

TRIAL TO ENHANCE AUTHORISED CASUAL ACCESS
OF THE ROTTNEST ISLAND SHARED MOORING SYSTEM 2009 / 2010

The Rottnest Island Authority is extending the timeframe of the proposed amendment to the Shared Mooring System which involved a trial to expand the casual use of moorings that commenced in the 2006/2007 season. The trial will continue from 1 September 2009 and is open to all Licensees and Authorised Users for the 2009/2010 season. The trial is designed to enhance access to the Shared Mooring System (SMS) and give greater flexibility to those participants of the system.

Under this trial, the competent operator of an approved vessel engaging in the casual access of a mooring site is able to leave that vessel for a maximum period of 20 MINUTES.

Whilst on a mooring site under the casual use guidelines, a competent operator must be on board the vessel at all times. However, should the competent operator need to leave the vessel, then the trial conditions allow them to do so temporarily providing that the authorised casual use vessel:

1. **Prominently displays the mobile phone number** of the contactable, competent operator on the port side of the vessel adjacent to the Licensee/Authorised Use sticker. This should be clearly readable from a distance.
2. The competent operator of that vessel **remains contactable** via this mobile phone at all times whilst absent from the vessel. If mobile phone access or signal cover is not available then a competent operator must stay on the vessel during casual use.
3. The competent operator of that vessel **must be capable of returning** to and moving the vessel engaged in casual use immediately upon phone call request (**within a maximum period of 15 minutes** of that request).

CASUAL USE IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR LICENSEE AND AUTHORISED USE VESSELS DISPLAYING THE CURRENT COLOUR CODED VESSEL STICKER.

- The priority use guidelines remain unchanged: that is, Licensees maintain priority use of their own mooring site at all times, and Authorised users of a site have priority over vessels accessing the site under casual use. **Casual use vessel operators should endeavour to remain on board at all times**, however should they have the need to leave their vessel for a short period of time, under the casual use trial they must return as soon as practically possible (20 minute maximum), and immediately upon a phone call request. Vessels accessing a site on a casual basis must have a competent operator reside onboard the vessel overnight.

- Those Licensees and Authorised Users attempting to access their nominated mooring site as a licensee or authorised user should phone the competent operator of the casual use vessel by the phone number displayed and request they move their vessel as soon as possible. The Licensee/Authorised user has the option of then waiting on a nearby suitably rated mooring while the casual use operator returns to their vessel. Should the casual use operator fail to return and move their vessel within a 15 minute period of the request being made, the registered Licensee/Authorised User may then call the Rottnest Rangers on 0419 951 635 for assistance.

- Persons engaged in this trial of casual use access will be infringed if it is proven that they have failed to respond in a reasonable manner and returned to their vessel upon request. This will be monitored by RIA Rangers and Honorary Bay Hosts. If mobile phone access or signal cover is not available then a competent operator must stay on the vessel during authorised casual use.

- Approved casual use vessel operators can use a mooring site providing that they do not release a licensee's unattended tender vessel from a mooring site when they tie up to it.

- **This trial will recommence 1 September 2009** and run for the duration of the 2009 / 2010 summer. It will continue to be monitored and may be withdrawn at any time. The outcome of the trial will be publicised.

Success of this trial depends on responsible behaviour of all registered casual access operators.