



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 | AMSA | City of Gold Coast | DES | Seqwater | WHSQ | VMR & Coast Guard | DAF | HLW |
| Speed enforcement | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Vessel wash enforcement | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Tinnie rats enforcement | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| 30m & 60m 6kts speed enforcement | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Freestyling enforcement | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Marine incident investigation | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ ^{DCV} | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Other boating safety enforcement | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Alcohol and drug enforcement | ✘ | ✔ | ✘ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Stolen vessels and other property | ✘ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Other on-water criminal activities | ✘ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Unlicensed vessel & PWC masters | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ ^{DCV} | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Buoy mooring compliance | ✔ | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ ^{Marine Park} | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Anchoring compliance | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ ^{Marine Park} | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Unseaworthy vessels | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ ^{DCV} | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| 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 | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ | ✘ |
| Recreational vessel & PWC compliance | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Commercial vessel & PWC compliance | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ ^{DCV} | ✘ | ✔ ^{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 | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| 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 | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Land-sourced waterways rubbish | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |

Agency contact details

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| Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA) | |
| Phone | 07 5539 7350 |
| Email | mail@gcwa.qld.gov.au |
| Website | http://www.gcwa.qld.gov.au/ |
| Queensland Police Service (Water Police) | |
| Phone | Emergency 000 or Policelink 13 14 44 |
| Email | Reports can be made via the website portal |
| Website | https://www.police.qld.gov.au/ |
| Queensland Boating & Fisheries Patrol (QBFP) | |
| Phone | 13 25 23 or 07 5635 6900 |
| Email | callweb@daf.qld.gov.au |
| Website | https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ |
| Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) | |
| Phone | 07 5585 1810 |
| Email | BrisbaneRegion@msq.qld.gov.au |
| Website | https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/ |
| City of Gold Coast | |
| Phone | 1300 465 326 or 07 5582 8211 |
| Email | mail@goldcoast.qld.gov.au |
| Website | http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/default.html |

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| Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) | |
| Phone | 1800 627 484 |
| Email | Reports can be made via the website portal |
| Website | https://www.amsa.gov.au/ |
| Department of Environment and Science (DES) | |
| Phone | 13 74 68 |
| Email | info@des.qld.gov.au |
| Website | https://www.des.qld.gov.au/ |
| Seqwater | |
| Phone | 1800 771 497 or 07 3035 5500 |
| Email | communications@seqwater.com.au |
| Website | http://www.seqwater.com.au/ |
| Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) | |
| Phone | 1300 362 128 |
| Email | Reports can be made via the website portal |
| Website | https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/ |
| Volunteer Marine Rescue – Southport | |
| Phone | 07 5591 1300 |
| Email | Enquiries can be made via the website portal |
| Website | http://vmrsouthport.com.au/ |

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| Australian Volunteer Coast Guard – Southport | |
| Phone | 07 5531 1421 |
| Email | Enquiries can be made via the website portal |
| Website | https://coastguard.com.au/ |
| Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) | |
| Phone | 13 25 23 |
| Email | callweb@daf.qld.gov.au |
| Website | https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ |
| Healthy Land and Water (HLW) | |
| Phone | 07 3177 9100 |
| Email | info@hlw.org.au |
| Website | https://hlw.org.au/ |

Learn about GCWA's *Speed Limits and Behaviour Management Strategy 2018-2020* by visiting www.gcwa.qld.gov.au