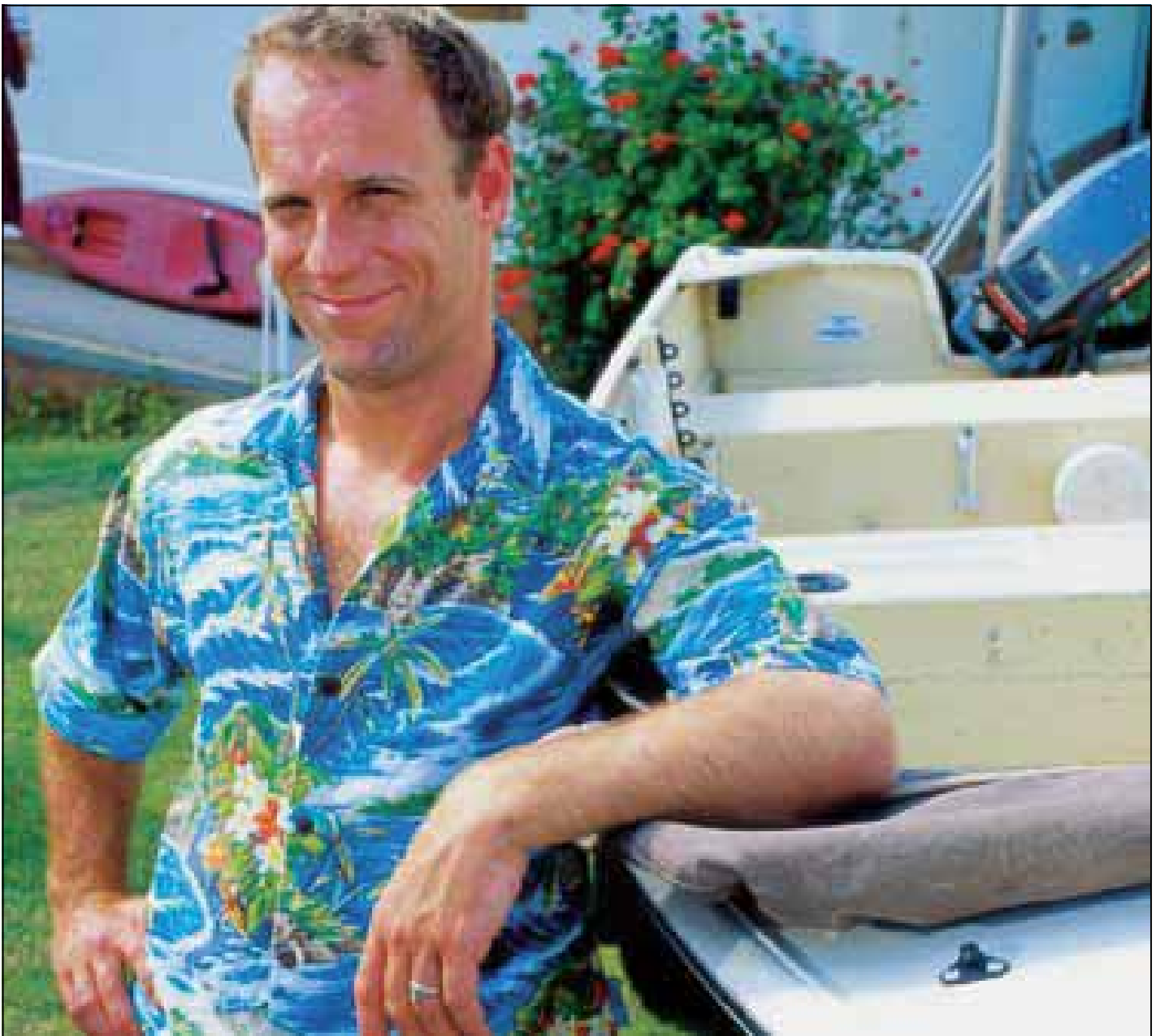


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If you are going boating interstate, you should check the rules for licensing, registration and safety equipment as there can be differences.

- Northern Territory — Department of Lands and Planning, Marine Safety Branch — [www.marinesafety.nt.gov.au](http://www.marinesafety.nt.gov.au)
- South Australia — Department of Transport — [www.transport.sa.gov.au](http://www.transport.sa.gov.au)
- Western Australia — Department of Transport — [www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine)
- Marine and Safety Tasmania — [www.mast.tas.gov.au](http://www.mast.tas.gov.au)
- Marine Safety Victoria — [www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au](http://www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au)
- New South Wales Maritime — [www.maritime.nsw.gov.au](http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au)

## Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol

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The Water Police are responsible for crime prevention on the water and facilitate search and rescue activities in conjunction with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

Please note: All noise complaints must be directed to your local government.

