

Safe Boating Checklist

Before Summer

■ Boat

Check your vessel for signs of corrosion or cracking that could be the start of a much bigger problem.

■ Engines

Keep your engine serviced. Periodically check the oil & other fluids and carry some basic spares.

■ Safety Equipment

Make sure you have at least the minimum legally required equipment (www.transport.wa.gov.au). Keep it easily accessible, in good condition & make sure your flares are in date & 406 EPIRB registered.

Before you leave home

■ Weather

Always check the boating weather forecast.

Before you hit the water

■ Fuel

Make sure you have enough fuel for your entire journey. Allow for the unexpected in your calculations. If in doubt, fill it up.

■ Lifejackets

Make sure you have enough lifejackets for everyone onboard & all crew know how to put them on. Boating accidents can happen quickly so lifejackets are better worn, not stowed.

■ Passengers

Make sure your passengers are familiar with all safety equipment and that someone else other than the skipper can handle the boat in an emergency.

Once underway

■ Log On

Always Log On. It's easy & could be the difference between lost & found. See how to inside this guide.

■ Listen

Keep your marine radio on & switched to the emergency frequency. You may be the closest help.



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pack your **EPIRB**

wear your **Lifejacket**

always **LogOn**

✓ **Go GPS Equipped**

GPS 406 EPIRBs are detected within seconds & are accurate to 120 metres. Non GPS take up to 5 hours and are only accurate to 5km.

✓ **Register it**

This enables authorities to establish if the activation is genuine or not, and dispatch rescue resources in far less time.

✓ **Keep it Handy**

An out of reach EPIRB is useless. Boats can sink in seconds so keep it where you can grab it at a moment's notice.



✓ **Wear it**

A lifejacket trapped under an upturned vessel is useless. Boats can sink in seconds so keep it on or ready at hand. Comfortable & slim inflatable lifejackets are now readily available at affordable prices. Bulky foam devices are no longer the only option!

✓ **Get Level 100-150**

Level 100 (formerly PFD Type 1) lifejackets are the **minimum requirement** for offshore use. Both level 100 & 150 lifejackets are designed to keep you floating face up, however level 150 has a greater level of buoyancy and is more suited to offshore waters and poor weather conditions. We **recommend a level 150** lifejacket, after all, not many people need one in good weather!

✓ **Maintain it**

All lifejackets should be inspected regularly for signs of wear, cuts & mould. Inflatable lifejackets should be serviced at least once a year in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.



Why?

Logging on could save your life! If you don't arrive at your destination on time, we'll come looking for you. Lives are lost when boats that haven't logged on capsise or sink & aren't reported missing until it's too late.

How?

The best way to log on is with your marine radio or alternatively, you can log on by phone.



What?

- ✓ Vessel Registration Number
- ✓ Number of People on Board
- ✓ Where you are going From & To
- ✓ When you will Arrive or Return

Example

VN6DI, VN6DI, VN6DI, this is AZ123, AZ123, AZ123, over.

AZ123, this is VN6DI, go ahead.

VN6DI, this is AZ123, wishing to log on, we are departing from Leeuwin Boat ramp, headed to Thompsons Bay with 5POB, estimated time of arrival at 1300, over.

AZ123 received, VN6DI standing by.