



Experience
Rottnest Island

Marine & Boating Guide

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Leave No Trace Australia

Environmental Skills & Ethics Applied to Rottneest Island



1. Plan ahead and prepare

- Observe the Rottneest Island Marine Reserve boundaries and regulations. Maps and information can be obtained from the Visitor Centre on Rottneest Island or charts from Department of Transport.
- Contact your local Sea Rescue Group to log the details of your planned journey.
- Be aware of possible dangers including tides, currents and submerged hazards.

2. Travel on durable surfaces

- Durable surfaces in the marine environment include beaches and areas of sea free from reef and/or seagrass meadows.
- Durable surfaces do not include coastal sand dunes. Help reduce dune erosion by walking on designated sand tracks in coastal areas.
- Anchor vessels on sand and avoid areas of reef and seagrass meadows.

3. Dispose of waste properly

- Be sure to take all rubbish with you including cigarette butts, fishing lines and bait bags and dispose of them in an appropriate receptacle.
- No blackwater is to be disposed of within the Rottneest Island Marine Reserve. For more information refer to page 8.

4. Leave what you find

- Respect sanctuary zones and adopt an 'observe and conserve' approach in these areas.
- Leave seagrasses, shells, and dune vegetation as they were.

5. Minimise the impact of fires

- Fires are not permitted on Rottneest Island.
- Many fires are started by careless disposal of cigarette butts. Take care to dispose of cigarette butts appropriately.

6. Respect wildlife

- Observe marine mammals such as dolphins, whales, fur seals and sea lions from a distance. Do not follow or approach these animals at any stage.
- Please help to keep ocean wildlife healthy by not feeding marine animals as this can threaten their survival.
- Be aware of current WA Fisheries regulations and bag limits on and around Rottneest Island. For more information please refer to Department of Fisheries regulations.

7. Be considerate of your hosts and other visitors

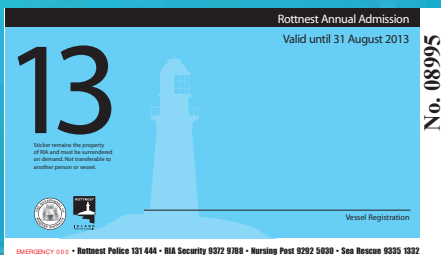
- Respect other visitors by protecting the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous and avoid creating wake in bays.
- Observe the Regulations of the Rottneest Island Authority (RIA), WA Water Police and Fisheries Marine Safety Officers.

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Disclaimer

The Rottneest Island Authority reserves the right to change the information in this publication at any time without prior notification. The information and maps supplied in this publication is a guide only and is not to be used for navigation purposes.



Admission Fees

All visitors to Rottnest Island are required to pay an admission fee. The admission fee is a contribution to the conservation of Rottnest Island and the provision and maintenance of facilities and services.

Those who visit Rottnest Island by ferry or charter vessel pay the admission fee as part of their fare. Those who visit by private vessel have two options for payment:

Individual Admission Fees (Option 1)

Adult	Day Visitor	\$16.00
Child (4-12yrs)	Day Visitor	\$5.75
Family Group*	Day Visitor	\$37.50
Adult	Extended Stay (Over Night)	\$21.00
Child (4-12yrs)	Extended Stay (Over Night)	\$7.25
Family Group*	Extended Stay (Over Night)	\$47.00

* A family group is two adults and two children.

Please note that child rates apply for children aged four to twelve years inclusive. Children under four are free.

Private vessel owners are required to pay an individual admission fee per Island visit or purchase an annual vessel admission sticker. Single visit fees must be paid on arrival at the Visitor Centre or online.

(Option 2) Purchasing an annual admission sticker for your vessel. This is valid for one season and enables unlimited visits to Rottnest Island.

Fees for annual admission stickers are:

- Vessels up to and including 8 metres: \$209.50
- Vessels 8 metres and greater but less than 10 metres: \$238.50
- Vessels 10 metres and greater but less than 15 metres: \$286.00
- Vessels 15 metres or greater: \$476.50

These prices include GST and are valid from 1 August 2012. The annual admission fee is valid from 1 September to 31 August each year.