For marine emergencies including search and rescue telephone 000.

## General rules and requirements

Changes are being introduced in 2012 to improve boating safety.

Check the Maritime Safety Queensland website at [www.msq.qld.gov.au](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au) for the most up-to-date information.

### Buying a new or used boat

#### What you should know

Does the boat meet your needs?

Will it carry the number of people you want without overloading it?

Will it operate safely in the waters where you usually fish or plan to fish?

#### A new boat

(a) Has it an affixed Australian Builders Plate?

If not check with the dealer as it should have a plate attached. The plate indicates the maximum horsepower for the vessel, maximum carrying capacity in passengers or weight and whether the boat is fitted with basic buoyancy or level buoyancy.



(b) Have navigation lights been fitted? If so are they fitted correctly? For small craft, the standard navigation lights are starboard and port sidelights and an all round white light. The sidelights must be fitted so they are parallel with the centre line of the boat, not aligned with the curve of the bow. The all-around white light must be visible from all directions and must be at least a metre above the side lights.

(c) If the dealer has fitted registration symbols, is each numeral or letter a minimum of 200 mm high and legible from 30m away? Also are they dark numbers on a light background or light numbers on a dark background displayed on both sides of the vessel? You may be fined if the registration symbols do not meet these requirements. In the case of a non-displacement boat (in other words a boat that does not plane at speed), the symbols can be a minimum of

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75mm in height and displayed on the stern of the boat, or both sides of the boat.

(d) Does it have safety equipment supplied? If so check the safety equipment table on **page 28** to ensure you have all the required equipment. Life jackets are important items – if you have purchased the boat with the cheapest life jackets available consider purchasing some PFDs type 1 of a reasonable quality or the inflatable type which can be worn with comfort most of the time. (Remember – children under 12 years must wear a life jacket in open boats under 4.8 metres when underway).

(e) Is the boat fitted with an under floor fuel tank? If so has a water trap fuel filter been fitted to the boat somewhere in the vicinity of the transom? It is recommended that all boats, even if portable tanks are used, have a water trap fuel filter fitted.

#### **A second hand boat**

If the boat was built before the Australian Builders Plate was required (2006), then you must have displayed a capacity label (see **page 12**) by which you have determined how many people the boat can carry safely. Instructions on how to determine a boat's capacity are on the back of the label.

All of the above are relevant to a second hand boat. Because the boat is older and may have been modified by previous owners, be sure to check:

- life jackets meet the current standard
- flares or EPIRB are in date; obtain a Don't Expire sticker and note the expiry dates on space provided
- if tiller steered, a safety lanyard is attached to the cut off switch for the motor
- registration symbols are the correct size and in contrasting colours with the registration label attached.



An advertisement for BoatSafe training courses. It features a collage of images: a person on a jetski, a boat, and a red starburst graphic with the text 'ONLINE pre-course study &amp; sample assessment'. The BoatSafe logo is visible in the bottom left, and contact information for Gary McConnell is in the bottom right.

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## Registering a boat

All boats fitted with a motor or auxiliary of 3kW (over 4hp) and over require registration when on the water in Queensland. Registration forms are available from, and must be lodged with, a Department of Transport and Main Roads customer service centre. Fees are calculated according to the boat length (exemptions and concessions do apply in some cases).

The registration label must be attached to the exterior of the boat in a conspicuous place above the waterline on the port (left) side.

Your boat will be allocated registration symbols. These must be clearly visible in plain characters in a contrasting colour to the hull of the boat. The size of the symbols depends on the type of boat and must be able to be read from a distance of 30 metres.

- Vessels capable of planing must have symbols a minimum of 200mm high on both sides.
- Personal watercraft (PWC) registration symbols must be displayed on both sides at least 100mm high, easily seen while the craft is underway.
- Vessels not capable of planing, (for example canoes with motors, yachts) must have symbols a minimum of 75mm high on both

sides or on the stern.

When a registered boat is sold it is the responsibility of the new owner to lodge an application for transfer of the registration within 14 days. Registration may be cancelled if the boat is no longer used in Queensland, is withdrawn from service or no longer meets registration requirements. **Interstate visitors** must comply with Queensland rules and may be required to register the boat while in Queensland.

Third party insurance is not included in the cost of registering your vessel. Independent advice should be sought about insurance if required.

### Tenders

Tenders to registered recreational boats are exempt from registration provided they are used within two nautical miles of the primary boat. The tender must be marked with the word 'tender' as well as the primary boat's registration symbols (at least 75mm high) on the exterior of the tender. If this is not possible, they must be marked on the inside of the boat in the largest characters possible. The tender may be marked with the owner's name, if it is used for more than one of the owner's boats.

See page 26-27 for information on registration and safety equipment requirements for tenders.



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