A quick guide to:

# Personal water craft in Tasmania



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## Cold water immersion

- Water temperature in Tasmania rarely gets above 20°C.
- The risk of drowning increases nearly five times if the water temperature is below 15°C.
- All research points to the fact that by wearing a life jacket, your chances of survival are far greater.

| Water temperature Celcius° | Loss of dexterity with no protective clothing | Exhaustion or unconsciousness | Expected time of survival |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0.3-4.5 | < 3 mins | 15-30 mins | 30-90 mins |
| 4.5-10.0 | < 5 mins | 30-60 mins | 1-3 hours |
| 10.0-15.5 | 10-15 mins | 1-2 hours | 1-6 hours |
| 15.5-21.0 | 30-40 mins | 2-7 hours | 2-40 hours |
| 21.0-26.5 | 1-2 hours | 2-12 hours | 3 hours - indefinite |

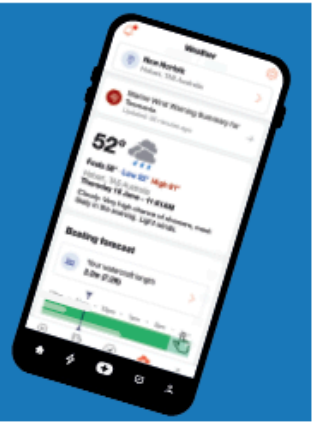
## Clothing

In Tasmania, due to the water temperature, riders should always wear clothing that keeps them warm. This includes a wetsuit, windproof jacket, gloves and booties. Impact-resistant goggles or glasses are also recommended.



## Plan your trip with the free DECKEE app

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## Jet Ski Tasmania

Jet Ski Tasmania (the Club) is the only PWC club in the state.

The aim of the Club is to provide members with a safe environment in which to operate.

The Club's activities include short and long-course rides throughout Tasmania, as well as time trials, tours, and enjoyable events.

jetskitas.com

## Contact MAST

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# Requirements to operate a personal water craft (PWC)

## PWC endorsement

To operate a PWC, riders must hold a current motor boat licence with a PWC endorsement.

## Hours of operation

PWCs may only be operated from sunrise to sunset. Nighttime operation is not permitted.

## Registration numbers

Registration numbers must be:

- displayed on both sides of the PWC
- clearly visible at all times
- at least 75 mm in height.

## PWC Safe operation sticker

- a safe operation sticker must be affixed to the PWC
- the sticker must be placed adjacent to the controls.




# PWC safety

## Life jackets

It is compulsory to wear a life jacket when operating a PWC. Riders can wear either Level 50, 50s, 100+ in smooth and sheltered waters.

Inflatable life jackets are not permitted to be used when riding a PWC.

### Quick Guide for Minimum Safety Equipment on PWC

(The further offshore you go, the more equipment you need)

| Equipment | | Smooth Waters | Sheltered Waters | Coastal Waters |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Life Jacket for all on board (AS4758) | | ✓ Level 50 or greater | ✓ Level 50 or greater | ✓ Level 100 |
| Fire extinguisher | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Flares | | Recommended | ✓ 2 x Orange 2 x Red | ✓ 2 x Orange 2 x Red 2 x parachute |
| or | | | or | or |
| EVDS | | Recommended | ✓ EVDS and GPS-EPIRB/PLB and VHF | ✓ EVDS and GPS-EPIRB/PLB and VHF and 2 parachute flares |
| Tow Line | | Recommended | Recommended | ✓ |
| Marine Radio (VHF) hand held | | Recommended | Recommended | ✓ |
| EPIRB/PLB (GPS enabled preferred) | | Recommended | Recommended | ✓ |

**Smooth water** = Inland lakes, rivers.
**Sheltered waters** = 2nm seaward of land on North and East coast between Cape Grim & SE Cape.
**Coastal waters** = all other waters.

**Inflatable life jackets not permitted.**
For further safety information see www.masttas.gov.au

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Recommended to affix sticker to PWC



### Check the weather

Get a weather forecast before going out on your PWC.

# PWC safety advice, speed limits and distances in detail

PWC vessels are capable of high speeds, rapid acceleration, and freestyle manoeuvres – increasing the risk of an incident if operated carelessly. All riders must understand and comply with speed limits and distance requirements to ensure the safety of others on the water as well as their own.