For annual admission stickers for private vessels please contact the RIA's Marine Administration Office on 9432 9320 or check the boating information on our website.

To purchase an annual admission sticker you will need to provide copies of your vessel's current registration papers and insurance documents. Application forms are available on the RIA website.

Charter Vessels

The RIA has adopted a phone log-on for ALL SPV charter vessels accessing the Rottnest Island Reserve. Further information about the log-on is available from the RIA Marine Administration Office or our website.

Marine Environment

Rottnest Island boasts some of Western Australia's most pristine marine environments, which are home to a diverse variety of marine life. With 9 varieties of sea grass, 135 tropical fish species, 25 types of coral as well as dolphins, sea lions, and migratory whales it's no surprise that Rottnest Island is a popular destination for marine activities including SCUBA diving, surfing, swimming and fishing.

Some regulations and guidelines exist to help conserve this unique marine environment and ensure that the Rottnest Island Marine Reserve can continue to be enjoyed by future generations.

Please help care for Rottnest Island by observing the regulations and guidelines outlined in this guide.

Sanctuary Zones

Five marine sanctuary zones have been established to help conserve the pristine marine environments of Rottnest Island. Fishing and/or collecting is prohibited in these areas. For more information on marine sanctuary zone boundaries and permissible activities, please refer to www.rottnestisland.com/boating-information/marine-sanctuary-zones

Anchoring and Beach Anchoring Guidelines

Once you have paid your admission fee, you are permitted to anchor your vessel within the Rottne Island Marine Reserve, provided your vessel:

- is at least 50 metres from any mooring, jetty or beach pen
- does not obstruct or interfere with access to a mooring
- is well clear of reef, seagrass meadows, jetty access and navigation markers and
- is outside the no boating/anchoring areas

Popular anchorage areas include Thomson Bay (south of the Army Jetty), Longreach Bay, Parker Point and Stark Bay. Please refer to the map at the back of this brochure.

Beach Anchoring

Beach anchoring is permitted, with the exception of no boating/anchoring areas. It is an offence to secure a vessel to land-based structures that are not designed for that purpose - eg. dune fencing. The use of star pickets or any other materials not specifically designed for beach anchoring are also prohibited.

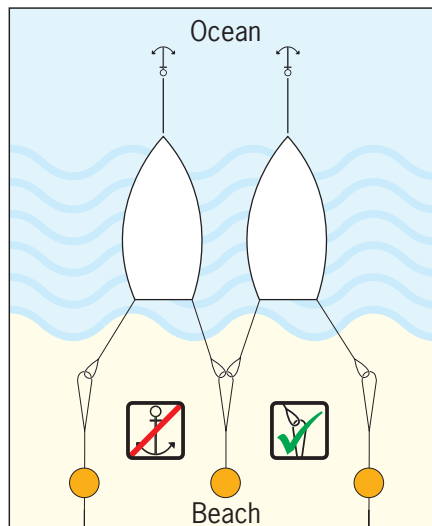
Please bury your anchor/s deep into the sand as they are a potential hazard for beach users.

Loading Zones

All loading zones have a 20 minute limit and are located on the Fuel, 'T', Hotel and Georgie Bay Jetties. Please observe the maximum time limit when loading or unloading passengers or equipment.

Thomson Bay – Beach Anchoring

The RIA offers, free of charge 17 beach anchoring points between the Hotel and Fuel Jetties and in front of Aristos Waterfront Restaurant. Maximum size permitted is 7.5 metres. These beach anchoring points are allocated on a "first in best dressed" rule. Users deploy their bow anchor to sea and secure their own ropes to stern corners and to each beach anchoring point (see diagram).



Rental Moorings and Jetty Pens

There is a variety of offshore swing moorings (from 8m to 40m), jetty and beach pens that are available for rent on an overnight basis (10am-10am). These facilities can be reserved up to three months and six days in advance. Advance bookings are released 8.30am each day. Please be advised that all mooring servicing occurs during August and February of each year. During this time availability of rental facilities may be limited.

