



# GREAT BARRIER REEF SUPERYACHT CRUISING GUIDE

VESSEL SIZE	35m or less ACCESS AREAS/SPECS	More than 35m to less than 70m ACCESS AREAS/SPECS	70m + ACCESS AREAS/SPECS
PAX	Passenger numbers are 12 and under (not including crew)		
<b>GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARKS</b>			
PERMITS REQUIRED	All vessels operating commercially require a joint Marine Parks permit. Please ensure your application is submitted three months prior to when you want to access the Marine Park. A separate permit is required to commercially access National Park Islands (www.qld.gov.au) <sup>1</sup>		
REEF VTS	No	Yes if 50m or greater	Yes
Compulsory Pilotage	No	No but available in all areas	Yes in Inner Route, Hydrographers Passage and Whitsundays. <sup>2</sup>
Zoning – commercial vessel	All zones except Preservation Zone (pink)	If under 50m - All zones except Preservation Zone (pink) If 50m or greater – General Use Zone (light blue) and designated shipping areas	General Use Zone (light blue) and designated shipping areas <sup>2</sup>
Zoning – recreational vessel	All zones except Preservation Zone (pink)	All zones except Preservation Zone (pink)	All zones except Preservation Zone (pink)
Reef-wide anchorages	Designated anchorages are available reef-wide <sup>2</sup>		
PORT REGULATION / LOCATIONS	Contact Regional Harbour Master	Qld port pilotage >50m Contact Regional Harbour Master	Qld port pilotage >50m Contact Regional Harbour Master
<b>WHITSUNDAYS ONLY</b> (1% of GBRMP) <sup>3</sup> Use of tenders in accordance with Settings			
COMMERCIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area</li> <li>All settings except Setting 5.</li> <li>Outside a setting area</li> </ul> <p>Refer to page 10 of SY Guide to Whitsundays <sup>5</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area</li> <li>Setting 1 areas</li> <li>21 superyacht anchorages with a booking</li> <li>10 designated anchorages with a booking <sup>2</sup></li> <li>If under 50m – outside a Setting area</li> <li>If 50m or greater – outside a Setting area in General Use Zones only</li> </ul> <p>Refer to page 10 of SY Guide to Whitsundays <sup>5</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area</li> <li>10 designated anchorages with a booking <sup>2</sup></li> <li>Outside a setting area</li> </ul> <p>Refer to page 12 of SY Guide to Whitsundays <sup>5</sup></p>
PRIVATE (Recreational)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All settings (setting 5 only with vessel under 20 metres in length).</li> <li>Outside a setting area</li> <li>21 superyacht anchorages without a booking</li> </ul> <p>Refer to page 6 of SY Guide to Whitsundays <sup>5</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting 1 areas</li> <li>21 superyacht anchorages with a booking</li> <li>10 designated anchorages with a booking</li> <li>Outside a Setting area</li> </ul> <p>Refer to page 7 of SY Guide to Whitsundays <sup>5</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 designated anchorages with a booking</li> <li>Outside a Setting area (General Use Zone Only)</li> </ul> <p>Refer to page 8 of SY Guide to Whitsundays <sup>5</sup></p>
<b>CAIRNS AREA ONLY</b> (includes Lizard Island and Ribbon Reefs) (~6% of GBRMP) <sup>4</sup> Use of tenders in accordance with the Location			
COMMERCIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area</li> <li>All Locations</li> <li>Booking to Sensitive Locations</li> <li>Outside a Location</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area</li> <li>Reef anchorages</li> <li>Designated anchorages (with a booking) <sup>2</sup></li> <li>Outside a Location (General Use Zone Only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area</li> <li>Designated anchorages (with a booking) <sup>2</sup></li> <li>Outside a Location (General Use Zone Only)</li> </ul>
PRIVATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Locations</li> <li>Outside a Location</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reef anchorages</li> <li>Outside a Location</li> <li>Designated anchorages (with a booking) <sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outside a Location</li> <li>Designated anchorages (with a booking) <sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>TORRES STRAIT</b> (All vessels from overseas require Biosecurity Clearance and Pratique prior to landfall) <sup>6</sup>			
COMMERCIAL	Local community permission	Local community permission and Pilotage available	Local community permission and Pilotage compulsory in Torres Strait and North East Channel
PRIVATE			
PORT REGULATION / LOCATIONS		Port Kennedy pilotage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All foreign flag ships with LOA &gt;35m transiting Hovell Bar</li> <li>All ships with LOA of 50m or more.</li> </ul>	Port Kennedy pilotage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All ships with LOA of 50m or more</li> </ul>
PERMITS REQUIRED	No specific permit in place at present but courtesy to get permission to anchor and land for all craft. For inhabited islands <sup>7</sup> . For uninhabited islands email admin@gbk.org.au		



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