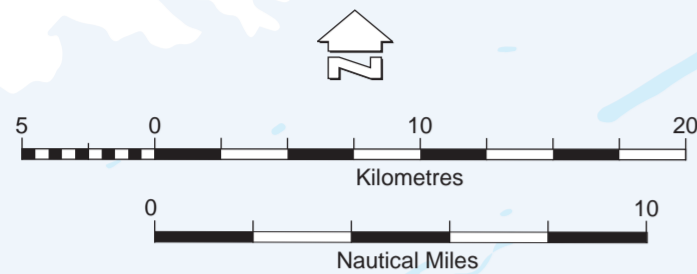


East Pilbara

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

De Grey River

Spit Point

Port Hedland

Cooke Point

South Hedland

Great Northern Highway

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.

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.



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 or call 13 11 56.



Cape Keraudren

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Pardoo