Powerboat Permits for Trailable Yachts

The Water Police have informed the CYC that they will be checking that all trailable boats that use an auxiliary outboard motor have a current National Capital Authority powerboat permit.

The permit is easy to get and requires a quick Water Police safety check.

How to get a Category 2 Permit.


Safety Inspection

Before the FIRST ISSUE of an annual power boat permit or temporary boat permit for any category of boat, an ACT Water Police inspection is required. Permit renewals do not require inspection provided there has been no changes in the boat details or specifications. A copy of this section signed by the ACT Water Police must accompany your application for it to be considered by the delegate. A scanned copy or photograph of the signed form should be attached to your application.

The Water Police can be contacted to arrange an inspection on 6245 7393


Boat Drivers Licences

The National Capital Authority requires drivers of powerboats (petrol and electric) to be holders of either a current powerboat driver's licence issued in any Australian state or territory, or an old AYF ‘TL3’ certificate or the current Australian Sailing Powerboat Handling Certificate

PLEASE NOTE - Boats used for the following purposes will be exempt from needing a boat driver's licence (a permit is still required):

- C2(A) Boats used for general use (including fishing boats)
- C2(B) Trailerable yachts with auxiliary power
- C3(B) ‘Special Interest’ boats (including Traditional Boats with maximum speeds of 10 knots)

Further details

Further details on obtaining a power boat permit are available from National Capital Authority by contacting on – Tel 02 6271 2888.