



## **City of Perth Australia Day Skyworks 2020**

### **26/01/2020**

Attention: Commercial Operators, Ferry Operators and Associated Masters and Crew.

The call-sign for the on-water coordination for the City of Perth Australia Day Skyworks will be '**MARINE COMMAND**'. This call sign is to be used for all vessel movements throughout Perth Water during water closures. Vessel Masters must contact Marine Command to request clearance in and out of Perth Water, they can also use the call sign to report any problems or obtain information during the day. Contact can be made via **VHF Ch.9** or as an emergency alternative by mobile phone on 0419 936 250 (Mobile phone is to only be used as a last resort)

Perth Water is a premium area to anchor and watch the fireworks on Australia Day. The Department of Transport (DoT) has assessed the risk of commercial operators conducting vessel raft ups in Perth Water on Australia Day. Based on the high volume and density of vessel traffic and anchoring in close proximity, DoT has deemed this activity as a high risk to people's safety.

To mitigate this safety risk, DoT is advising there will be **no** commercial vessel raft ups permitted within Perth Water on Australia Day. DoT is seeking voluntary compliance from all operators and wishes to highlight to vessel masters that they can consider rafting to the west of the Narrows Bridge. We strongly encourage operators to liaise with DoT Marine Officers on the day to determine appropriate areas to anchor and/or raft up outside of Perth Water.

This condition will be enforced under the *Shipping and Pilotage Act 1967*. The Harbour Master for the Port of Perth appointed pursuant with Sections 4 and 5 of the *Shipping and Pilotage Act 1967*, has directed that no commercial vessel shall raft up to any other vessel in Perth Water, Swan River, on 26th January 2020 due to the potential marine safety concerns. In addition to the above, the following on water restrictions will apply:

- **Perth Water (as marked in yellow on the River Closures and Restrictions Map) will be closed to all vessels excluding bona-fide vessels between 6:00pm and 09:45pm (limited exceptions will apply to those authorised commercial vessels requiring access to Barrack Street jetties and Elizabeth Quay and only as directed by MARINE COMMAND).**
- An 8 knot speed limit will be in place from the Narrows Bridge to Causeway bridges including all of Perth Water from 3:00pm until sunrise on the 27th January 2020. This excludes the existing 5 knot speed restricted area between the west end and east end of Heirisson Island.
- Anchoring is only permitted in the designated spectator vessel areas, and vessel masters are advised to ensure that they are aware of the available water depth at the time of anchoring and to be courteous to other boaters. Some sections of the holding areas are quite shallow.
- The spectator vessel area to the west and adjacent to Elizabeth Quay is recommended for commercial vessels, vessels over 15 metres or deep draft vessels.
- There will be a 200m exclusion zone around the firework barges and pontoons within Perth Water from 6:00pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 until 8:00am on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

- Out from the eastern end of Sir James Mitchell Park adjacent to Ellam Street, a 100 by 225 metre exclusion zone will be in place between 8:00am on the 16th January 2020 until midnight on the 28th January 2020 to facilitate the safe loading and unloading of event pyrotechnics.
- The Belmont water ski area will be closed to water skiing from 3:00pm on the 26th January 2020 until 8:00am on the 27th January 2020, to facilitate safe navigation from Maylands and Goodwood Parade boat ramps.
- Swimming will be prohibited in Perth Water between the Narrows Bridge and Causeway bridges, including all of Perth Water, from 3:00pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 until sunrise on 27th January 2020.
- Vessel skippers are reminded of the 10 knot speed limit in any non-speed restricted areas of the Swan Canning Riverpark between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- Be mindful of your vessel wash to show courtesy to others, to reduce the impact on the banks of the Swan River and to help prevent erosion and protect wildlife.
- **Clearance must be obtained from MARINE COMMAND on VHF Ch.9 prior to entering or navigating within Perth Water between 6:00pm and 9:45pm or until the waters are announced open to navigation by MARINE COMMAND.**

All commercial operators are encouraged to pick up their passengers prior to the 6:00pm closures of Perth Water. All commercial vessels that require access to Barrack Street jetties and Elizabeth Quay after this time are advised that there may be total non-movement period delays. Access into Perth Water from upstream and downstream may be denied after 7:30pm until clearance has been provided by the pyrotechnics crew and MARINE COMMAND have announced the waters open on VHF Ch.16 at the completion of the fireworks display.

Private spectator craft will again be able to move out of the vessel holding areas both upstream and downstream as soon as the fireworks have been completed and MARINE COMMAND has announced on VHF Ch.16 and 27Meg Ch. 88 that the river is open. This should reduce any traffic congestion. All Commercial vessels wishing to proceed upstream or downstream on completion of the Skyworks are encouraged to let recreational vessel traffic clear prior to departing.

People wanting more information about the river closures, exclusion zones, spectator areas or vessel safety requirements including vessel navigation lights, can log on to [www.transport.wa.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/australiaday) or contact the Marine Safety Hotline 13 11 56.

If you require clarification on any part of this event, please do not hesitate to contact myself on 9435 7910. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of this event and we look forward to working with you for a safe and cooperative 2020 event.

Yours Sincerely



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