

# Launch Procedures

## Standard Operating Procedure - Port Edward, Silver Beach Launch Site

1. First time users of this site must be briefed by one of the safety officers or commodore.
2. The vessel must display a valid seaworthy certificate/ sticker
3. The skipper must be in possession of a valid skipper's license.
4. A 29 Meg radio must be fitted on the vessel and be in working order.
5. The prescribed launch fee is to be paid to the beach controller or the bar person (during club hours) prior to launching.
6. Prior to going to sea, the launch register is to be filled out correctly and in full.
7. The access control point (Boom) is to be closed and locked at all times. It is the Skipper's responsibility to ensure that he, or a member of his crew, performs this duty each and every time they pass through the boom.
8. Life jackets must be worn on launching and beaching.
9. Access to the beach is at your own risk.
10. No more than 15 vehicles and trailers may park on the beach at any one time.
11. Parking on the beach must be within the designated and demarcated area only. Do not park outside of this demarcated area. Vehicles parked on the beach are done so at your own risk.
12. Should the demarcated beach parking be full, all other vehicles and or their trailers must be parked on the grass verge in the public parking area.
13. During busy times, the passage through the surf will be cleared and controlled by a person in the NSRI control tower or the beach controller or a Lifesaver.
14. Beaching clearance will be communicated via 29 Meg radio, cell phone and/or the using of a visible flag system by the beach controller.
15. No vessel may beach prior to:
  - o The bathers been cleared from the area,
  - o Receiving permission to beach from the Beach Controller.
16. The vessel is to beach in line with the controller's flag.
17. All anglers must be in possession of a valid fishing license and at least one member must have a vessel license.
18. Vehicles and trailers must be roadworthy and must not be leaking oil or fuel onto the sand/ground.
19. Upon returning from sea, the launch register is to be completed and your catch must be recorded in full.
20. Boats and Jet Ski's may not "play" in the surf zone. The only exception to this is for those that are doing their practical examination for their skipper's ticket, under the guidance and instruction of a Safety Officer.
21. No fish may be cleaned and or gutted on the beach or at the Club House.
22. The numbered key for the Boom gate and registers may not be given or lent to anybody else.
23. As this is a bathing beach, skippers must be extra vigilant and be absolutely sure that bathers and surfers have been cleared before beaching is considered.