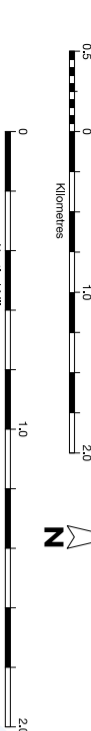


# PORT HEDLAND



**Legend**

- Water ski area
- Port security zone
- 5 knot limit
- 8 knot limit
- Swimming prohibited
- Prohibited waters limit
- 4 nautical miles from mainland shore
- Danger zone
- Boat ramp, GPS validation mark
- Public toilets, parking
- Boat trailer parking

**Navigation Marks**

- Lighthouse, major, minor light
- Beacon, port, starboard
- Sale water, isolated danger
- Spear buoy, port, starboard
- Mooring buoy, yachting buoy
- Lead, front, rear

**Cardinal Marks**

- Indicates to the North
- Indicates to the South
- Indicates to the East
- Indicates to the West

**Basic rules of the waterways**

- Vessel Overtaking:** Another vessel must give way (this includes sailing vessels).
- Power Vessels Meeting Head On:** Each vessel alters course to starboard (right).
- Power Vessels Meeting:** Give way to vessels ahead (starboard vessel is overtaking).
- Power Vessels Meeting (Sailing Vessel):** Power gives way to sail (give way to vessels ahead when sailing vessel is overtaking).
- Ships in Channels:** All vessels must keep clear of ships using or navigating channel slips.

**Open to PWC**

The Port Hedland and Finucane Island water ski areas are open to navigation of personal water craft (PWC), PROVIDED THAT PWCs operating within them, when not conducting water ski operations or transiting directly through the area, must remain well clear at all times of all vessels engaged in water ski operations.

