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FROM THE PRESIDENT

- **Rising boating fatalities in Western Australia – what the data shows and what we/you should be doing:**

TIME FOR ACTION

Western Australia has seen a worrying increase in boating related fatalities in recent seasons. State and national drowning reports show the number of on- water deaths has climbed and capsizes have increased sharply, particularly in the last 3 report years.

Boating-related deaths and on-water drownings in WA have risen in recent years and are drawing attention from the Department of Transport and “Water Safety “ agencies.

Local Data and drowning reports show a trend towards more on-water fatalities , capsizes and drownings among older males and in regional waters. Many boating fatalities continue to involve small open vessels and people not wearing lifejackets.

Key comparative figures (recent years and trends).

- WA overall drowning/on-water deaths single year snapshot:

Royal Life Saving WA recorded 29 fatal drownings in WA for July 2022 – June 2023 (that year’s report). That report also documents broader drowning trends and activity breakdowns for WA.

- Capsize trend (most recent three years reported by Transport WA): capsizes in WA have risen markedly – 15 Capsizes in 2022-23, 24 in 2023-24, and 31 in 2024-25 with several of these involving fatalities. Dept of Transport WA reports that the ten year average of on-water deaths has increased (average now – 7.3 per year for the most recent decade versus 4.6 previously) - showing the recent sharp increase in capsizes and rising average).

How fatalities break down

Life jacket use (worn vs not worn)

- Royal Life Saving and AMSA analyses repeatedly identify not wearing a lifejacket as a major contributing factor in boating/watercraft fatalities . WA reporting flags lack of safety equipment/ lifejacket use as a common risk factor (counted among the top contributors). National analyses and state incident reviews consistently show the majority of boating drowning victims were not wearing lifejackets at the time of the incident. Exact WA counts by incident (worn vs not worn) are recorded in coronial/incident databases: summary percentages are reported in national and state reports.

Metropolitan vs Regional.

- WA data shows higher drowning rates in regional WA compared with Perth metropolitan areas- Royal Life Saving WA reports people in regional WA are around 1.7 times for likely to be involved in a drowning incident than those in the Perth metro area. Many fatal boating incidents occur in regional and remote waters where rescue resources and rapid medical response are more limited.

Front cover photo courtesy of Paul Nicholls

Launch location (north or south of Fremantle. There is no database on this currently.

However, our meetings with Dept of Transport have indicated that numbers of incidents “North of Fremantle” is rising above counterparts from South of Fremantle. The amount of “ open water “, travel angles of boating into breezes and wave action by Northern Boaters may have an impact, - a factor to consider. We are currently pursuing these considerations with DoT.

Size and type of vessel.

- National and state drowning analyses repeatedly show small open boats (aluminium tinnies /dinghies, personal watercraft (jet skis), kayaks and small recreational motorboats figure highly in boating drowning statistics. Royal Life Saving’s materials list small aluminium boats, jet skis, kayaks and inflatables among the most common craft involved.

Age and sex of fatalities .

- Males dominate drowning and boating fatality statistics in WA (Royal Life Saving WA shows around 72%-76% male in recent WA data) Older adults (65+) and middle aged males show increasing involvement in recent years – national reports indicate a higher proportion of drownings among older adults in recent years. So, the emphasis is on the male skew and the older age groups.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALL BOATERS.

1. Wear a lifejacket - every time on small open boats and when the conditions are tricky (Remember that Lifejacket non-use is REPEATEDLY recorded as a major factor).
2. Plan for the weather and sea state – check swell, waves and warning before launching. Transport WA highlights weather and swell as driver of the recent rise in capsizes AND NOW PROVIDE “Weather to go Boating “ information along with graphs to indicate when seas may be too much for your vessel. “DECKEE” is the very useful Dept of Transport Phone App that houses this information. Have a look before your next trip out.
3. Avoid solo trips in small open craft, especially in regional or remote waters. (Many fatalities involve lone operators of small vessels). Distance from rescue services is also a crucial factor when launching from more remote locations.
4. Keep communications and flotation in working order – make sure you have a functioning PLB or VHF and service your Lifejackets, Radios etc
5. Target – Education for older male boaters and regional users. (Based on demographics in the WA data).

FOR BOATING WESTERN AUSTRALIA priorities are clear:

Support Lifejacket-use initiatives, promote skipper decision-making around weather and swell, encourage PLB registration, and lobby for more transparent incident-level data from all sources – ie Water Police, Dept of Transport so that we can target interventions. Geographically (for example – by launch locations north and south of Fremantle) and finally by vessel type and structure. Small “tinnies and dinghies” seems to present themselves too often and building practices or limits on their use may help – research will tell us.

Detailed incident data would enable deeper prevention work. The more we know about incidents – the more we can focus on how to prevent them

This work continues through consideration of data , and Regular Meetings with Dept of Transport and other authorities as required.

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We have yet to consider the national implications of “Taxing Mandatory Safety Equipment for Boats” – that is on our horizon.

In the meantime. Wear jackets , be well equipped and conversant with all your equipment, be cognizant of the “Weather to boat” and “vessel Size recommendations given by the Dept of Transport. Check all your vessels floatation equipment- including sealed floors, bilge pumps (operation and volume) and opportunity to include floatation foam within the cavities of your boat.

Safe boating and Safe Returns.



Colin Lockley

PRESIDENT

Boating Western Australia (Inc.)



FROM THE LOG

- **Boating Survivors – Their Stories is a telling series of courageous interviews with Western Australians whose lives were impacted following an on-water incident.**

(Courtesy of DTMI marine)

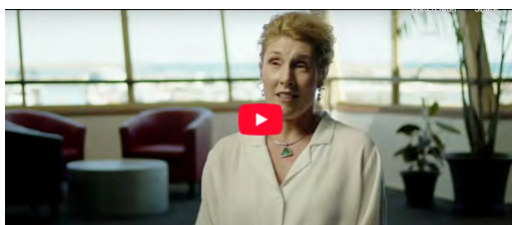
The series highlights recreational boating, diving and kayaking incidents including Shiralee’s Story whose partner and three family members did not survive a voyage to Rottnest on the vessel Yeah Buoy in 2018.

