



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)		
GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARKS			
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) ¹		
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. ²
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 ²
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 ²		
PORT REGULATION / LOCATIONS	Contact Regional Harbour Master	Qld port pilotage >50m Contact Regional Harbour Master	Qld port pilotage >50m Contact Regional Harbour Master
WHITSUNDAYS ONLY (1% of GBRMP) ³ Use of tenders in accordance with Settings			
COMMERCIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area All settings except Setting 5. Outside a setting area <p>Refer to page 10 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area Setting 1 areas 21 superyacht anchorages with a booking 10 designated anchorages with a booking ² If under 50m – outside a Setting area If 50m or greater – outside a Setting area in General Use Zones only <p>Refer to page 10 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area 10 designated anchorages with a booking ² Outside a setting area <p>Refer to page 12 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p>
PRIVATE (Recreational)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All settings (setting 5 only with vessel under 20 metres in length). Outside a setting area 21 superyacht anchorages without a booking <p>Refer to page 6 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting 1 areas 21 superyacht anchorages with a booking 10 designated anchorages with a booking Outside a Setting area <p>Refer to page 7 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 designated anchorages with a booking Outside a Setting area (General Use Zone Only) <p>Refer to page 8 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p>
CAIRNS AREA ONLY (includes Lizard Island and Ribbon Reefs) (~6% of GBRMP) ⁴ Use of tenders in accordance with the Location			
COMMERCIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area All Locations Booking to Sensitive Locations Outside a Location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area Reef anchorages Designated anchorages (with a booking) ² Outside a Location (General Use Zone Only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area Designated anchorages (with a booking) ² Outside a Location (General Use Zone Only)
PRIVATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Locations Outside a Location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reef anchorages Outside a Location Designated anchorages (with a booking) ² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outside a Location Designated anchorages (with a booking) ²
TORRES STRAIT (All vessels from overseas require Biosecurity Clearance and Pratique prior to landfall) ⁶			
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"> All foreign flag ships with LOA >35m transiting Hovell Bar All ships with LOA of 50m or more. 	Port Kennedy pilotage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All ships with LOA of 50m or more
PERMITS REQUIRED	No specific permit in place at present but courtesy to get permission to anchor and land for all craft. For inhabited islands ⁷ . For uninhabited islands email admin@gbk.org.au		



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