Contact Broome Sea Rescue on channel 16 VHF or 27.88 MHz. This is vital information in case of an emergency. estimated time for return. number of people on board departure point Broome of any injured wildlife or saltwater crocodile registration number or call sign Notify the Department of Environment and Conservation, Provide your vessel's: consequences of your activities on the local environment. manoeuvres may disturb wildlife. Please consider the Please remember to log on and to log off. Some boating activities including high speeds and rapid provides a free marine radio monitoring service in Broome. Broome's Volunteer Marine Rescue Service(VMRS) Department of Environment and Conservation. Whale Watching Guidelines are available through the owners must adhere to approach distances and speeds. and October each year on their southern migration. Boat Humpback whales migrate past Broome between June grounds when traversing through the area.

of shorebirds. Please consider these feeding and roosting

Shorebirds and migratory waders inhabit mangrove and

feed. These meadows are present from the Town Beach

shallow seagrass meadows where many of these species

and the various species of dolphins that inhabit Roebuck

Protected marine species including marine turtles, dugong

creatures and care should be taken when approaching any

The waters around Broome contain a huge variety of sea

June. To treat a sting liberally douse the affected area with

the year however the high risk period is from November to

Marine stingers are present on the beaches throughout

trip. Tide charts can be obtained from newsagents and

Make sure you check the tide charts before your boating

to nine metres rise and fall every six hours on spring tides.

**Safety** 

**Equipment** 

**Recreational Skipper's Ticket** 

powered by a motor greater than

4.5kwp (6 hp) must hold an RST.

All vessels must carry a bilge pump.

Vessels under 7 metres may carry a

Vessels with an inboard engine or carrying hydrocarbon heating or

cooling appliances must carry an approved fire extinguisher.

mainland shore or more than 1 mile from an island located more than 5

miles from the mainland shore. The

radio can be 27 MHz, VHF or HF.

bailer in lieu of a bilge pump.

**Bilge Pump/Bailer** 

Broome has some of the biggest tides in the world - up

**Protected** 

Waters

inlets and

Lake Argyle

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**Nautical** 

from the

2-5

**Nautical** 

from the

vinegar and seek medical attention if required.

Bay are present throughout the year. Try to avoid the

boat ramp through to the Port.

Marine wildlife

Marine stingers

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Over 5

**Nautical** 

from the

shore

boating and fishing tackle outlets.

mudflat areas and are easily disturbed. Aim to avoid flocks

Marine radio: VMRS

fuel carried

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registration numbers on the port side (left). Registration stickers need to be positioned adjacent to both sides immediately forward of the transom. Yachts and tenders need 50mm high numbers, situated

and displayed on both sides of the vessel mid-ships and Registration numbers for powerboats must be 150mm high

### Registration

to communicate between skier and vessel. landing skiers and appropriate hand signals should be used Vessels taking off with skiers must give way to vessels

Driver - must be at least 17 years of age and hold an RST.

indicated.

between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless otherwise Water skiing is restricted to gazetted areas and permitted

You must be at least 16 years of age and hold a RST to

jet pump. The operator sits, stands or kneels and uses a craft propelled by an inboard motor powering a water A personal water craft (PWC) - often called a jet ski - is

# Personal water craft

clearly visible to other craft.

Observer - must be at least 14 years of age.

It takes three people to water ski, a driver, an observer and

# Water skiing

operate a PWC at a speed in excess of 8 knots. handlebars to steer.

# Contact details **Department of Transport**

Marine Safety Hotline: 1300 863 308 Kimberley Regional Office Broome: 9192 0200 Email: marine.safety@transport.wa.gov.au Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine

# Volunteer Marine Rescue Services (VMRS)

Broome VMRS: 9192 8202

VHF Channel 16 or 27 MHz Channel 88

Derby VMRS: 0419 959 376

# **Police**

Broome: 9194 0200 Derby: 91911444

Dampier Peninsula: 9192 4590 Water Police: 9442 8600

# Customs

Broome District Office: 9193 6999 Customs Hotline: 1800 06 1800

# **Department of Fisheries**

Broome District Office: 9193 8600 Fishwatch: 1800 815 507

# **Department of Environment and Conservation**

Broome Office: 9195 5500 Wildlife Officer: 0418 957 821 Shire of Broome

# 9191 3456

Shire Ranger: 0407 382 079

Port of Broome

9194 3100

RSE-0213

24 hr Gatehouse: 0419 044 765 **Boating Weather Forecasts** 

# Boating weather: 1900 955 350

Website: www.bom.gov.au

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register it in this State.

days after bringing it into WM. After that time, you must Recreational boats brought into WM from the NT have 30 you have three months grace after bringing it into WA. If your boat is currently registered in another State,

RST, if you wish to continue operating an RST vessel in this entered the State. After that period you must apply for an hold a RST until three months have elapsed since you permanently residing in the State, it will be taken that you by DoT and you enter, as a visitor or with the intention of If you hold a valid/current interstate ticket, recognised

# three months

# Interstate ticket and boat registration valid for

8 nadi seel beeds at a speed less than 8 Those over 14 and under 16 years of age are restricted Greater than 4.5 kilowatts (6hp) is required to hold a RST. A person in charge of a recreational vessel with a motor

Operating a vessel greater than 6hp

may not drive a motor boat. RST. Children under 10 years of age (6hp) or less is not required to hold an vessel with a motor of 4.5 kilowatts A person in charge of a recreational

Operating a vessel less than 6hp

# Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST)

gear and monitor the behaviour of water users. They regularly check vessels for registration and safety apply to the operation of recreational vessels in Broome. the Water Police are responsible for enforcing the laws that DoT officers, along with the Department of Fisheries and Broome and highlight a number of important safety issues. related authorities, to enhance your boating experience in this guide, in consultation with the Port of Broome and fishing. The Department of Transport (DoT) has produced enjoyable with local waters renowned for their excellent recreational skippers. Boating in Broome can be a very Australia and Broome is a favourite destination for Boating is increasingly popular throughout Western

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