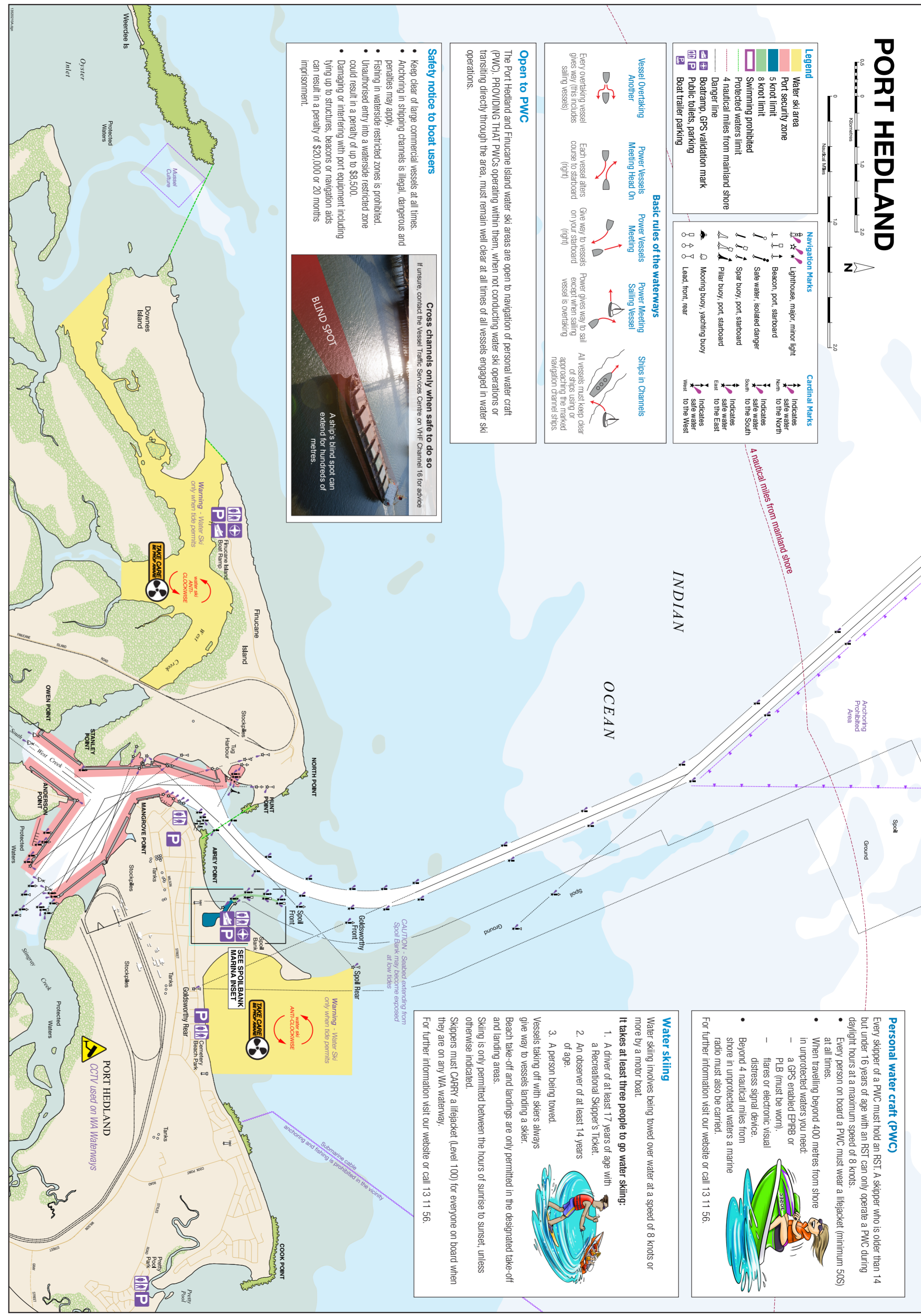
**Safety notice to boat users**

- Keep clear of large commercial vessels at all times.
- Anchoring in shipping channels is illegal, dangerous and penalties may apply.
- Fishing in waterside restricted zones is prohibited.
- Unauthorized entry into a waterside restricted zone could result in a penalty of up to \$8,500.
- Damage to or interference with port equipment, including tying up to structures, beacons or navigation aids can result in a penalty of \$20,000 or 20 months imprisonment.

**Cross channels only when safe to do so**

If unsure, contact the Vessel Traffic Service Centre on VHF Channel 16 for advice.

A ship's blind spot can extend for hundreds of metres.



## SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS



REGISTRABLE VESSELS	PROTECTED WATERS	UNPROTECTED WATERS
Including sailing vessels that are or can be propelled by mechanical power.	Includes rivers, lakes, estuaries, harbours and waters within 400 metres from the shore in un-protected waters but excludes Cambridge Gulf and Lake Argyle.	Beyond 400 metres from the shore.
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**Recreational Skipper's Ticket**  
The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6 horsepower must hold an RST.

**Lifejacket Carriage**  
A lifejacket, as indicated in the table opposite, must be carried for every person on board.

**Lifejacket Wearing**  
As indicated in the table opposite.

**Distress Beacon (in-date)**  
A GPS enabled 406 MHz EPIRB OR If worn by at least one person, a GPS enabled PLB. Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with AMSA.

**Red and Orange Flares (in-date)**  
At least two hand held red flares and two hand held orange flares must be carried.

**Electronic Visual Distress Signals (EVIDS)**  
An electronic signaling device may be carried in lieu of flares IF a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn) is also carried.

**Marine Radio**  
A VHF or HF marine radio on any Registrable Vessel when operating more than 4 nautical miles from shore in un-protected waters.

**Recommended Additional Safety Equipment**  
It is recommended an anchor and line, a fire extinguisher and a means of removing water be carried.

