

Boating



With nine times more waterways than Venice, the Gold Coast is a boating paradise with over 260 kilometres of navigable waterways within the city.

The Gold Coast seaway offers convenient access to the Pacific Ocean for those interested in deep-sea fishing.

For further information, please call 07 5667 3763 or email Waterways Assets - jzawadzki@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

Boating facilities

City of Gold Coast (City) manages a number of public boat ramps, jetties, pontoons and fishing facilities.

Download and view our Boating Facility Location Guide.

Commercial vessel use of City boating facilities

The following City boating facilities are available for commercial vessel/vehicle use:

City facility	Address	Permitted hours of operation
The Spit Pontoon	Muriel Henchman Drive, Main Beach (off Sea World Drive)	No limiting hours
Cavill Avenue Pontoon	Cavill Avenue, Surfers Paradise	7am - 10pm
Broadwater Parklands Pontoon	Broadwater Parklands, Southport	4.30am to 10.00pm
Proud Park Pontoon	Proud Park, Main Beach	7.00am to 10.00pm
Appel Park Pontoon	Appel Park, Surfers Paradise	7.00am to 10.00pm
Evandale Park Pontoon	Evandale Park, Surfers Paradise	7.00am to 10.00pm
The Spit Boat Ramp (amphibious vehicles only)	Muriel Henchman Drive, Main Beach (north - off Sea World Drive)	No limiting hours
Proud Park Boat Ramp (amphibious vehicles only)	Proud Park, Main Beach (near Sundale Bridge, easternmost boat ramp only)	No limiting hours

An application can be made for an annual permit which needs to be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

There are commercial vessel size limitations and other terms and conditions of commercial use which are included in the permit.

Find the application form below.



Responsible boating

Many water activities we enjoy as part of our lifestyle can have an impact on the health of our waterways and catchments. Next time you're out on the water, please consider how to be responsible. It's easy to make a difference.

Fishing

Fishing is a favourite past-time on the Gold Coast and the the City provides a host of platforms and fishing spots for both serious and recreational anglers.

Fishing is currently prohibited from the Nerang River Bridge, Bermuda Street, Broadbeach Waters; the Tallebudgera Creek Bridge, Gold Coast Highway and where signposted.

Jet skiing

Jet skiing is the coolest water sport since surfing. Our Gold Coast water playground - the ocean, Broadwater and waterways - is the best jet ski playground in the world, but let's not forget Gold Coast jet ski etiquette - *Fun but Fair*.

Jet skiing is prohibited at some locations.

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[Bureau of Meteorology - Marine & Ocean \(boating weather and tides, radar\)](#)

[Department of Environment and Heritage Protection](#)

[Moreton Bay Marine Park Zoning Plan](#)

[Volunteer Marine Rescue](#)

Forms & applications

Application for commercial vessel or vehicle use of Council pontoon or boat ramp permit

Complete this form to apply for a permit to use Commercial vessels or vehicles on Council pontoons or boat ramps.

Downloads: Application for commercial vessel or vehicle use of Council pontoon or boat ramp permit (0.14mb)