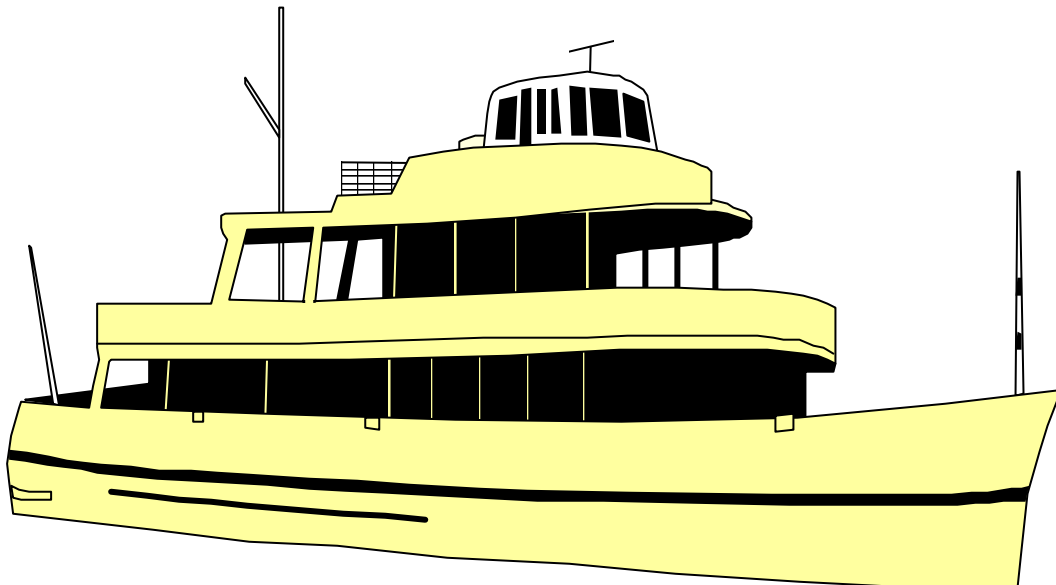




PULU KEELING NATIONAL PARK



BOATING STRATEGY

This strategy is designed to ensure that boat users enjoying the recreational opportunities of the Park equip and operate their craft safely, and behave responsibly and sympathetically towards each other and the environment. The strategy also reinforces the Regulations in Subdivision 12.2.2 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* which prohibits actions which would damage natural features of the Park.

Boat users of the Park are required to meet the following conditions:

- 1 Obtain a Marine Access Permit for Pulu Keeling National Park from Parks Australia office in person or by fax on 91626680 (Monday to Friday 7.00am to 3.00).
- 2 Log in with the police or Parks Australia before you go to sea and log out when you return.
- 3 As required under the WA (CKI) Marine Act, boaters are required to carry the following safety equipment:
 - (a) a life jacket for each person on board;
 - (b) an efficient anchor and line;
 - (c) two hand-held orange smoke signals and either, two hand-held red flares, or two parachute distress rockets;
 - (d) VHF radio and;
 - (e) a fire extinguisher and;
 - (f) an **EPIRB** (emergency positioning indicating radio beacon) must be carried on board your boat when travelling more than 1 nm outside the southern atoll.

As boating at Cocos (Keeling) Islands is in open waters, boaters are advised to carry the following equipment:

- (a) a compass;
 - (b) water and high energy food;
 - (c) oars or paddles;
 - (d) an emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB);
 - (e) an orange sheet with a black V;
 - (f) bailing buckets with lanyards;
 - (g) water resistant torches with spare bulbs and batteries;
 - (h) a set of chemically activated light sticks; and
 - (i) tools and engine spares.
- 4 Make sure you have enough fuel, plus a reserve, and check oil, battery and hydraulic levels as appropriate.
- 5 No anchoring in the Park, except in emergencies.

- 6 Comply with regulation 12.14 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Which makes it an offence to deposit in a Commonwealth reserve any rubbish (eg. old fishing lines, empty containers), or any substance that could harm people or animals.
- 7 Have on board a garbage bag or bin to ensure that rubbish is taken out of the Park and disposed of ashore in a Council facility.
- 8 Take care not to cause propeller damage to dolphins, turtles, manta rays and any other wildlife by reducing speed when you see them.
9. Report any sightings of whales, whale sharks and any other wildlife.
- 10 Recreational pursuits such as water skiing and jet skiing, which are not based on the contemplation and enjoyment of nature shall not be allowed in the Park.
- 11 Excepting emergencies, boats are not allowed to anchor or moor in the park. (With exception of licensed Tour Operator vessels conducting authorised day trips).
- 12 Entry into the Protected Zone surrounding the *SMS Emden* is only allowed after a permit has been issued by the Minister for Communications and the Arts under Section 15 of the Commonwealth *Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976*.
SCUBA diving and snorkelling will only be allowed in the company of licensed tour operators, as per section 2.4.3 (e) of the Pulu Keeling National Park Plan of Management.

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