

AUSTRALIAN BOAT REGISTRATION NUMBER SIZE REQUIREMENTS

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State / Territory	Main / Standard Boat Type & Minimum Size	Alternative Boat Type & Minimum Size	PWC / Jet Ski & Minimum Size	Other Vessel Type & Minimum Size	Position / Display	Colour / Visibility	Important Note
Queensland	Planing boat - 150mm high	Non-planing boat 75mm high	PWC / Jet Ski 100mm high	-	Planing boats and PWC: both sides. Non-planing boats: both sides or stern.	Contrasting colour to hull; readable from 30m.	Registration size depends on whether the boat is capable of planing.
New South Wales	Powerboat - 150mm high	Sailing boat 100mm high	PWC / Jet Ski 100mm high	-	Powerboats and PWC: both sides. Sailing boats: both sides or transom. Display well above normal waterline.	Solid, clear uppercase letters/numerals in a contrasting colour.	Sailing boats and PWC use a 100mm minimum height.
Victoria	Recreational vessel - 150mm high	-	PWC / Jet Ski 100mm high	E-foil - 80mm high	Each side of the hull, forward of the beam. Top of digits no more than 75mm below gunwale; 25mm for PWC.	Characters must have proportionate breadth and contrast with the surface.	E-foils have a separate 80mm minimum.
South Australia	Vessel 3m or longer - 150mm high	Vessel under 3m 100mm high	PWC / Jet Ski 100mm high	-	Boats: both sides towards bow on a vertical surface. PWC: both sides of hull above waterline.	Contrasting colour; generally readable from 50m while underway in clear conditions.	For non-PWC boats, minimum size is based on vessel length.
Western Australia	Motor boat - 150mm high × 25mm wide	Sailing vessel fitted for motor - 50mm high × 12mm wide	PWC / Jet Ski - 150mm high × 25mm wide	Tender - 50mm high × 12mm wide	Display where clearly visible. Sailing vessels and tenders: both sides immediately forward of the transom.	Black plain block characters, vertical and not slanting. Minimum 7mm white surround if hull is not white.	Current Transport WA guidance lists PWC characters at 150mm high × 25mm wide.
Tasmania	Registered recreational vessel 150mm high	-	PWC / Jet Ski 75mm high	Tender ≤4.5m - carries parent vessel registration	Standard vessel registration numbers displayed on each side of the vessel.	Registration numbers must be clearly displayed.	MAST does not state a separate character size for the qualifying tender rule on the referenced
Northern Territory	Recreational boat - no NT registration number required	-	-	-	Not applicable to NT recreational boat registration.	Not applicable.	Recreational boats in the NT do not have to be registered. Other vessel classes may have
Australian Capital Territory	Power boat on ACT lakes - use registering jurisdiction's requirement	-	-	-	Follow the display requirements of the state or territory where the vessel is registered.	Follow the registering jurisdiction's rules.	The ACT does not operate its own boat registration scheme.