

Western Australian Marine Act 1982

WAMA – 2025 – 208118

Exemption from certain speed and equipment provisions for vessels and craft participating in Surf Life Saving Western Australia events and associated organised training

I, **Chris J Mather**, Executive Director, Maritime, Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure and delegate of the Chief Executive Officer, acting pursuant to the power in section 115A of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* (the Act), **hereby exempt a person operating a Surf Life Saving Western Australia (SLSWA) vessel from compliance with:**

- a. Regulations 48(a), 48(c), 48(d)(i), 48(d)(iv), 48(e), 50B(3), 50B(4), 52A, 52B, 52BAA, and 52BAB of the *Navigable Waters Regulations 1958* (the Regulations); and
- b. Orders made and published in the *Government Gazette* under sections 66 and 67 of the Act;

under the control of a bona fide member or employee of SLSWA whilst participating in:

- c. a SLSWA aquatic event listed in the SLSWA Surf Sports Calendar which permission has been granted under regulation 51C of the Regulations; or
- d. the organised training for such an event.

Conditions

The exemptions set out above are subject to the following conditions:

1. All aspects of the SLSWA's Activity Safety (Risk) Plan are adhered to;
2. All SLSWA members wear a minimum of a level 50 lifejacket when operating SLSWA vessels;
3. Exemptions from regulation 52B of the Regulations are only granted up to 4nm from the mainland shore if an SLSWA Global Positioning System (GPS) radio is on board;
4. Exemption from regulations 52BAA and 52BAB of the Regulations are only granted if an SLSWA GPS radio is on board; and
5. The vessel operator navigates their vessel in accordance with the Act, Regulations, and *Prevention of Collisions in State Waters Regulations 1983*.

This instrument revokes the previous instrument WAMA – 2024-207234 and is in force until 1 August 2027 unless revoked sooner.



Chris J Mather

Executive Director, Maritime

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