Each survivor shares their personal experience, regret, and the loss they and their family have encountered following the incident.

The series provides an insight into the very real and tragic consequences of poor preparation and bad decision making on the water.

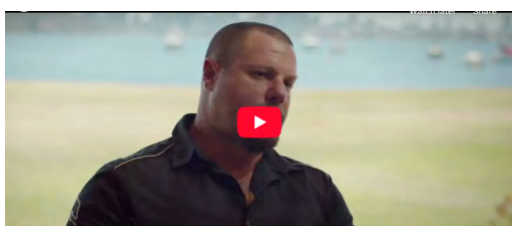
By sharing their story, each person has made a generous contribution to the safety of others on the water.

[Click on the story heading or picture to view the story.](#)



[Arna's story - Wear your lifejacket](#)

Arna went fishing with her father near Jurien Bay. Unexpectedly their boat was struck by a large wave and they were thrown into the ocean. Sadly, Arna’s father didn’t survive.



[Carl's story - Make safety gear accessible](#)

Carl and his two young sons were fishing off Mandurah. Weather conditions deteriorated.

After taking on water, their boat sank with little warning. To survive they clung to the bow of the boat.



[Geoff's story - Keep a lookout](#)

Geoff was diving in Cockburn Sound. His dive flag was displayed. Geoff thought the dive flag was his protective shield. Unfortunately, he was hit by a vessel, but he survived.



[Shiralee's story - Wear your lifejacket](#)

Shiralee's partner along with three family members went fishing near Rottnest Island. Bad weather forced them to shelter overnight. Tragically the four men on board did not survive the trip home.



[Steve's story - Wear your lifejacket and PLB](#)

Steve went fishing from his kayak off Point Peron. After being swept from his kayak twice he struggled to get back on. He survived because he had the right safety gear.

• **New boating guide puts registration fees to good use**

Educating skippers about safety on the water is a key role of our Department and central to that work is a series of free, handy, easy to use guides for popular boating destinations throughout WA.

The brand-new Busselton to Dunsborough Boating Guide was recently published to focus on key safety information for the busiest and most popular boating locations within Geographe Bay.

Local and visiting skippers now have a dedicated guide to help them safely navigate between Busselton and Dunsborough while carrying the correct safety equipment for their area of operation. It provides detailed information for safe navigation at boat ramps and waterski areas and features the rules at Busselton Jetty highlighting the speed limits and restrictions.

Previously, Geographe Bay was included in a combined guide covering Bunbury and Busselton. The refreshed Bunbury Boating Guide now includes additional information about the Collie River and Leschenault Estuary, highlights the speed limits and reinforces personal water craft (PWC) restricted zones for the greater Bunbury area.

The Department uses funds from recreational boat registration fees to produce the boating guide series. All the guides are on our [Boating guides page](#) or available via [Deckee](#).

It's recommended skippers download the guide for easy reference – especially when entering unfamiliar waters.





⚓ **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE – BOATING WA** ⚓

Dear Member,

As you may be aware, it is Membership Renewal time of the year again.

If you would like to continue your membership and receive your any Insurance rebates, discounts - and the many other Membership Benefits available to you – we ask that you kindly renew your membership by the end of October.

Boating WA is eager to continue to serve our members and to provide a strong and united voice of reason to decisions made by government that affect WA Boaters.

Your earliest attention would help us ensure that we can achieve that goal.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Please either reply via email with your credit card details, make payment via EFT or complete and return the attached Membership Renewal Form to secretary@boatingwa.com.au

We are happy to deduct your Members Fee from any rebates you may be entitled to.

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Email Address:

Fee for the season: \$30.00

Longer Term Payment:

Warm regards and safe boating!

Colin Lockley

President,

Boating Western Australia Inc.

- **Over the limit and undersize fish offences threaten sustainable fisheries**

Media release A 22-year-old man from Nilgen, north of Lancelin, has been ordered to pay more than \$5,700 in Joondalup Court this month for matters related to illegal fishing for marron in the Moore River.

Last updated: 15 September 2025

The illegally caught marron haul was returned to the river

These illegally caught marron were returned to Moore River

The man was found guilty on three counts of marron fishing in a closed season in September last year, when he was also found in possession of fishing gear within 50 metres of waters where it is prohibited and two counts of fishing for marron using an unlawful method.



These illegally caught marron were returned to Moore River

He had been intercepted near the bank of the Moore River, downstream of Regans Ford with a marron scoop net in hand.

A vehicle search later located 26 marron in an esky - of which 12 were undersize, and three non-conforming rope mesh drop nets.

It is illegal to take marron out of season. During the open season between 8 January and 5 February, the daily bag limit for licenced fishers is 8 marron with a minimum size limit of 80mm, except South West trophy waters, where the minimum is 90mm and the bag limit 5.

The prosecution also successfully sought forfeiture of the marron nets and equipment.

In a separate matter at Joondalup court, a 36-year-old Lancelin man was found guilty and issued with more than \$3,500 in fines and costs for exceeding the boat limit for demersal finfish.

Some of the eight demersal finfish that were found strewn about the boat

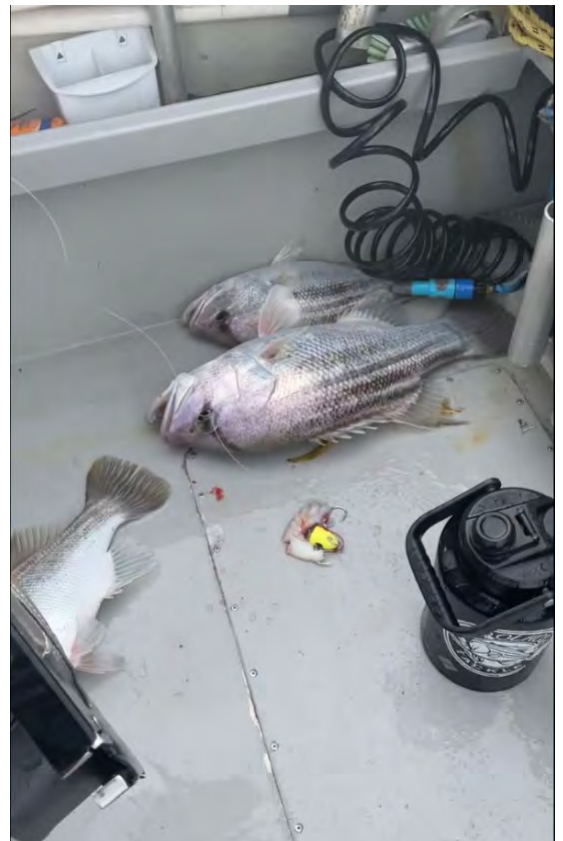
The 36-year-old master of the vessel breached the boat limit

As the master of a vessel, the man was fishing recreationally with one other person in the West Coast Bioregion and was found with eight demersal finfish on board – double the legal boat limit of four.

