



Gold Coast Waterways Authority is shining a spotlight on Gold Coast waterways so they become something that residents, visitors and commercial operators can use, understand, respect, protect, enhance and enjoy as much as the region's beaches.

This guide to **"Who's Who in the Blue"** outlines the roles and responsibilities for the wide range of agencies who are involved in the management of on-water behaviour and enforcement of speed limits so our waterways can be enjoyed by all users.

# Who's Who in the Blue

**LEGEND:**   
 ✓ Lead agency that should be contacted in the first instance   
 ✓ Support agency that may assist the lead agency (if required)   
 ✗ Agency with no role or responsibility for the enquiry or problem.

Enquiry or Problem	AGENCY										
	GCWA	Water Police	QBFP	MSQ	City of Gold Coast	NPSR*	EHP*	Seqwater	WHSQ	VMR & Coast Guard	DAF
Speed enforcement	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Vessel wash enforcement	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Tinnie rats enforcement	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
30m & 60m 6kts speed enforcement	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Freestyling enforcement	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Marine incident investigation	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Other boating safety enforcement	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Alcohol and drug enforcement	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Stolen vessels and other property	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Other on-water criminal activities	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Unlicensed vessel & PWC masters	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Buoy mooring compliance	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Anchoring compliance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Unseaworthy vessels	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Abandoned vessels	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Fixing marine speed limits	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Exemption from marine speed limits	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Speed signs	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Aids to navigation	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Aquatic event authorities	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Marine pilotage	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Vessel-sourced oil pollution	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Vessel-sourced sewage pollution	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Vessel-sourced garbage pollution	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Vessel-sourced pollution compliance	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Dredging natural waterways	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Dredging canal systems	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Dredging approvals	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓ Marine Park	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Dredging flood mitigation	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Waterways management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Public marine facilities construction	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Public marine facilities management	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Tidal work assessment	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓ Marine Park	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Recreational vessel & PWC compliance	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Commercial vessel & PWC compliance	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Vessels & PWC in bathing reserves	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

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Recreational vessel & PWC licences	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Water skiing prohibitions	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
General boating safety	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Notices to Mariners	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Noise compliance	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Water quality monitoring	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Stormwater management	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Life guard services	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Beach management	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Surf Management Plan	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Park maintenance	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Diving accidents	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Commercial & recreational fishing	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Go slow areas in Marine Park	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Buoy mooring areas in Marine Park	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Land-sourced pollution	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Environment protection	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Marine flora and fauna protection	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Marine Park compliance	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Environment management	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Environment education	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓ Marine Park	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Cultural heritage compliance	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Water supply management	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
Boating activities on dams	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
Water supply security	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
Marine radio watch	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Marine search & rescue	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Boating safety education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Fish Habitat Areas	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Biosecurity	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Aquaculture	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓ Marine Park	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Noxious fish management	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

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\* The former departments of NPSR and EHP are merging to form the new Department of Environment and Science (DES). The functions of NPSR and EHP described above will continue to be performed by the new DES.