5-knots


No freestyling


Alpha (A) dive flag

All vessels, including PWCs, must not exceed 5-knots:

- in 5-knot zones and designated ski areas – when not towing a skier.
- within 120 meters of a swimmer or person in the water
- a vessel displaying Alpha "A" dive flag.

60 metres of:

- another vessel
- a wharf or jetty
- a mooring
- the shoreline.

## Freestyling – erratic, unpredictable or non-directional driving

Freestyling includes:

- wake jumping
- high-speed weaving
- tight turns such as doughnuts.

All vessels must not be operated in a 'freestyle' manner within 200 meters of:

- a swimmer or person in the water
- the shore where a dwelling is located, within 100 metres of that shoreline.

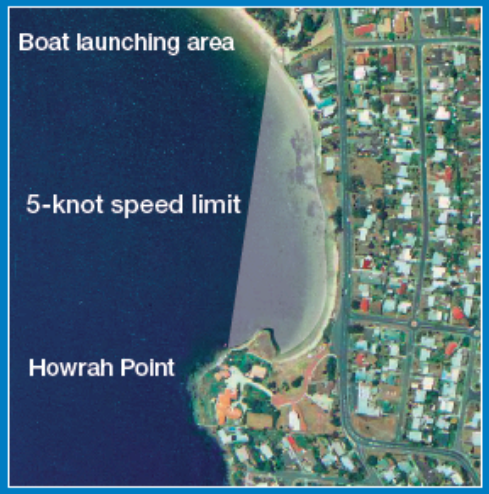
## 5-knot zone, prohibited areas and designated ski areas

Throughout Tasmania there are areas of prohibited navigation, 5-knot zones and designated ski areas. Some of the popular areas are listed below and a full list is available on MAST's website www.mast.tas.gov.au