DPIRD Director Regional Compliance Midwest Mick Kelly said Western Australia's fishing rules were vital to sustainable fisheries management to ensure there were fish for the future.

"Fishing out of season and taking more than the boat or bag limits is not acceptable to the WA community and could threaten the sustainability of our fisheries," Mr Kelly said.

"FishWatch is available 24/7 to take calls from anyone with concerns or suspicions of illegal fishing activity – call 1800 815 507 or report the matter via the online form on Crimestoppers."





Mid West

Advice: 5x Metocean Data Collection Objects, Lancelin

Mariners are advised that there will be 5x various metocean data collection objects deployed around Lancelin on the 2nd of October 2026, with a retrieval date of October 2026. The shallowest object will lie 3.5m below the surface at LAT.

Operations will be undertaken from a research vessel and objects will be positioned by divers.

The international code flag "A" will be exhibited whilst diving operations are in progress.

All vessels taking part in these works will display lights and shapes in accordance with the Prevention of Collisions in State Waters Regulations 1983 at all times.

Objects will be positioned at the following locations:

(-31;0.7913 S, 115;18.5696 E)

(-31;0.5898 S, 115;19.4139 E)

(-31;0.8933 S, 115;19.6363 E)

(-31;1.1260 S, 115;19.5608 E)

(-31;0.0221 S, 115;19.3062 E)

Chart reference: WA1276 - Lancelin

Location: -31:0.5898'S 115: 19.4139'E

Start date: 3/10/2025

End date: 31/10/2026

Issued: 26/9/2025

Perth

Event: 2025/2026 Rottnest Channel Swim Association – Out of Event Crossings

Description: Mariners are hereby advised that from Saturday 18th October 2025 to Saturday 14th March 2026 between 4:30AM and 5:30PM,

up to 30 swimmers, 30 support vessels, and 30 support paddle craft will be taking part in the approved '2025/2026 Rottnest Channel Swim Association – Out of Event Crossings'.

These crossings will commence from Cottesloe and finish at Natural Jetty, Thompson Bay Rottnest Island, except for the 22 February crossing, which will be from Rottnest to the mainland.

Alternative Dates: Each swim (except for 22 February) has a 4-day window—1 day before and 2 days after the scheduled date to allow flexibility for suitable weather conditions.

The Scheduled Swim Dates are listed below:

- Saturday 18 October 2025 (17 – 20 Alternative Dates)
- Saturday, 1 November 2025 (30 Oct – 3 Nov Alternative Dates)

- Saturday, 6 December 2025 (5 – 8 Alternative Dates)
- Saturday, 17 January 2026 (16 – 19 Alternative Dates)
- Saturday, 24 January 2026 (23 – 26 Alternative Dates)
- Saturday, 31 January 2026 (30 Jan – 2 Feb Alternative Dates)
- Saturday, 7 February 2026 (6 – 9 Alternative Dates)
- Saturday, 14 February 2026 (13 – 16 Alternative Dates)
- Sunday, 22 February 2026
- Saturday, 28 February 2026 (27 – 30 Alternative Dates)
- Saturday, 7 March 2026 (7 – 9 Alternative Dates)
- Saturday, 14 March 2026 (13 – 16 Alternative Dates)

Mariners are advised to navigate with caution when transiting in these areas and keep a lookout for swimmers and support craft.

Chart reference: AUS112 - Approaches to Fremantle

Location: -32: 00.9780'S 115: 38.6580'E

Start date: 18/10/2025

End date: 14/3/2026

Issued: 26/9/2025

Pilbara

Advice: Research Mooring Deployments - King Bay, Dampier

Mariners are advised that six (6) research moorings will be in place in King Bay, Dampier, from 14 October 2025 to 25 November 2025, at the following locations:

20° 37.837' S 116° 44.494' E

20° 37.837' S 116° 44.725' E

20° 37.902' S 116° 44.494' E

20° 37.902' S 116° 44.725' E

20° 37.788' S 116° 44.331' E

20° 38.060' S 116° 44.687' E

Each mooring will be marked with a yellow flashing light, exhibiting a flash rate of one flash every 2.5 seconds (Fl Y 2.5s).

Mariners are advised to maintain a proper lookout at all times and proceed with caution when navigating in this area.

Chart reference: AUS57 - Dampier Archipelago

Location: -20: 37.8370'S 116: 44.4940'E

Start date: 14/10/2025

End date: 25/11/2025

Issued: 6/10/2025

Advice: Declared Depths - Onslow Salt

This Notice remains in force until superseded.

Port users are advised that I have today Declared Depths

- Onslow Salt Channel Minimum Declared Depth = 10.75 metres
- Onslow Salt Swing Basin Minimum Declared Depth = 10.70 metres
- Onslow Salt Berth Pocket Minimum Declared Depth 12.94 metres.

Authorised by: Captain P.A. Dwyer, Harbour Master, Port of Carnarvon, Maritime Division, Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure

Chart reference: AUS64 - Approaches to Port of Ashburton and Onslow

Location: -20:40.4615'S 115:0.5372'E

Start date: 26/9/2025

Issued: 26/9/2025

South West

Warning: Submerged Hazard, Nearby Koombana Footbridge

Mariners are advised that there has been a fully submerged object reported in the channel 30-50m North of the Koombana Footbridge, Bunbury, which has the potential to impede navigation through the channel.

Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when travelling in the area.

