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Situation	NMS Standard	NSW	VIC	TAS	QLD	WA	SA	NT
Power driven vessels to 4.8m		At night, on ocean waters, on alpine lakes, boating alone,	In open area of vessel underway		In open area of vessel underway		✓	
Power driven vessels <6m (when in open area of vessels when under power)				✓				
PWC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sailboard	✓	>400m from shore in sheltered waters & all times in ocean waters and Alpine lakes	✓				✓	
Kitesurfing		>400m from shore in sheltered waters & all times in ocean waters and Alpine lakes	✓				✓	
Canoe/Kayak	✓	>100m from shore in sheltered waters & all times in ocean waters and Alpine lakes	✓	✓			✓	
When being towed by vessel		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Off the beach sailing vessel. (eg centerboard boats and catamarans)	✓	In ocean waters and Alpine lakes	✓				✓	
Skipper responsibility. Heightened risk situations		Skipper judgment and direction. (eg deteriorating weather, at night, can't swim, vessel broken down)	✓				✓	
On Alpine waters, Wearing waders		When in power driven vessel to 4.8m	✓					
Children		<12yrs in vessel <4.8m at all times <12yrs in vessel 4.8 to 8m in open area of vessel when underway	<10yrs open area of vessel underway	<12yrs open area of vessel underway	<12yrs in vessel <4.8m		<12yrs in vessel <4.8m	
Crossing ocean bars		✓	✓		<4.8m vessel		✓	
Tenders		>400m from shore	✓				>1500m from shore	
Pedal boats/fun boats		✓	✓				✓	