

APPENDIX 9 – SYDNEY HARBOUR TRANSIT ZONE

Sydney Harbour is a unique waterway that is used extensively by a diverse range of recreational and commercial boats including large ships, ferries, charter boats, cruisers, yachts runabouts, sailing skiffs, dinghies, sailboards, rowing shells, kayaks and dragon boats.

The harbour is an extremely busy waterway that requires you to be aware of your responsibilities and to take care when boating, especially in busy navigational channels, and make allowances for commercial activity.

There is a need to consider paddlers, rowers and sailors, as well as accommodating the needs of commercial operators and those wishing to cruise, ski and fish on the Harbour.

The number of vessels on the harbour is increasing each year, providing a greater challenge in managing the potential for additional conflict and incidents to ensure safety on the waterway.

There is a continuing need for an understanding and commitment to water safety by all people using the harbour. The different types of boating may not always be compatible and can lead to potential conflicts, e.g. people sailing in organised events and commercial vessels operating on timetables.

Sydney Harbour Bridge Transit Zone

Roads and Maritime has established the Sydney Harbour Bridge Transit Zone. The transit zone has a 15 knot maximum speed limit in the vicinity of the Harbour Bridge, between a line drawn between Bennelong Point and Kirribilli Point to Millers Point and Blues Point, but does not include Walsh Bay, Sydney Cove or Lavender Bay north of a line between Blues Point and the southern extremity of Milsons Point ferry wharf.

Within this zone, anchoring or drifting are prohibited other than in an emergency. This means that vessels may only travel through this area to reach an area alongside or outside of the transit zone.