Chart reference: WA859 - Bunbury to Port Geographe

Location: -33: 19.1663'S 115: 38.4968'E

Start date: 25/9/2025

Issued: 25/9/2025

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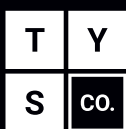
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Join us on Saturday 18 October from 8:00am - 1pm for a fun and interactive day organised by our dedicated volunteers from the Power Section – designed especially for Members, families, and friends.

Come Along for an interactive safety workshop as we prepare for the new season.

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Enjoy a sausage sizzle after the event, with proceeds proudly supporting Fremantle Sea Rescue.

This is a great opportunity to combine safety, community, and a little fun – all while supporting a fantastic cause.

All Members and their guests are welcome. Bring the family, explore the stalls, enjoy the food, and take advantage of this one-stop day for boating safety and community spirit.

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POWER SECTION CITY LIGHTS - SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2025



Join the Power Section Committee for a relaxed City Lights Cruise up the Swan River!

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Places are strictly limited, and it's only \$20 per person. Registrations open at the Power Section Meeting in the Bridge Room at 7pm on Wednesday, 11 September. Be sure to bring your payment on the night to secure

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Where: The Bridge

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Dear Members,

Before we share upcoming news and events, we wish to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of a long-standing and much-respected member.

Notice of Passing - Joffre Sexton

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our longest-standing boating member, Joffre Sexton. A cherished part of the Swan Yacht Club community, Joffre will be greatly missed.

For those wishing to pay their respects, please find the details of Joffre's funeral and celebration of life service below.

Funeral: St Patrick's Basilica, 47 Adelaide St Fremantle, Fri 17th October, 2pm.

Celebration of Life: Swan Yacht Club, Fri 17th October, 4pm-6pm.



THE SWAN YACHT CLUB
SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER

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- 2:15PM SAIL PAST & CRUISE TO CLAREMONT YACHT CLUB
- 4:15PM AWARDS & SEASON PARTY UPSTAIRS
- 5:15PM LIVE MUSIC

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Opening of the Season - Saturday, 18th October

All boating members to register their participation by emailing functions@swanyachtclub.com.au by Monday 13th October.

Upon completing the sail past, the skipper will receive a \$100 credit to their account to use at the after-party. We look forward to welcoming you on the day! All members are invited to join the festivities in the evening from 5:15PM upstairs.

Enjoy an evening of live rock music as we celebrate the Opening of the 2025 Season!

Dear Members,

We're thrilled to share some exciting news both in the marina and on land!

Marina News

We are proud to announce that Jetty 5 has officially reached practical completion! The final pontoons are now in place, and our boating members are invited to come down and take a look at this fantastic new addition to the marina.

A big thank you and shout-out to our amazing contractors - Broadway Marine Construction, Sheehan's Electrical, and Altona Plumbing - for their outstanding work. The project was completed safely, with no incidents, on time, and within budget.

While the jetty is ready for exploration, we ask our boating members to please exercise caution as we work through some minor punch-list items over the coming week, and be sure to follow all signage and instructions on-site.

This is just the beginning of a new era for our marina. Jetty 5 promises improved access, enhanced facilities, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy life on the water.



On Land News

We've begun planting 2 of 6 designated planting zones as part of our green space renovations, bringing more greenery and life to the area. This will enhance the natural environment, making the space both visually appealing and environmentally friendly.

As part of this project, we've removed *Casuarina glauca* (an invasive species) from the overflow carpark, which was limiting the growth of native gum trees. This demonstrates our commitment to creating a thriving, environmentally sustainable space where nature can flourish, in line with the approved landscape plan. Future works will involve replanting approved native species once the eradication process is complete.

Thanks also to our key contract partners in these works - Riverscapes and AAA Demolition & Tree Services - for their contribution to this important project.



We look forward to seeing you down at the Club, exploring Jetty 5, and enjoying our evolving green spaces as we celebrate these milestones together!

Warm regards,
Troy Cawthan
Swan Yacht Club



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Garden Island News



GIFAA Newsletter October 2025

An update from your committee

Hello GIFAA Members

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the start of Spring. The days are starting to warm up and I can't wait for summer again

2025 AGM

I hereby give notice that the Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc) Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers will be held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at the Cockburn Power Boat Association. Exact timings will be communicated at a later date.

Nomination forms for President, Treasurer, Secretary, Mooring Manager and Committee are available to be downloaded from the GIFAA website or [CLICK HERE](#)

Nominations are to be forwarded to:

The Returning Officer GIFAA PO Box 630 Melville 6956

Forms to be received no later than 5.00PM on Monday 20th October 2025

To support your nomination, you are invited to attach a resume with up to 200 words to your nomination and this will be included in the Newsletter.

Please note that to nominate as a candidate, propose a candidate or second a candidate your payment for membership fees for the 2025-26 year must be received by 20th October 2025. Members will be advised of the candidates soon thereafter.

As per our constitution, no new members will be processed after 13th October 2025

All existing members must be financial by the 17th of November 2025 to be eligible to vote at the AGM.

There will be a limited bar tab for members at the AGM. Please come along to your AGM and take the opportunity to meet fellow members and share a refreshment or two with the members and committee.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM

Notice of motions

Honorariums

The Secretary, Mooring Manager and Treasurer donate a lot of their time and incur additional costs to contribute to the successful management of the association. Each year they are paid an honorarium to assist towards offsetting some of these expenses.

I, Garry Barker, being a financial member of Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc.) propose that the Secretary, Treasurer and Mooring Manager be paid an honorarium of \$1,000 each to reimburse them for their out-of-pocket expenses for the 2025 / 26 year

Moved: Garry Barker (Committee Member) Seconded: Bill Kelly (Committee Member)

Membership Fees

Due to the increasing costs of insurance and mooring inspections, your committee has been reviewing income and expenditure, and we have agreed that a small increase is required to all fees as outlined below.

I, Peter Fry, being a financial member of Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc.) propose that the Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc) fees be increased for the 2026 / 27 financial year

- Membership fee increase to \$50
- Primary User Inspection Fee increase to \$105
- Authorised User fee increase to \$165

Moved: Peter Fry (Secretary)

Seconded: Ken Reynolds (Mooring Manager)

Vessel Insurance and registration papers

Just a reminder to mooring holders to make sure that you have submitted your boat registration and insurance papers prior to 30th November so that we can again be compliant with Navy mooring requirements.