### Contact details

**Department of Transport**  
Email: Ed.Boat@transport.wa.gov.au  
Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine  
Karratha: 9159 6900  
Marine Safety Hotline: 13 11 56

**Police**  
Emergency: 000  
Water Police: 9442 8600  
Port Hedland: 9173 8100  
South Hedland: 9160 2100

**Department of Fire and Emergency Services Marine Rescue Western Australia**  
Emergency contact: VHF 16  
Marine Rescue Port Hedland

**Boating Weather Forecasts**  
Boating weather: 1300 815 916  
Website: www.bom.gov.au

**Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development**  
Fishwatch: 1800 815 507  
Website: www.dpird.wa.gov.au

**Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions**  
Website: www.dcca.wa.gov.au

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## SPOILBANK MARINA INSET



**GPS validation markers**

Global Positioning System (GPS) validation markers are unique visible marks placed at a number of public boat ramps and jetties where skippers and owners of portable GPS units can validate their position and map datum settings. The markers are small, flat and yellow, similar to 'cats eye' road lane markers.

For further information visit our website or call 13 11 56.

**Distress beacons and flares must be in-date**

**Remember to LOG ON! LOG OFF! every trip**

with the local Marine Rescue group

**Personal water craft (PWC)**

Every skipper of a PWC must hold an RST. A skipper who is older than 14 but under 16 years of age with an RST can only operate a PWC during daylight hours at a maximum speed of 8 knots.

- Every person on board a PWC must wear a lifejacket (minimum 50S) at all times.
- When travelling beyond 400 metres from shore in un-protected waters you need:
  - a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn),
  - flares or electronic visual distress signal device.
- Beyond 4 nautical miles from shore in un-protected waters a marine radio must also be carried.

For further information visit our website or call 13 11 56.

**Water skiing**

Water skiing involves being towed over water at a speed of 8 knots or more by a motor boat.

**It takes at least three people to go water skiing:**

- A driver of at least 17 years of age with a Recreational Skipper's Ticket.
- An observer of at least 14 years of age.
- A person being towed.

Vessels taking off with skiers always give way to vessels landing a skier.

Beach take-off and landings are only permitted in the designated take-off and landing areas.

Skiing is only permitted between the hours of sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise indicated.

Skipper's must CARRY a lifejacket (Level 100) for everyone on board when they are on any WA waterway.

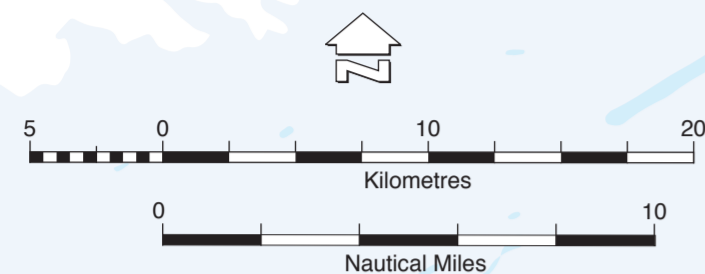
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**Make a difference MAINTAIN AND WEAR YOUR LIFELINE**



# East Pilbara

Not to be used for navigation



## WARNING - Tropical cyclone region

The north west of Western Australia experiences more severe cyclones than any other part of the Australian coastline and is one of the most cyclone-prone coasts anywhere in the world.

The cyclone season extends from November through to April, but most coastal impacts occur in the period from January to March.

Check the weather before heading out.

