

Boating Guide Logue Brook Dam Marine Safety





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Water skiing rules and regulations

Water skiing involves being towed over water at a speed of 8 knots or more by a motor boat supported on the surface by a ski or skis, an aquaplane or other apparatus, or your feet.

It takes at least three people to go water skiing:

The skipper

To be the skipper of a vessel, with a motor over 6 hp, engaged in water skiing you:

- must hold an Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST), or be supervised by an RST holder who is at least 18 years of age; and
- must be at least 17 years of age.

The skipper is responsible for abiding by the rules and regulations and for the safety of the vessel, passengers and skiers.

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

The observer

As the observer you:

- must be at least 14 years of age;
- have the prime responsibility of observing the towed skiers and reporting all matters affecting them to the skipper;
- alert the skipper about other vessels approaching from behind; and
- should be familiar with the standard hand signals.

The skier

Skiers can be any age. It is recommended they wear an approved Level 50 or 50s lifejacket while skiing.

Distance behind a skier

You must not drive any closer than 50 metres behind a skier or any other boat.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS



Vessels Lifejacket Carriage **MUST BE CARRIED** 4.8m and larger

Children one and Lifejacket Wearing

Water Craft Distress Beacon (in-date)

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)

Electronic Visual Distress Signals (EVDS) An electronic signalling device may be carried in lieu of flares <u>IF</u> a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn)

Marine Radio VHF or HF marine radio on any egistrable Vessel when operatin more than 4 nautical miles from **Recommended Additional**

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Contact details

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Emergency: 000 Water Police: 9442 8600 Waroona Police: 9733 1230 Harvey Police: 9782 4111

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

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Logue Brook Dam restrictions and closures

Water skiing activities are to be conducted between the hours of sunrise to sunset, in an anticlockwise direction and within the designated area shown.

Water skiing is only permitted in the **Level 1** Water Ski Area when the water level is equal to or higher than 216 metres Australian Height Datum (AHD).

The Level 2 Water Ski Area will become operational when the water level reaches 221 metres AHD.

The Level 3 Water Ski Area will become operational when the water level reaches 226 metres AHD.

Yellow buoys will mark the limit of the Water Ski Area.

For current information about closures, visit our website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/waterski

Water skiing is not permitted within 50 metres of the foreshore except when taking off and landing.

Water ski take-off and landing areas may contain hazards such as tree stumps, branches and rocks. Please use extreme caution.

5 knot speed restriction

All waters are restricted to 5 knots except within the designated water ski area during the hours of sunrise to sunset after which the ski areas revert back to 5 knots.

Closed waters

All waters within 200 metres of the dam wall are closed to all vessels including sail and paddle craft at all times.

Personal water craft

Personal water craft (PWC) freestyle driving, wave jumping and surfing are prohibited on these dams at all times.

Freestyling is operating a PWC in a way that the skipper of another vessel would be unable to predict its course or speed in order

to avoid a collision, this includes doughnuts, 180 degree turns, hops and jumps.

Wave and wake jumping is driving a PWC over a wave or swell with the aim of becoming airborne. The wave or the swell may be formed naturally or by the passage of a vessel.

Ski signals

Waiting to take-off with a skier



Driver's signal When waiting for a safe opportunity to take-off with a skier, the skipper should signal to vessels in the area that they do not intend to move until it's clear. This is indicated by holding both hands in the air showing that they are not on the boat's controls.

Dropping off a skier

Driver's signal

When returning a skier to the shore the driver should indicate this by the raising and lowering of a hand above the head.

Skier down

Observer's signal

The observer only should hold one arm straight up in the air to indicate to other vessels that the skier has fallen off and is in the water.

Vessels seeing this signal should keep a good lookout for the skier in the water.

Skier down and is OK

Skier's signal

A fallen skier who has sustained no injuries should indicate that they are OK by raising both arms into the air.

If the observer does not see this signal, they should inform the skipper to return to the skier as quickly and safely as possible.

Lifejackets

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

Compulsory wearing of a lifejacket (Level 100) occurs when more than 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters for children aged between one and 12 years and for everyone on board when the vessel is less than 4.8 metres.

Every person on board a PWC must wear a lifejacket (level 50s) at all times, from launching until retrieval.

