

# BOATING TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

## SEAHAM WEIR POOL WILLIAMS RIVER

The Boating Traffic Management Plan exists to protect the environment of the Williams River

The conditions of the 'Plan' are enforceable under NSW Maritime regulations

Narrow waterways like the Williams River are valued and used for a diverse range of activities. Responsible navigation by vessel masters plays an integral part in protecting the rivers for future use.

Remember the following rules and safety messages and you'll ensure that everyone enjoys a great day out on the water.

- Make sure your activity is compatible with the river and consider how your actions will impact on other users.

- **Minimise your Wash**

Consider other waterway users. Look behind your vessel and check if your wash could be **annoying to others** or **damaging to the foreshore**.

- **Power turns are not permitted**

Power turns have the ability to create large wash. Vessels must slow down to **idle speed** to turn around.

- **No Ballast or wave enhancing devices**

Vessels must **not** be loaded with ballast water or solid ballast, or be fitted with any wave enhancing devices.

- **Keep your distance**

When travelling at a speed of 10 knots or more keep a **safe distance** from people in the water, other vessels, the shore and any other objects in the water.

- **When navigating your vessel**

Always keep to the right, where possible stay as close to the middle of the river as possible. This helps your wash dissipate before it reaches the shore and helps reduce riverbank erosion.

- **Drive in a straight line**

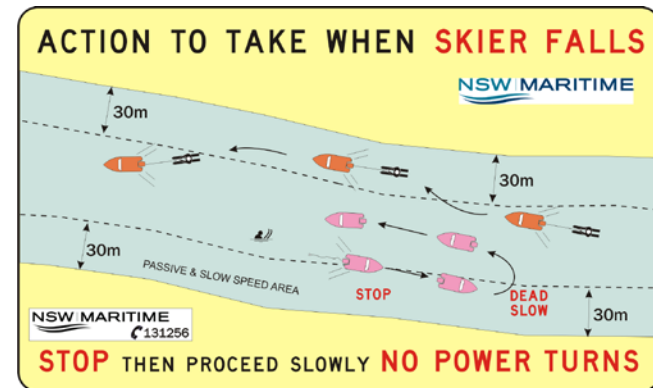
Each time you change the vessels direction you increase the effect the wash has on others and the foreshore.

- **Head on situation with another vessel**

Alter course to the right and pass the other vessel at a safe distance. Always make your intentions clear and in sufficient time.

- **Caution – Fallen skiers**

Turn your vessel at idle speed, return to your skier slowly and on the same course. You protect your skier from other vessels and avoid creating excessive wash.



- **Boat ramps**

Immediately move away from the ramp after launching your vessel to avoid obstructing others.

- **Noise Annoys**

Noise travels better over water than land. Before heading out consider time of day, location, wind direction, your vessel's engine and music.

- **Safety Equipment**

Ensure you are carrying all the required safety equipment on your vessel.

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