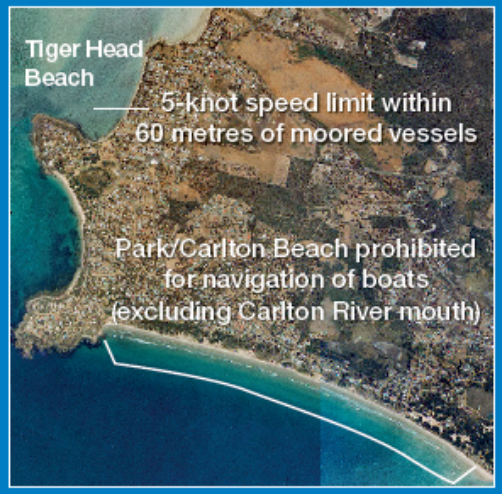
### Bridport




### Howrah Beach




### Carlton Beach



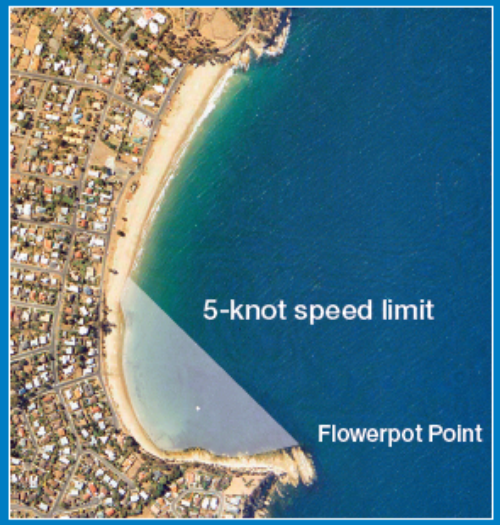

### Lake Trevallyn




### Kingston Beach

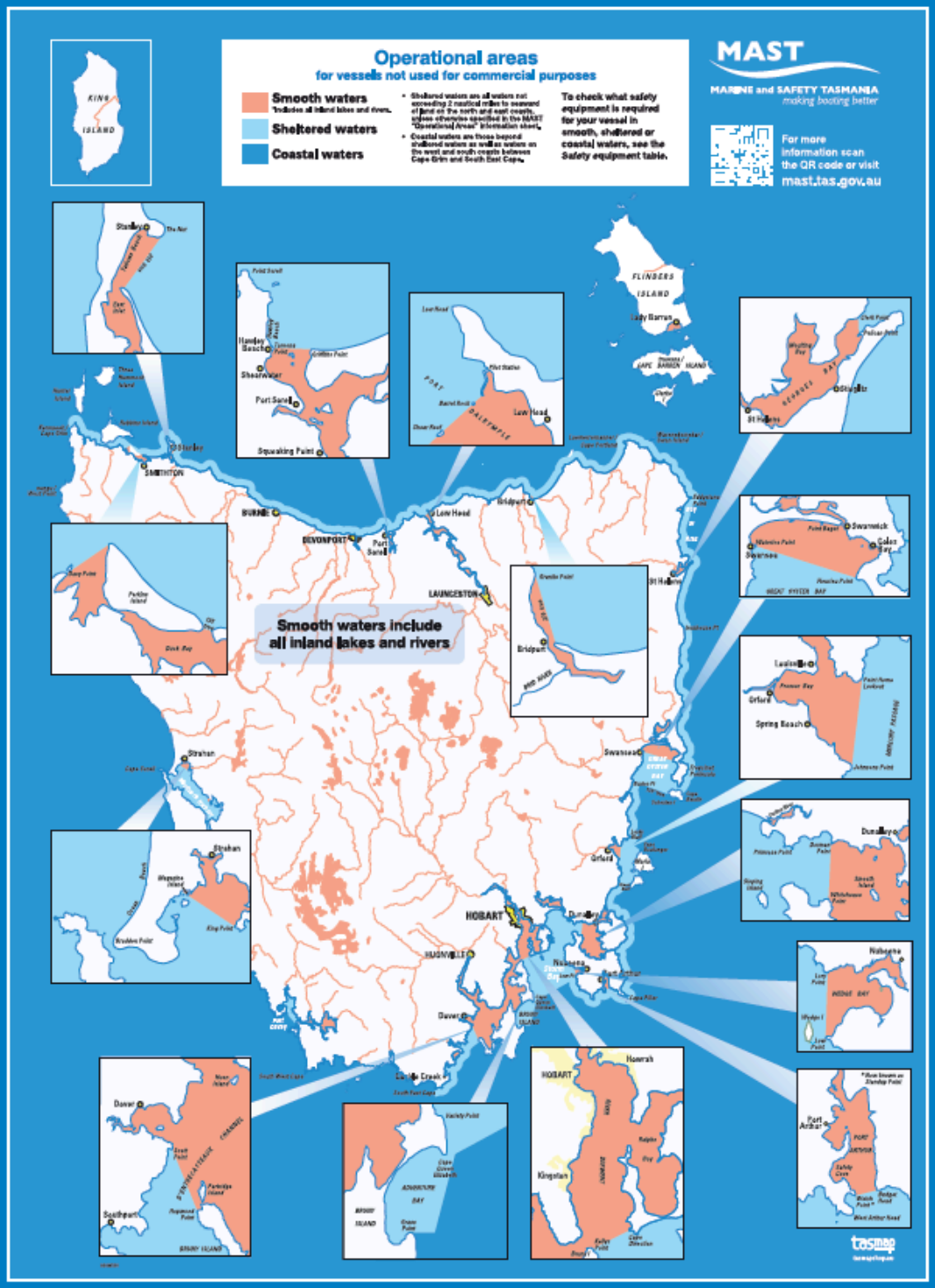



### Blackmans Bay




### Bellerive Beach



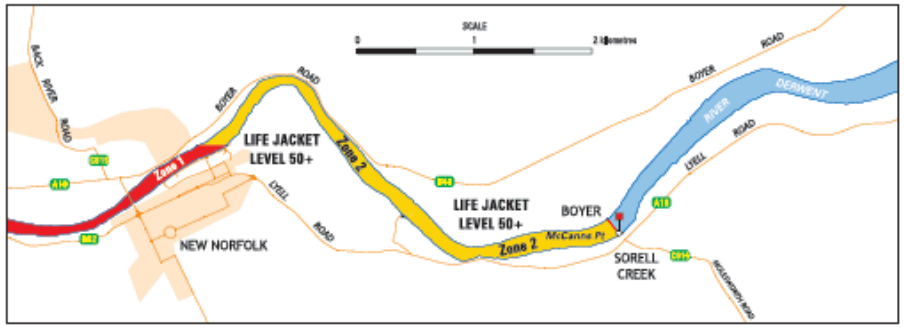



## Nutgrove Beach




# New Norfolk designated ski area

## Designated zones information




**Zone 1**
**5-knots all vessels, preferred paddling area**

**Zone 2**
**5-knots all vessels unless towing a skier, biscuit, etc.**