End of financial year

Our financial year ends September 30th. All invoices have been sent to members via email the first week in October so if you have not yet seen your invoice, please let us know. It is important that all members check their emails including spam files as sometimes emails can get lost. Remember your membership must be paid in order to vote at the AGM.

Electronic Transfer Payment Details

Bank account details – Westpac Account Name – GIFAA BSB 036 048 Account Number 375148

When making a payment please show your **INVOICE** number and your **NAME** on the transfer

Members Details Form

This is to update our member's data base as a requirement under the Department of Defence Management Plan and GIFAA Constitution. It is available for download from our website.

This form is only to be completed if your details have changed.

If you are a Primary or Authorised User on a mooring, you must send us your current DOT and Insurance papers (Not just copies of the receipt) together with your cheque. Alternately the form and papers can be submitted by post and the payment made by direct debit. Once all is received and in order your GIFAA mooring sticker will be issued. **All monies and papers must be finalised by 30th November 2025.**

If you intend to operate a secondary vessel, please include the DoT and insurance papers for the secondary vessel and a separate sticker will be issued.

If you are not regularly receiving GIFAA Newsletters by email, please check the email address we have on our records.

Moorings

The mooring inspections are scheduled to commence in the third week of October this year. The Mooring Manager Ken Reynolds and his team expect this to be concluded by the end of the month, weather permitting, and invoices will be issued for all repairs at the completion of the work.

Keep clear of Closed Naval Waters

Notice to all boaters to keep clear of the designated restricted areas around Garden Island. Areas marked "Closed Naval Waters" such as the area around the ammunition jetty and Careening Bay should be always avoided. These areas are well marked on maps and have floating marker buoys to designate the boundary. Please help us to maintain our strong relationship with the Navy by not entering these areas.

Member's events

Just a reminder that we will be commencing the boating season with a "members only" event. The event will be held at the Cockburn Power Boat Association on Sunday October 5th from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm. There will be heaps of raffles and activities on the day. A light meal and nibbles will be provided and there will be a modest bar tab. There will be no admission charge for members however this event is for members, their partners and kids only and there will be no admittance for non-members.

[Editors Note: The Member's Event at CPBA had to be cancelled due to a Power Outage on the day]

Keep smiling

Some nicknames for the workmates

Wicket-keeper - puts on the gloves and stands back.

Sensor light - only works if someone walks past.

Cordless – charges all night but only works for 2 hours.

Seaweed – just floats around all day and stinks.

Brake Pad - gets worn out easily then starts to squeal.

Golf ball – someone who is hard to find.

10 mm Socket – can never be found when you need him.

Deck chair – always folds under pressure.

Kinder Surprise – melts in the heat.

Slinky – good for nothing but fun to push down the stairs.

Cold Sore – keeps coming back, no matter how much crap you put on them.

And finally,

I was walking my dog through a graveyard this morning and waved at the groundskeeper.

"Morning!" he called. "No mate", I replied. "Just walking the dog"

Take care and be diver aware

Pete Fry

Secretary

Garden Island Fishing and Aquatic Association (Inc)

Broken Arrow – doesn't work and can't be fired.

Wheelbarrow – only works when pushed.

Paper straw – someone who works but not for long.

Blister – appears when the hard work is done.

G Spot – you can never find him.

Harvey Norman – it's been 3 years with no interest.

Bushranger – always holding everyone up.

Perth – always 3 hours behind everyone else.

Feta – always crumbles under pressure.

Lantern – not very bright, always has to be carried

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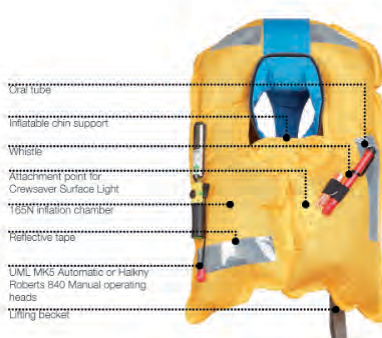
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News from the North West



[2025 Recfishwest Apex Barra Bash obliterates WA competitor record – again!](#)

October 8, 2025

This year's Kununurra Recfishwest Apex Barra Bash once again showcased the sensational fishing on offer in Lake Kununurra, the Lower Ord system and the East Kimberley. Article snapshot: Barra Bash draws a record 1,650 entrants, cementing its place as the state's largest and most popular...

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[Fishers help science shine in King of the Reef](#)

Exmouth fishers have once again stepped up as citizen scientists in the second King of the Reef competition, boosting our knowledge of the positive environmental benefits of King Reef artificial reef in Exmouth...

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• **FISH KILL ALERT - Investigation underway into a fish kill at Onslow**

Investigations have begun into a fish kill involving several hundred puffer fish at Onslow, between Beadon Creek and Four Mile Creek.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) officers are investigating the event in conjunction with staff from the Shire of Ashburton, aiming to collect information and samples for analysis.

While the event may be associated with environmental factors, this is not yet confirmed. The involvement of a single type of fish almost certainly rules out a pollution event or toxic algal bloom.

The dead puffer fish also present a poisoning risk to dogs so pets should be kept away from these areas. The shire has also been removing dead fish to decrease this risk.

Updates will be issued when further information becomes available. In the meantime, people are reminded to stay safe around fish kills and follow this general Department of Health advice.

- not to swim in areas of water with large numbers of dead and decomposing fish because they may contain high levels of bacteria and have an objectionable odour;
- not to fish in water with large numbers of dead fish;
- temporarily not to collect or consume fish from the waters near a fish kill;
- not to collect and use dead fish for bait or consumption because of the risk of high levels of bacteria; and

- not to allow pets and other animals to come into contact with dead or decomposing fish either in the water or on shore.

Our officers have been trained to collect fish and water samples using appropriate safe methods and equipment. The best way the public can help is by immediately reporting fish kills to the FishWatch 24/7 reporting service on 1800 815 507. That way, first responders have a higher chance of collecting fresh samples suitable for testing to help work out the cause of the fish kill. Tell us where and what you saw, including GPS coordinates, numbers of dead fish and, if possible, the species affected. And, if you have photographs, please retain them ready for a call-back.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

DPIRD is responsible for responding to fish kill events that occur in ocean environments. DWER manages investigations on fish kills that occur in estuaries, rivers and naturally occurring inland water bodies. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions manages investigations of fish kills that occur in the Swan Canning Riverpark. In all circumstances, DPIRD's laboratories carry out testing of any suitable fish samples and this can take some time.

