

# LOCAL MARINE NOTICE

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## **LIFE JACKETS MANDATORY IN TENDERS IN PORT WATERS 1 JULY 2022**

**ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 104 OF THE PORT AUTHORITIES ACT 1999**

**Date:** 30 June 2022

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Kimberley Ports Authority would like to thank all those commercial operators that recently took part in an informal Safety Survey with regard to the wearing of Life Jackets in tenders (small vessels used for carrying goods or passengers to a larger vessel) in port waters.

During this survey it was observed:

- Some Masters did not know how many life jackets they had on board
- Some did not know where their lifejackets were stored on the tender
- Some did not know how many persons their tender was registered for
- Some skippers were inexperienced in the tidal waters of Broome

Some confirmed they were very willing to have their pax wear lifejackets and for them it would be business as usual.

**Marine and other port users are requested to notify the Kimberley Ports Authority on the discovery of new dangers or suspected dangers to navigation.**

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As a result and within the authority of The *Port Authorities Act 1999* and *Port Authority Regulations 2001* it is now mandatory that:

- All commercial Operators using tenders to access larger vessels, whether with passengers or not must wear a lifejacket whilst operating the tender regardless of the size of the tender
- All Passengers being ferried to a mother ship must wear a life jacket whilst in the tender, regardless of the size of the tender
- All crew operating or partaking of the ferrying of goods or equipment in a tender must wear a life jacket regardless of the size of the tender

Kimberley Ports Authority understands that some operators may need to change the way they operate or invest in additional safety equipment therefore, whilst this mandate is effective immediately, all operators will have until July 1 2022 to ensure all skippers and operators comply with this direction.

Kimberley Ports Authority wishes to thank all the professional operators for their cooperation in this matter.



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