

**Western Australian Marine Act 1982**

**Approval and exemption from compliance with certain speed restrictions  
for disabled water ski vessels**

**WAMA – 2021 - 204596**

I, **Raymond Buchholz**, Assistant Executive Director, Maritime, Department of Transport (DoT), acting pursuant to the powers contained in Section 115A of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* (the Act), **hereby make the exemptions** set out below in relation to bona fide vessels towing disabled water skiers:

- compliance with the following notices (the speed notices) made under section 67 of the Act:
  - the 8 knot speed restriction at Point Walter, Swan River, published in the *Government Gazette* on 27 November 2012; and
  - the 8 knot speed restriction at Mangles Bay, Rockingham, published in the *Government Gazette* on 30 June 2009; and
- compliance with the following provisions of the *Navigable Waters Regulations 1958* (the Regulations):
  - regulation 48(b), limiting vessel speed to 8 knots in or through a mooring area;
  - regulation 48(d)(i), limiting vessel speed to 8 knots within 50 metres of a moored vessel; and
  - regulation 48A(2), prohibiting towing water skiers in areas other than defined water ski areas.

In addition, bona fide vessels are **granted approval** to exceed the speed limit in regulation 48(a) of the Regulations.

The exemptions and approval above only apply within the waters described in the speed notices and only if the following conditions are met:

1. The vessel master may exceed the speed limit in the speed notices, up to a maximum of 12 knots, only when expedient and safe to do so;
2. The vessel master navigates directly to and from shore to the adjacent gazetted water ski area (either the Point Walter or the Mangles Bay Water Ski Area); and
3. A copy of this exemption is produced to DoT on request.

This instrument is valid from the date it is signed until 1 August 2023, unless revoked sooner. This instrument revokes the previous exemption WAMA – 2019 – 203305.

**Raymond Buchholz**



Assistant Executive Director, Maritime

28 July 2021

Approved by LLS

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