

Western Australian Marine Act 1982

WAMA – 2025 – 207942

Exemption from certain provisions of the *Navigable Waters Regulations 1958* and the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* for certain vessels in the Swan Canning Riverpark

I, **Graeme Meinema**, Director Waterways Safety Management, Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI), delegate of the Chief Executive Officer, acting pursuant to the powers in section 115A of the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* (the Act), hereby make the exemptions set out below in relation to motorised vessels under the control of a bona fide member, coach or event official of Rowing Association of WA Inc, Rowing Australia, the Western Australian Institute of Sport or associated rowing club or school rowing program (Rowing Safety Vessels) whilst operating within the following areas:

(a) Coffee Point on the Canning River to Riverton Bridge; and

(b) Fremantle Traffic Bridge to Reid Highway Bridge on the Swan River; but

excludes all the waters of the Milyu, Pelican Point and Alfred Cove Marine Parks.

Exemptions

A person operating a Rowing Safety Vessel is **exempt** from the application of:

(a) Regulations 19A, 48(a), 48(b), 48(c), 48(d)(i), 48(d)(iv) and 48(e) of the *Navigable Waters Regulations 1958*; and

(b) Notices made under section 67 of the Act.

Conditions

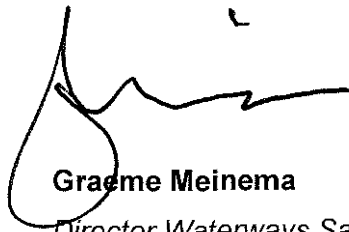
1. Exceedance of the speed limit is only to the extent as is reasonably necessary to effectively undertake either:
 - (a) safety, coaching or umpiring activities during an aquatic event listed in the Rowing WA calendar; or
 - (b) organised training.
2. The speed at which a Rowing Safety Vessel is operated does not exceed 12 knots above the specified speed limit.
3. The operator adheres to all applicable aspects of the *Rowing WA Safety/ Risk Management Plan for River-Based Regattas, April 2024*.
4. The operator completes an online acknowledgement annually that they have read and understood the requirements in the relevant *Rowing Training Water Safety Guideline* (an online tool provided by Rowing WA) and provides a copy of the most recent acknowledgement to DTMI upon request.
5. The Rowing Safety Vessel displays the word 'Safety' in letters at least 200mm high and 20mm wide in red writing, either on both sides of the hull or on a white flag positioned on the vessel so it is visible to other vessels.
6. The Rowing Safety Vessel displays navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and at times of reduced visibility.
7. The Rowing Safety Vessel displays an orange 360° flashing light between sunset and sunrise and at times of reduced visibility.
8. The operator holds, as a minimum, a Recreational Skippers Ticket.
9. The operator is always assessing if it is appropriate to exceed the speed limit in the circumstances and always complies with the *Prevention of Collisions in State Waters Regulations 1983*, including:
 - (a) Rule 5 (Look-out);

- (b) Rule 6 (Safe speed);
- (c) Rule 7 (Risk of collision);
- (d) Rule 22 (Visibility of lights); and
- (e) Rule 23 (Power-driven vessels underway).

10. The Rowing Safety Vessel maintains a distance of at least 15m from vessels which are underway but not associated with the event or training.

11. A copy of this instrument is provided to DTMI within 24 hours upon request.

This instrument is to be known as WAMA-2025-207942 and is valid from the date it is signed until 1 August 2027, unless revoked sooner. This instrument revokes previous instrument WAMA-2023-206116.



Graeme Meinema

Director Waterways Safety Management

12, August 2025