Marine Facilities bookings can be made 24/7 at www.rottnestisland.com together with admission fees, accommodation and bike hire. Operator assisted bookings can still be made by calling Central Reservations 9432 9111 between 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Bookings can still be made in person at the Rottne Visitors Centre 7 days a week or Fremantle B-Shed Monday to Friday. All bookings **EXCEPT ON-LINE** bookings must check-in at the Visitors Centre within 2 hours of their arrival.

Rental fees are paid at time of booking and cancellation fees apply.

Electricity and water supply is not available at any of the jetty pens and you must supply your own mooring lines.



Rental Moorings and Jetty Pen Fees

Rental mooring and pen fees quoted do not include admission fees. Fees effective 1 August 2012. All rental moorings have green buoys.

		Seasons		
		Low	Shoulder	High
Beach Pen (BBP)	7.5m	\$15	\$31	\$36
Small Jetty Pen	7.5m	\$15	\$31	\$36
Large Jetty Pen (FJ)	16m	\$20	\$41	\$51
Hotel Jetty (HJP)	8m	\$20	\$41	\$51
Swing Mooring	<15m	\$20	\$41	\$51
Swing Mooring	15 to 20m	\$40	\$62	\$82
Swing Mooring	20 to 40m	\$60	\$82	\$103

Seasonal dates are displayed at:

<http://www.rottnestisland.com/accommodation/accommodation-rates>

Fuel payments at Fuel Jetty only by EFTPOS – no cash.

Shared Mooring System (SMS)

SMS - Licensed Moorings

The RIA is trialling a scheme to incorporate hire moorings into the SMS to allow Licensee & Authorised Users to use appropriate sized hire moorings if they need to wait for their own mooring to become available. A condition for this use is that you must first check with the Rotttnest Island Visitor Centre to ensure the mooring is not already booked **AND** a competent operator must remain on the vessel at all times.

The SMS can only be used by Licensees and Authorised Users. Penalties apply for unauthorised use of licensed moorings within the Reserve.

SMS - Authorised Users

Mooring Licensees may nominate owners of other suitably sized vessels to use their mooring. This permission must be given on the 'Authorised User Application Form' (available from the RIA's Fremantle Office or on the RIA website). No other form of authorisation is acceptable. Authorised User status is only recognised on display of a valid sticker.

Application forms must be processed and appropriate stickers issued and displayed prior to accessing the moorings within the SMS.

If you wish to become an Authorised User of a mooring but have not been nominated by a mooring licensee, you can request nomination from the RIA. Following completion of the application forms and payment of fees the RIA will endeavour to allocate the use of suitable moorings depending on availability.







Refer to the Authorised User Application Form for more details. Please note that licensees maintain priority use of their own moorings at all times.

SMS - Casual Access

Licensees and Authorised Users of the SMS are also permitted to use other moorings within the SMS on a casual basis. Coloured polyurethane discs attached to the mooring buoys indicate the appropriate vessel size for that mooring.

When using the casual mooring system you should only use moorings that have the same colour disc as that displayed on your 'Licensee' or 'Authorised User' sticker.

During casual use a competent operator must be available to move the vessel immediately should the Licensee or any nominated Authorised User arrive to use the mooring site. Licensees have priority over the use of their own mooring sites at all times. Persons not adhering to this condition may have their Authorised User permit cancelled. Vessels classed as 'Annual Admission Only' are not permitted to use the SMS.

-  = **not to be used for casual use.**
-  = vessels up to and including 10m.
-  = vessels up to and including 12m.
-  = vessels up to and including 14m.
-  = vessels up to and including 16m.
-  = vessels over 16m. Lengths vary on each mooring. Maximum size is indicated in the centre of sticker.

If an SMS mooring does not carry a casual use coloured disc it should not be used without permission from the RIA.