Fish kills in open ocean areas may provide less evidence of a direct cause and we explore all possible explanations. It may not be possible to identify a single definitive cause, but every effort is made to establish probable factors. More [fish kills](#) information can be found on DPIRD's website.

News from the South West

- **A teenager has died after he was pulled from the water following a boating accident in the regional city of Bunbury, south of Perth.**



A boat involved in an accident that critically injured a teenager is lifted from the water near Bunbury. (ABC News: Madigan Landry)

(Story and pictures courtesy of the ABC News)

WA Police said a vessel with four people on board was struck by a wave, causing it to capsize near Turkey Point in the South West port town, 130km south of Perth at 1:30pm on Friday.

A dinghy suspended in mid-air as it is pulled from water by a crane.

A crane was used to pull the dinghy from the water. (ABC News: Jon Daly)

A teenager was pulled from the water and taken to Bunbury Regional Hospital in a critical condition.

Tragically, he has since died.

Another person was taken to hospital under normal road conditions.

Lifejackets in a pile underneath a boat being lifted by a crane.

Life jackets from a boat involved in an accident off Bunbury in which a teenager was critically injured. (ABC News: Madigan Landry)

It is understood two other people were located safe and uninjured, and some on board were family members.

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GENERAL NEWS



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Westport Community Update

Welcome to the October community newsletter. We are excited to share the latest Westport updates with you.

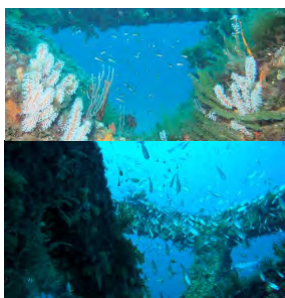
Your questions answered: When is Westport happening?



One of the most frequent questions we get asked is: "When will the new port be built?" The short answer is the late 2030s, when Fremantle Port is expected to reach capacity. The next few years will be spent on project definition, which includes design optimisation, site investigations, development of construction strategies, land assembly, and progressing environmental and heritage approvals. Pending environmental approval and a final investment decision by the State Government, construction is expected to commence in the late 2020s and take about 10 years, to be operational by the late 2030s.

[Read our FAQ's](#)

The artificial reef survey is now closed



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Westport Artificial Reef Feasibility Study. We received 435 survey responses, offering valuable insights into community support, reef purposes and preferred locations. The next steps involve further technical work and community consultation to inform future planning and design stages. We look forward to sharing the report detailing the survey responses soon.

[More Information](#)

WAMSI Report: recording benthic communities in Cockburn Sound



Benthic invertebrates is the name for the small animals that live on the seabed such as worms, urchins and crustaceans. A recent study from the [WAMSI-Westport Marine Science Program](#) collected data on benthic communities in Cockburn Sound to provide a current record of the invertebrates that live in the area. Click the link to find out what they discovered.

[Read the Report](#)

Got questions about Westport? Our next community session will be at: Rockingham Rotary Sunday Market
Sunday 26 October: 7am-12pm.

New Shoprite Member Benefits App

shoprite.com.au

Our friends at ShopRite have developed a new member benefits mobile app to make it easier for members to access their benefits, save not only money but also time.

The app will be replacing the cards currently sent out to members.

You will need to create a ShopRite digital account, using your BWA member number. If you don't know your number, please contact our secretary at secretary@boatingwa.com.au

How do I create a ShopRite digital account? Its simple!

1. If you do not have an account, go to "Sign In or Register", found at the top of the page, and enter the required information.
2. Click the "Register" button at the bottom of the form to complete your registration.



Dear BoatingWA Members ... Explore your endless discounts and benefits!



Are you aware that your BoatingWA membership gets you other great benefits outside of representing your interests and the interests of your fellow recreational boaters?

As a member of BoatingWA, you qualify to use Shoprite exclusive Benefits Service. All deals are negotiated on your behalf!

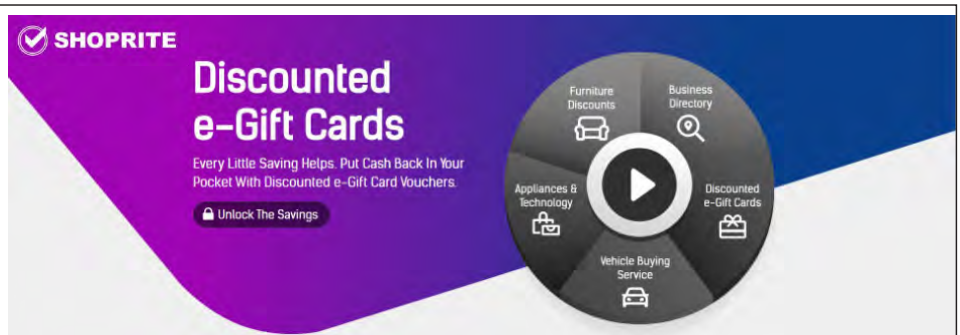
The Shoprite team have been working hard and negotiating to secure more benefits and special deals for members. Our most recent additional benefit is Discounted eGift Cards.