North Turtle Island

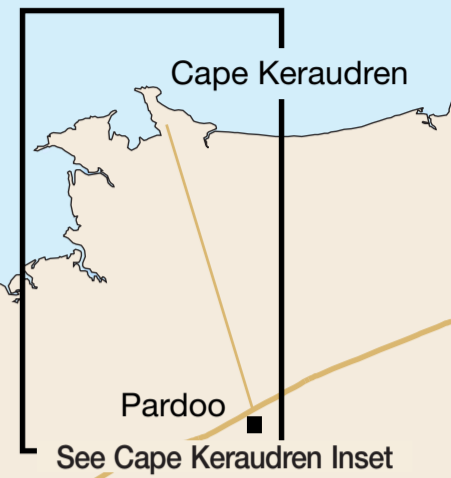
Little Turtle Island

Larrey Point

Poissonnier Point

Spit Point

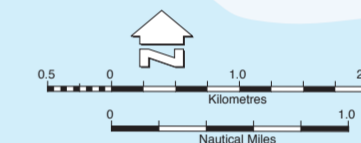
De Grey River



Pardoo  
See Cape Keraudren Inset

# Cape Keraudren

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Cape Keraudren

Cape Keraudren Ranger Station

Cape Keraudren Access Road

Pardoo

Great Northern Hwy

Port Hedland

Cooke Point

See Port Hedland Insets

South Hedland

Great Northern Highway

## Distress beacons (in-date)

EPIRB (AS/NZS 4280.1) or PLB (AS/NZS 4280.2)

Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

When operating more than 400 metres from shore in unprotected waters you must carry a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB worn by a person on board.

For further information visit our website or call 13 11 56.



## General speed restrictions

It is illegal, in any navigable waters, to drive a motor boat at a speed exceeding eight knots, water ski or para-sail:

- through an arch of a bridge;
- in or through a mooring area;
- within 15 metres of a vessel underway;
- within 50 metres of –
  - (i) a moored vessel;
  - (ii) a person in the water;
  - (iii) a jetty or wharf;
  - (iv) a river bank or low water mark.

## Vessel registration

Most boats or yachts must be registered with DoT and an annual registration fee is payable.

### Vessels that must be registered

If your boat has a motor, or is fitted for one, it must be registered and is subject to an annual registration fee. Yachts, canoes, surf skis and other craft not fitted for a motor, are not required to be registered.

### Transfer of ownership

You must advise DoT on the sale (within seven days) or the acquisition (within 15 days) of any power driven vessel.

### Interstate vessels

If your boat is registered in another state, you have three months after bringing it into WA to register it with DoT (recreational boats brought in from the NT have only 30 days).

For further information visit our website or call 13 11 56.

## Recreational Skipper's Ticket

The person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor of **6 horsepower or less** is not required to hold a Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST).

A skipper in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor **greater than 6 horsepower** is required to hold an RST and carry it when boating.

### Age restrictions

A person under 10 years may not drive a motor boat.

RST holders over 14 but under 16 years of age are restricted to operating during daylight hours at a speed less than 8 knots.

### Interstate skipper's tickets

If you hold a valid/current interstate ticket, recognised by DoT and you enter, as a visitor or with the intention of permanently residing in Western Australia, you have three months to have the qualification recognised.

For further information visit our website or call 13 11 56.



## Tides

Port Hedland experiences a very large tidal range – up to six metres rise and fall every six hours on spring tides.

The times and ranges of large tides can determine whether launching and retrieval is possible as these tides are large enough to make some ramps unusable at certain times.

The currents created by these large tides – known as tidal streams – can run as fast as 1.5 knots in the Pilbara. This can impact on your fuel consumption so plan ahead.

Make sure you check the tide charts before your boating trip. Vessels may request the current tide height by calling the Port Hedland harbour on VHF Channel 16.

## Marine radio

Please remember to log on and to log off with the local Marine Rescue (MR)

Provide your vessel's:

- name
- registration number or call sign
- departure point
- destination
- trip intentions
- number of people on board
- fuel carried
- estimated time for return.

This is vital information in case of an emergency.

Contact Marine Rescue Port Hedland on channel 16 VHF.

## Paddle craft, kiteboarding and windsurfing

Paddle craft, kite boarders and windsurfers operating more than 400 metres from shore are required to carry safety equipment. For more information visit, [www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine/boating-safety-equipment.asp](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine/boating-safety-equipment.asp) or call 13 11 56.



## Cardinal marks

Used to indicate that deeper water lies in a compass direction away from a danger area such as a reef, shallow areas, etc.