Illegal Use of SMS Moorings

Unauthorised use of a mooring is prohibited within the Rotttnest Island Reserve. A valid 'Licensee' or 'Authorised User' permit sticker must be displayed on every vessel using a mooring. Penalties apply to vessels in breach of this regulation.

Vessel owners should be advised that an insurance policy could be void if any damage occurs whilst a vessel is illegally using a mooring within the Rotttnest Island Marine Reserve.

New Year's Eve and Special Events

At certain times of the year when demand for boating facilities is high, some special boating conditions apply.

New Year's Eve and the Rotttnest Channel Swim

During these events, the RIA will provide a designated area for tenders to be beached, and will restrict beach anchoring, beaching and anchoring in Thomson Bay in front of Hotel Rotttnest.

This has been introduced to assist the RIA in crowd management during this time. Appropriate signage will be placed onsite and an area will be provided for the proper use of tenders. Refer to the map at the back of this brochure for more details.

Other Special Events

Rotttnest Island hosts a number of high profile events each year that result in significant boating activity. Visitors are reminded to adhere to requests or instructions from Rotttnest Island Rangers, Police, or Officers from the Department of Fisheries and Department of Transport to assist in the management of these events.

Waste Management

Visitors to Rottnest Island value the clean, clear water and unique marine environment. The RIA has a commitment to keep Rottnest Island waters clean, and a strategy is in place to manage the discharge of waste from vessels. Your help is requested to protect and preserve the Island's rich marine environment to ensure future visitors can enjoy it as you have.

The discharge of waste from vessels can damage the marine environment, Rottnest Island's amenity and poses a public health risk. The RIA's strategy is aligned with a state-wide strategy which came into effect on October 1, 2005 and establishes a zoned approach to the Island's waters. Refer to the map at the back of this brochure for details on relevant zones.

Zone One Regulations

All the waters in the Rottnest Island Reserve are classified as Zone 1, and MSDs will not be able to be used to discharge waste anywhere in this area. Under the jurisdiction of the Fremantle Port Authority the following regulations apply for Zone 1:

- no discharge of blackwater
- no discharge of solid waste
- no discharge of fuel, oils and lubricants
- greywater discharge within the Reserve is prohibited

Waters outside of the RIA's Reserve Boundary are classified as Zone 2.

For the purpose of this strategy, the following definitions apply:

Vessel

Anything used or capable of being used in navigation by water and includes air-cushioned vehicles, yachts, boats or barges, used for recreational or commercial purposes.

Blackwater

Human body wastes, including wastes from any marine sanitation device.

Greywater / Sullage

Wastewater from showers, hand basins, sinks, dishwashers and washing machines.

Fuels, Oils and Lubricants

Any fuel oil or lubricant either directly discharged or mixed with bilge water.

Solid Waste

Any waste material of solid composition including but not limited to plastic, metals, food scraps or paper.

Marine Sanitation Device (MSD)

Any toilet (head) and associated plumbing and holding tanks onboard a vessel to receive, treat, retain or discharge human body wastes.

Standards for Approved MSDs

The Department of Health is responsible for approving MSDs that treat blackwater to an acceptable standard for discharge into Zone 2.

To determine whether a MSD treats blackwater to an approved standard contact the Department of Environmental Health's Wastewater Management Section.

The discharge specification is:

Thermotolerant Coliforms (Bacteria) - Less than 125/100ml

Solids - No visible floating solids.

The RIA's Management of Waste From Vessels

Other initiatives are in place to monitor the impact of waste from vessels. These include:

- continued research and monitoring of the water quality in the bays of Rottnest Island for pollution indicators
- continued research into the influence of water circulation patterns of various bays of Rottnest Island
- the upgrade of onshore toilet facilities
- research into the impact of greywater
- encouraging boat users to take litter home with them to minimise their impact on Rottnest Island
- provision of recycling bins



What to do when you need help

If you find yourself in trouble or in need of some helpful advice during your stay on Rottneest Island there are a number of people you can contact:

- If you are experiencing a 'life-threatening' boating emergency, please contact the Police on 000 first or Channel 16 on VHF radio
- If your vessel breaks down or requires mechanical assistance, please contact your local Sea Rescue group (refer to the back of this brochure for Sea Rescue groups and contact numbers)
- If you need the Rangers' assistance, they can be contacted on Channel 16 call sign 'Rottneest Rangers' or (08) 9372 9788
- In the case of an oil or fuel spill, please contact the Department of Transport on 9480 9924

For advice about safe, friendly and environmentally responsible use and management of the Rottneest Island Marine Reserve, please speak to a Rottneest Island Ranger.

