oil disposal facility, fishing platform, toilets and parking.

Boating facility fees

Fees are payable for the use of maritime facilities throughout the state. Please refer to the schedule of maritime facilities fees and charges. <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine/facilities-and-waterway-fees.asp>

All customers should contact the Department of Transport's (DoT) harbour manager on 0467 801 205, prior to arrival to ensure suitable facilities are available and to receive all relevant documentation and facilitate payment.

It is a condition of use that all users comply with DoT's gas, electrical, insurance requirements and terms and conditions. These documents can be found at <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine/general-use-requirements.asp>

Notice to Vessel Masters

All masters operating vessels within Johns Creek Boat Harbour (JCBH) must complete a JCBH induction at the commencement of use of the facility.

For induction information please contact the DoT harbour manager on 0467 801 205 or the DoT Regional Office on 9159 6900.

Waterways

Breakwaters

There are now three breakwaters to protect against wave penetration into the harbour - the original breakwater and two built during the redevelopment in 1999/2000.

Harbour basin and entrance channel

The harbour basin and entrance channel area has been dredged to a depth of 2.0 metre below chart datum. The harbour bed at the existing pens can become exposed at low tide. Based on basic astronomical conditions the tidal range at the harbour is approximately from -0.4 metre to 5.9 metre.

Latitude: -20.638 S
Longitude: 117.191 E

Boating facilities

Existing pens

Number of pens	7 Pens, used by commercial and fishing vessels
Lengths	5 x 7.9m wide 1 x 8.9m wide 1 x 9.2m wide
Services	Single and three phase power, water, lighting and fuel.

Land backed wharf

Lengths	35 metres
Services	Single and three phase power, water, lighting and heavy lift pad.

Service jetty

Lengths	45 metres long, 4.5 metres wide. The Service Jetty is adjacent to the new harbour basin. Note: The berths alongside this jetty can dry out at low tide.
Services	Single and three phase power, water and lighting.

Fuelling facilities

Diesel fuel is available from pens 2, 3 and 7 by request. The service is provided by Baileys Marine Fuels Australia.

Boat ramp

There is a double lane concrete launching ramp, with a multi-level catwalk. The City of Karratha (City) owns and operates the boat ramp.

Hard standing

The berth face on the eastern side of the basin is designed to cater for heavy crane lifts for hard stand maintenance.

At the southern end of the land backed wharf, there is a special purpose net berth for fishing vessels to remove nets and then an area behind the wharf for net maintenance.

A privately operated vessel maintenance service uses a rubber tyred jinker on the boat ramps for removing vessels from the water for major maintenance.

Careening pad

A three pile careening pad is available for vessels. This is a "natural" boat lifter that utilises the high tides of the area to position vessels on the pad.

Other facilities and services

Public toilets

There is one public toilet, which has disabled access, located near the public car park. The City owns and operates the facility.

Public car parks

There is a large sealed car park area located next to the boat ramp.

Oil disposal facility

An oil disposal facility is located behind the "new" pens and may be used by berthed vessels only.

Fishing platform

A rock causeway approximately 200 metres in length on the western side of the harbour provides the ideal fishing platform for recreational fishing.

Harbour management offices

The Maritime Coordinator is located in the Harbour Management office which is near the north-eastern corner of the harbour basin and is the first point of contact on site. DoT's Pilbara Operations Manager is responsible for maritime facilities in the region and is located in the DoT Karratha Office, 60 kilometres away.

Using marine facilities

Please familiarise yourself with the following information sheets:

- Schedule of marine fees and charges – Coastal Infrastructure Fees
- Live onboard policy
- Electrical, gas and insurance requirements for DoT operated Maritime Facilities
- West Pilbara boating guide
- Coastal and marine facility requirements
- Cyclone Contingency Plan: Point Samson (Johns Creek)

Marine rescue

All volunteer marine rescue groups monitor radio listening watches on marine radio 27.88 MHz and VHF Channel 16 and 81. Most groups also monitor other frequencies such as 27.90 MHz, 27.91 MHz and VHF channels 72 and 73, as well as their own channels.

Don't hesitate to call any volunteer marine rescue group on your marine radio.

Remember to log on before heading out and log off when you return with your local volunteer marine rescue group, for full radio procedure refer to Boat rules at a glance.

Port Walcott Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR 689)

Mailing Address: PO Box 195
Wickham WA 6720

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Key contacts and links

Department of Transport

Marine Safety Hotline: 1300 863 308

Website: <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine>

Karratha Office

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