RULES APPLY TO ANCHORING IN GOLD COAST WATERWAYS...

Why Limit Anchoring?
There are time limits for anchoring in some Gold Coast waters that are in particularly high demand. This operates like parking restrictions for vehicles in city centres or camping restrictions in national parks. Limits are needed so that everyone gets a fair go at anchoring in the most sought after locations.

The map on the reverse side shows certain prohibited areas and other restrictions. Following is a summary of these rules.

Anchoring and mooring boats is restricted to 24 hours on most rivers, creeks and canals and to seven days in most parts of the Broadwater.

Anchoring and mooring time restrictions do not apply to boats moored to an approved buoy mooring, jetty or pontoon if you own it or have permission to use it. Anchoring or mooring boats within 30 metres of a buoy mooring, jetty or pontoon whether occupied or not, is prohibited.

These rules are enforceable under the Transport Infrastructure (Waterways Management) Regulation 2012. Enforcement agencies can issue on the spot fines for breaches of these rules.

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24 HOUR ANCHORING WATERS

- A 24 hour anchoring and mooring limit in any 30 day period applies within these (green) areas. If you stay longer than 24 hours you will be liable to receive an infringement notice.

This refers to the following waters:
- All canals
- All lakes
- Within 100 metres of the shores of Sovereign Islands and Ephraim Island
- Biggera, Coombabah, Currumbin, Loders, Tallebudgera Creeks and their tributaries
- Coomera River
- Hollywell Harbour and Paradise Point Boat Harbour
- Nerang River and all tributaries upstream of the Gold Coast Bridge
- Bundall flood channel between Ashmore Rd and Racecourse Rd
- Between the Gold Coast Bridge and an imaginary line running east from the boat ramp near the Southport Aquatic Centre

7 DAY ANCHORING WATERS

- Anchoring and mooring in this area is restricted to a maximum of 7 consecutive days in any 60 day period at the one location. The vessel must then be moved at least one nautical mile from its original position, the 7 consecutive day cycle then restarts. If you stay longer than 7 consecutive days at the one position you will be liable to receive an infringement notice and cannot return to the area for another 60 days.

Anchoring and mooring in this area is restricted to a maximum of 7 consecutive days in any 60 day period at one or more locations within these (purple) waters. If you stay up to 7 days and move into another designated (orange or green) area for a minimum of 24 hours and then return, the 7 day cycle restarts. If you stay longer than 7 consecutive days you will be liable to receive an infringement notice and you cannot return to the area for another 60 days.

These restrictions also apply to boats aground and stranded.

This is a guide only. Please refer to the following legislation for full details – Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 and Transport Infrastructure (Waterways Management) Regulation 2012 available from Gold Coast Waterways Authority website www.gcwa.qld.gov.au