For further emergency contacts, please refer to the back of this brochure.

Guidelines and Regulations for Rottneest Island

Rottneest Island is an 'A' Class Reserve and all flora, fauna and landforms are protected. Please help care for this fragile environment by observing the following:

Acceptable Behaviour, Noise and Alcohol

For the enjoyment of all visitors to Rottneest Island guests are asked to keep behaviour and noise to an appropriate level during the day and to a minimal level after 11pm at night. This includes music and generator noise. Guests wanting to quietly enjoy alcohol are welcomed to do so however as is the case throughout Western Australia street drinking is not permitted, this includes jetties, beaches and any other areas outside accommodation and licensed premises. Infringements and evictions from the Island are applicable including vessels.

Anchoring

To avoid damage to Rottneest Island's marine environment, anchoring is only permitted in sandy areas and not in areas where seagrass or reef is present.



BBQs

The lighting of fires is not permitted on Rottneest Island. For your convenience, gas BBQs are located in Thomson and Geordie Bays.

Camping

Camping on the Island is permitted in designated campsites in Thomson Bay only. Sites may be booked through Central Reservations on (08) 9432 9111 or online at www.rottnestisland.com. To ensure availability, please book prior to arrival.

Coastal Hazards

The coastal environment of Rottneest Island is extremely fragile. Beware of unstable rock slopes, cliffs and overhangs. Stay clear of limestone cliff edges, caves and overhanging rocks. These areas may be unstable and can collapse.

To avoid damage to dune vegetation please remain on designated tracks when accessing coastal areas. This will help to reduce the risk of dune erosion.

Dive Flags

All divers using underwater breathing equipment (SCUBA) must fly or tow the international 'A' flag. Please keep at least 50 metres clear of vessels flying this flag, or divers towing the flag.

Dive Contractors may be working within the moorings areas and dive flag etiquette should be observed.

Domestic Pets

Rottneest Island is an 'A' Class Reserve and domestic pets are not permitted within the boundaries of the Reserve. Persons in contravention of this regulation will be penalised and required to remove the pet immediately, at their own expense.

Drinking Water

A limited supply of fresh water is available from the Fuel Jetty in Thomson Bay and Geordie Bay jetty. To help conserve this resource – it is recommended that you fill your water tanks prior to departure from the mainland. Water restrictions do apply.

Fuel Supplies

Unleaded and diesel fuel is available from the Fuel Jetty in Thomson Bay between the hours of 8.30am to 4.00pm 7 days a week. Call 0417 930 044 for service. Credit card and EFTPOS only. Unleaded fuel is also available at the Geordie Bay Store.

Fishing

As part of Rottnest Island's Marine Management Strategy there are five marine sanctuary zones that have been established to help conserve the pristine marine environments of Rottnest Island. Fishing and/or collecting is prohibited in these areas. For more information see www.rottnestisland.com/boating-information/marine-sanctuary-zones.

Spear Fishing is prohibited within specified boundaries of the Rottnest Island Marine Reserve.

Speed Limits - Water Craft and Jet Skis

There are no designated water ski areas within the Rottnest Island Reserve and a five knot speed limit applies to any water craft in all Rottnest Island bays. Please refer to the map at the back of this guide for speed limits throughout the Rottnest Island Reserve.

Specific navigational and safety requirements apply to the off-shore use of jet skis. Please contact the Department of Transport for more information.

