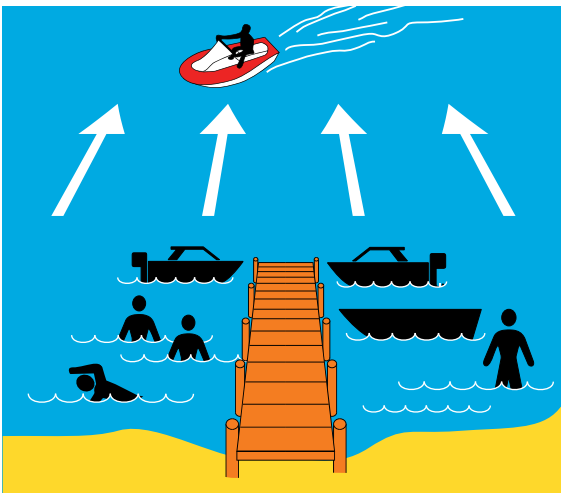


Personal watercraft distance and speed

It is important you do not exceed set speed limits for your safety and everyone else using the water. Do not travel at speeds where your wash can cause damage to the shoreline, other boats or injury to others. Consider the density of traffic in the area to determine a safe speed.

When riding a PWC the following distances must be adhered to; or reduce speed to 6 knots (approx 11km/hr) within 60 metres from:

- people in the water
- from anchored or moored boats, boat ramps, jetties or pontoons
- the shore
- boundary of bathing reserve.



Exceptions apply to '6 knots within 60 metres' from the shore under the following conditions:

- the waterway is less than 120 metres wide
- the PWC operator is operating the PWC in as close as practicable to a straight line to transit the area
- the PWC operator stays as close as is practicable to the centre of the waterway or a marker channel
- the PWC is being used in waterskiing/towing.

In coastal waters, freestyling or wave jumping is restricted to:

- outside 200 metres of the shore if dwellings are within 100 metres of the shore line, and are in the vicinity of the waters where PWC is operating. Coastal waters do not include dams and inland waters.

Noosa River Marine Zone

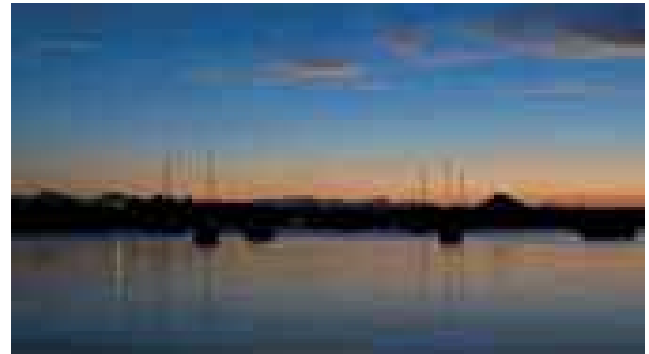
Restrictions apply for certain water-based activities on the Noosa River as part of the Noosa River Marine Zone.

The most significant changes apply to personal watercraft (PWC) activities, water skiing, freestyling, hovercraft and airboats.

Marine zones are about better managing our waterways at a local level to balance the needs of maritime users with local community concerns about amenity.

Before heading out, it is a good idea to check what restrictions are in place. All marine zones are outlined on the Maritime Safety Queensland website.

For more information on the Noosa River Marine Zone visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.




Water limits


Because Queensland's waterways are so diverse there are designated water limits affecting the types of regulated safety equipment required. There are three types of limits:

- smooth waters include rivers, creeks, streams and lakes, waters within breakwaters or revetments and within half a nautical mile from land within partially smooth limits and other waters specified in legislation
- partially smooth waters are determined by Maritime Safety Queensland and are specified in legislation
- open waters are areas beyond these limits.


A complete list of maps showing these areas follows.

Legend

 smooth waters

 partially smooth waters

 open waters

 the red line designates limits beyond which EPIRBs must be carried.