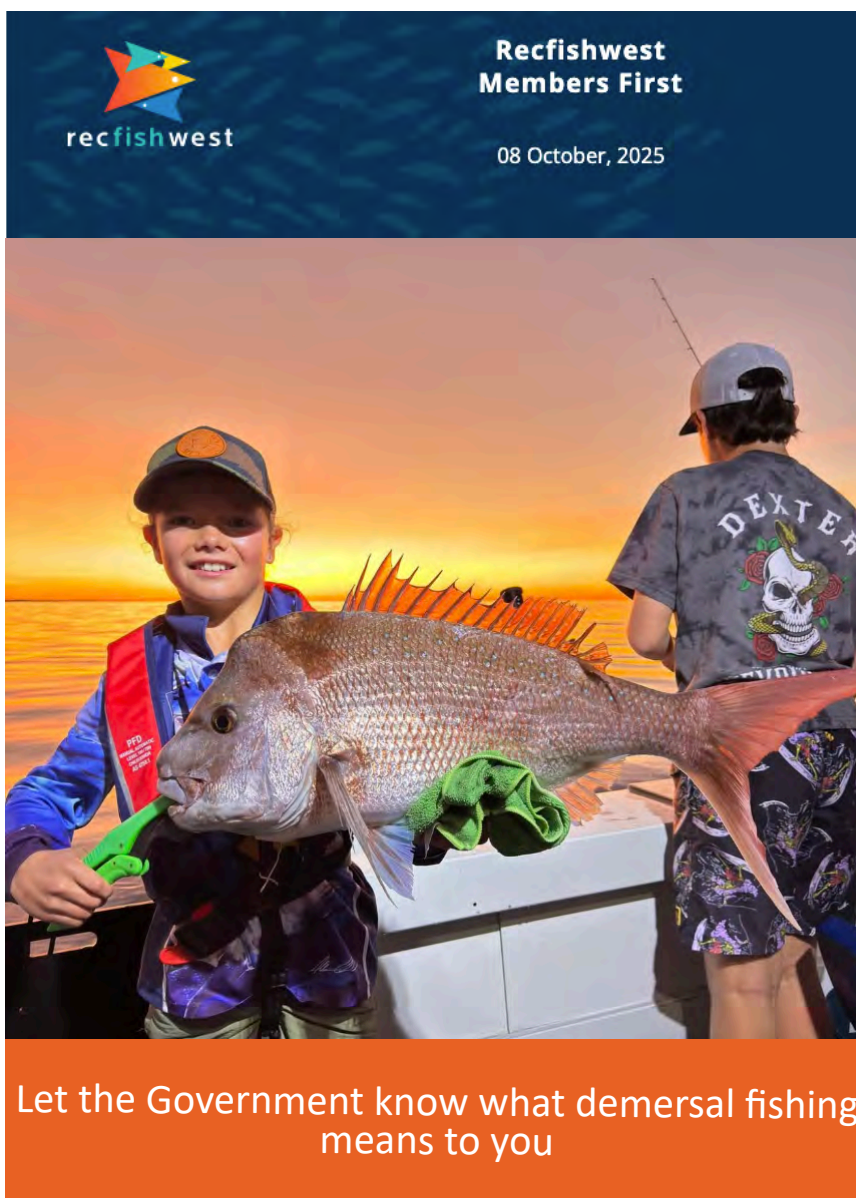
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The Shoprite team are currently in talks with many new businesses who are most eager to join their network and offer preferential discounts to members. Watch this space!

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Dear Member

The WA Government has opened a “Have Your Say” portal asking fishers and community members to share their thoughts on the status and future of WA’s demersal scalefish.

The Government has said that the information provided through this portal will be considered as part of the upcoming Demersal Scalefish Forum on 20 October.

At this stage there are no specific proposals on the table. However, this portal presents a genuine opportunity for everyone who cares about these important species to tell the Government what demersal fishing means to them personally and from a social perspective as part of WA’s coastal lifestyle.

Why your voice matters

Public engagement helps decision-makers understand how much West Australians value their fishing. Even a few words about what these fisheries mean to you or what you’re seeing on the water can make a difference and help build a clearer picture of how they’re tracking across the State.

Sharing your perspective also helps demonstrate the broader value of demersal fishing to WA communities, from family time on the water to local tourism, wellbeing, and regional identity.

Where Recfishwest stands

Recfishwest believes the latest demersal stock assessments present an opportunity for Government to deliver state-wide reform that strengthens science, modernises management frameworks, and ensures sustainability and equity across all demersal fisheries.

We recognise and respect the critical role of science in fisheries management and also acknowledge that science evolves and must be applied with care and transparency.

Many fishers are observing good catches at the moment, and we understand how this can seem at odds with the science. These first-hand observations are valuable and help build a fuller picture of what's happening in our fisheries. Recfishwest's role is to ensure what we are all seeing on the water is considered alongside the science when management decisions are made.

Future decisions must be guided by evidence, fairness, and benefits to the broader public and not simply by numerical targets separated from social and economic considerations.

Protecting what matters most

A cornerstone of good fisheries management is protecting fish during spawning, when they are most vulnerable and most valuable to the future of the fishery.

Recfishwest supports a greater focus on identifying and protecting key spawning areas for demersal species - a proactive, science-led measure that many fishers strongly support and which has proven results elsewhere in WA.

Targeted spawning protection not only supports sustainability, it also demonstrates the fishing community's leadership in caring for our fisheries.

Have your say

As the organisation representing WA's recreational fishers, Recfishwest's role is to ensure your views are heard by decision-makers.

So, please take five minutes through the link below to tell the Government what demersal fishing means to you and your community.

Click here and scroll to the bottom of DPIRD's demersal page to have your say.



Dr Andrew Rowland

Recfishwest Chief Executive Officer

- **Stock assessments reveal risk to WA's demersal species**

The future of the State's demersal scalefish species, including the iconic WA dhufish, is at risk after the latest scientific assessments indicated depleted stocks along much of the Western Australian coast.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD) latest stock assessments for the Kimberley, Pilbara, West Coast and South Coast demersal resources show fishing pressure on a number of demersal species across the State is too high.

DPIRD Fisheries and Aquaculture Executive Director Nathan Harrison said Western Australia was committed to sustainable fisheries management backed by science.

"The systems we have in place, including periodic stock assessments, closely monitor the State's fish stocks and guide management action when needed," Mr Harrison said.

"To support the stock assessments, DPIRD conducts a statewide Recreational Boat Fishing survey (iSurvey) every two to three years in collaboration with Edith Cowan University (ECU) and Recfishwest.

"The iSurvey collects information from boat-based recreational fishers about what species they catch, size of the fish and from where along the Western Australia coast the fish were caught.