Rafting of Vessels

Rafting of vessel less than 6.75m on swing moorings is permitted and preferred where the mooring have been endorsed with "+ 6.75m". Rafting is permitted when vessels are on anchor.

Rubbish

Take your rubbish home with you wherever possible to reduce the current litter pressures on Rottnest Island and help conserve its fragile ecosystem. Also bicycles, tenders, craypots and other personal property by June 01 each year. Fees and penalties may apply.

Reef Walking

Please avoid walking on reef as this can damage the fragile reef environment and the marine species that inhabit these areas.

Sandboarding

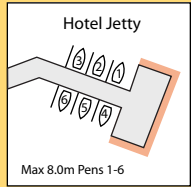
Sandboards or similar devices designed or used to slide down a slope of land are prohibited on Rottnest Island and penalties apply.

Scuba tank refills

Scuba tanks can be filled at Rottnest Island Bike & Hire between 8.30am to 4.00pm 7 days a week.

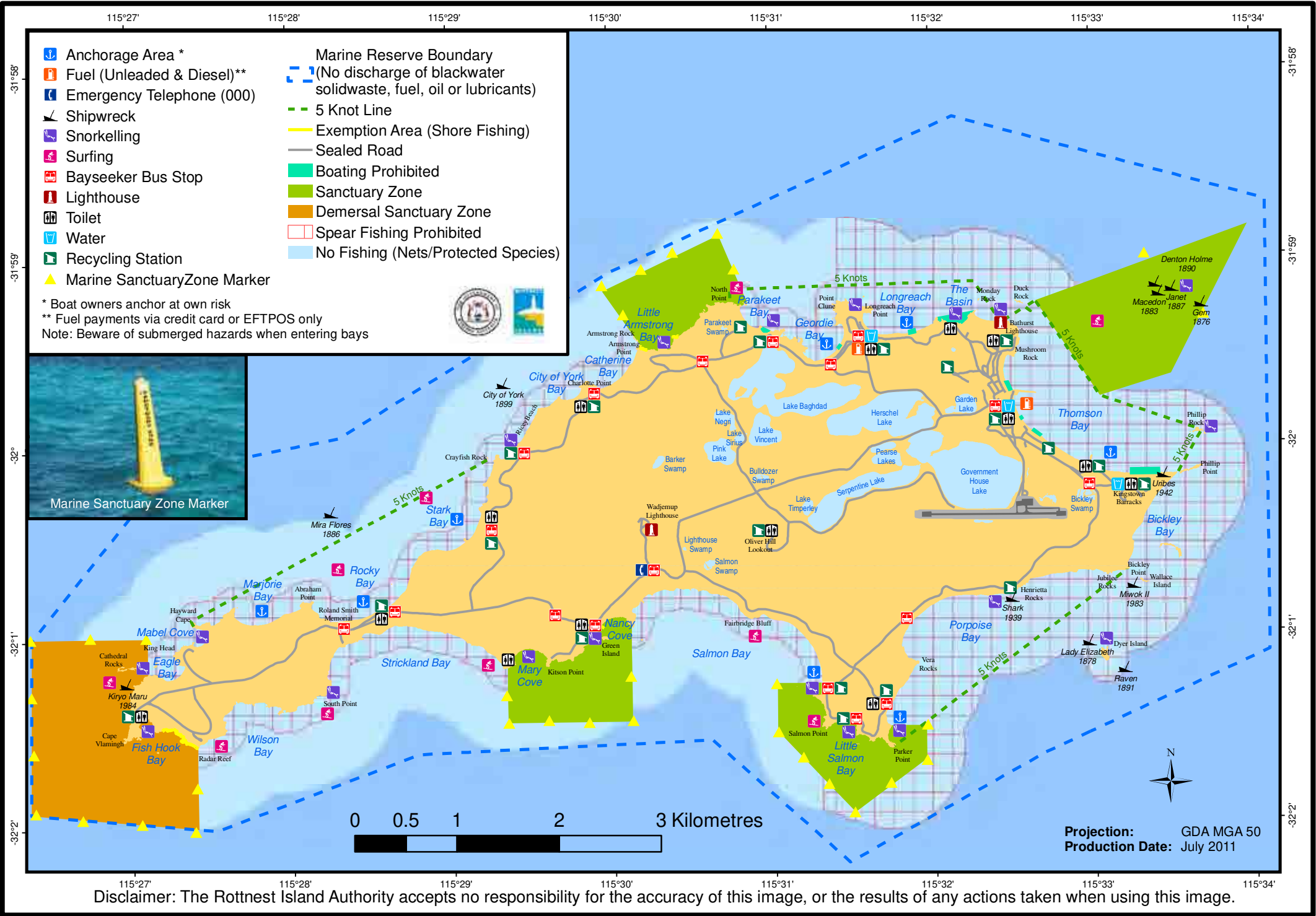
Swimming

Boating prohibited areas have been designated in certain bays around the Island to provide areas for swimming. These are identified by either signs or float lines - keep vessels clear of these areas. Swimming near moorings or designated anchorage areas is not recommended. Swimming is prohibited between the Main Jetty and the Fuel Jetty.



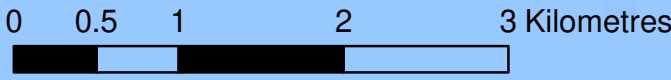
Thomson Bay Enlargement

0 100 200 Metres



- Anchorage Area *
- Fuel (Unleaded & Diesel)**
- Emergency Telephone (000)
- Shipwreck
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Bayseeker Bus Stop
- Lighthouse
- Toilet
- Water
- Recycling Station
- Marine Sanctuary Zone Marker
- Marine Reserve Boundary (No discharge of blackwater solidwaste, fuel, oil or lubricants)
- 5 Knot Line
- Exemption Area (Shore Fishing)