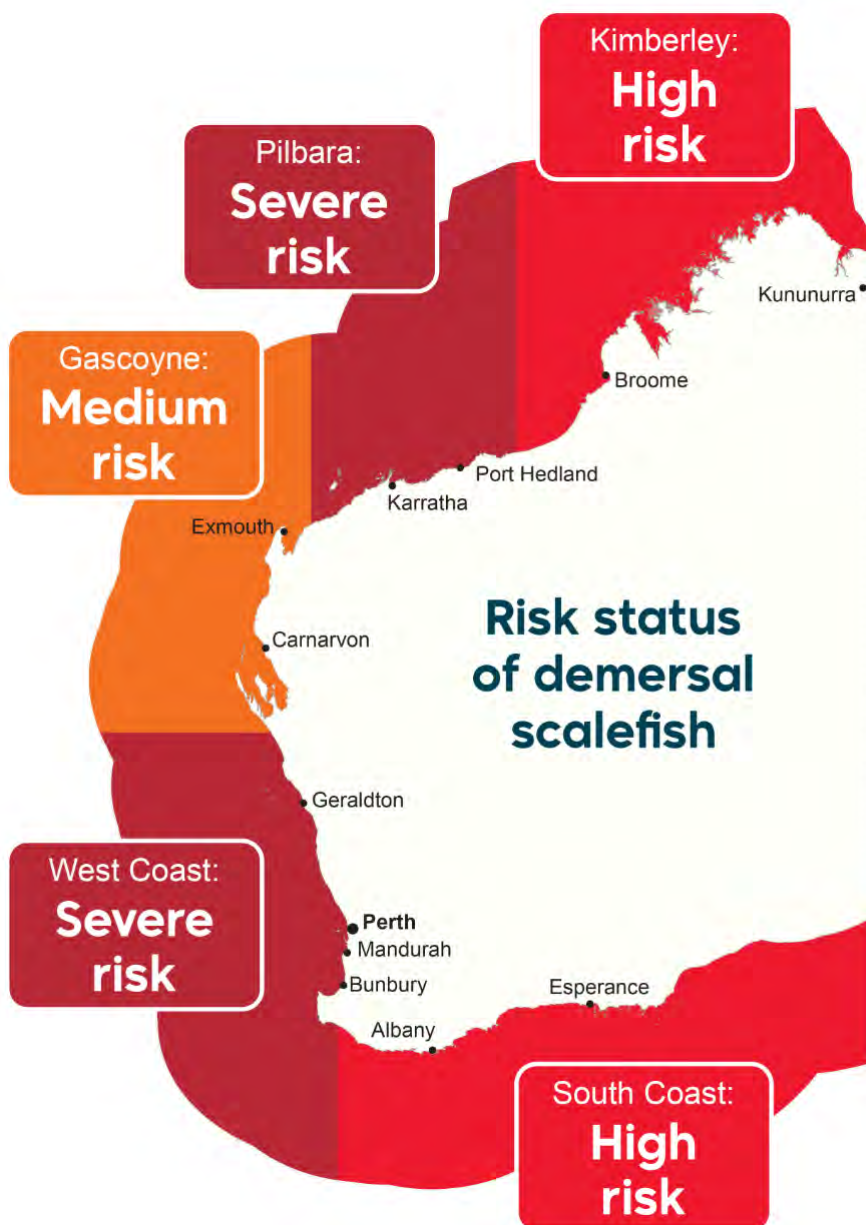
"The recreational fishing data collected from the 2023-24 survey, along with commercial and charter catch data, was vital for DPIRD fisheries scientists to measure the health of demersal stocks across the State."

Mr Harrison said the stock assessment methods used to determine the health of demersal species in WA had been independently reviewed by an international expert which confirmed DPIRD's assessments of sustainability risk to Western Australia's demersal species.

"WA dhufish and pink snapper in the west coast, and red emperor in the Pilbara are all assessed as at severe risk of further depletion.

"Kimberley red emperor, Pilbara goldband snapper and South Coast pink snapper, bight redfish and Western blue groper are all assessed as at high risk."

In 2023, management measures were introduced for the West Coast bioregion to reduce the commercial and recreational catch of demersal fish, balancing the interests of fishers and coastal communities with the recovery of stocks.



Mr Harrison said the measures had been successful in part to reduce catches, but not to the level required for WA dhufish and pink snapper to recover to sustainable levels.

“To safeguard the future of these highly valued demersal species along the entire WA coast further management action is required,” he said.

“We know strong management does work to recover fisheries, and the Gascoyne oceanic pink snapper fishery is a great example. Thanks to a recovery plan which significantly reduced fishing quotas and introduced spawning closures, we have been able to rebuild the stock.”

The WA Government will be holding a demersal scalefish science and management forum on October 20 with key stakeholders to discuss the results of the stock assessments and explore future management strategies.

There is also an opportunity for the broader community to provide feedback on the status of WA’s demersal scalefish stocks and how to ensure there are fish for the future.

To view the latest stock assessments and information on the Recreational Boat Fishing survey and provide feedback visit <https://www.dpird.wa.gov.au/demersal-scalefish-resources>

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USEFUL LINKS

- **Major Projects Rottnest Island**

Click: <https://ria.wa.gov.au/major-projects>

- **Boating on Rottnest Island**

Click: <http://www.rottnestisland.com/boating>

- **Rottnest – Temporary Notice to Mariners**

<http://www.rottnestisland.com/boating/boating-information/temporary-notice-to-mariners>

- **Rottnest Marine News**

<https://mailchi.mp/rottnestisland/latest-rottnest-island-authority-marine-news?e=0a6b7000a1>

- **Garden Island Fishing and Aquatic Association GIFAA**

Click: <http://www.gifaa.com.au/>

- **TEMPORARY NOTICES TO MARINERS LINK**

[Click Here](#)

- **TIDE PREDICTIONS LINKS**

For general tidal predictions around WA: [Click Here](#)

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- **FSC DIVERS GROUP**

This is a page to showcase the comings, goings and doings of the Dive Section at Fremantle Sailing Club.
More info: [Click Here](#)

- **BOATING COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER**

Stay up to date with the latest news relating to recreational boating in Western Australia through the Department of Transport’s Boating Communities Newsletter. [CLICK HERE](#)

Other useful links

ShopRite – <http://www.shoprite.com.au/>

River Guardians – <http://www.riverguardians.com/>

Fremantle Sailing Club News – <http://www.fsc.com.au/home/latest-news-information/>

Swan Yacht Club News – <http://www.swanyachtclub.com.au/news/>

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