- Sealed Road
- Boating Prohibited
- Sanctuary Zone
- Demersal Sanctuary Zone
- Spear Fishing Prohibited
- No Fishing (Nets/Protected Species)

* Boat owners anchor at own risk
 ** Fuel payments via credit card or EFTPOS only
 Note: Beware of submerged hazards when entering bays



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ONLINE BOOKING - 24 hours a day 7 days a week
www.rotnnestisland.com

ADMISSION FEES - Admission fees are payable on the Island on weekends and public holidays and at the Visitor Centre during normal office hours.

Rental Mooring and Jetty Pen Bookings (operator assisted)

Tel: (08) 9432 9111 – 5 days a week

Monday to Friday – 8:30am - 5:00pm

Marine Facilities Office Hours

8:30am to 4:00pm – Monday to Friday (08) 9432 9320

Fuel Jetty (Purchases)

Tel: 0417 930 044 – 7 days a week

Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) Administration

E-Shed, Victoria Quay, Fremantle WA 6160

PO Box 693, Fremantle WA 6959

Tel: (08) 9432 9300 Fax: (08) 9432 9301

Email: enquiries@rotnnestisland.com Web: www.rotnnestisland.com

Contact Numbers

Emergencies	000
Diving Emergency Services	1800 088 200
Fremantle Hospital	(08) 9431 3333
Rottnest Nursing Post	(08) 9292 5030
Rottnest Ranger	(08) 9372 9788
Call sign Channel 16	'Rottnest Rangers'
Police	131 444
Water Police	(08) 9442 8600

Volunteer Sea Rescue Groups

Cockburn	9410 1544
(27Mhz) Ch 90 & 88	or 0409 103 029
(VHF) Ch 73 & 16	
Fremantle	9335 1332
(27Mhz) Ch 90 & 88	
(VHF) Ch 73 & 16	
Mandurah	9535 4789
(27Mhz) Ch 91 & 88	
(VHF) Ch 73 & 16	
Rockingham	9528 2222
(27Mhz) Ch 90 & 88	
(VHF) Ch 73 & 16	
Two Rocks	9561 5777
(27Mhz) Ch 91 & 88	
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Whitfords	9401 3757
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