

Marine parks permits for competitions and organised sports

When will I need a permit?

You will need a permit to hold organised sporting events such as swimming, surfing and boating competitions, speed trials and other organised sport in marine park sanctuary zones. Fishing competitions and motorised water sports events are not expected to be permitted in sanctuary zones as they are not consistent with the conservation objectives of the zones.

A marine parks permit is not required for activities authorised under the *Harbors and Navigation Act 1993*, the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* or the *Wilderness Protection Act 1992*. These activities will be considered as part of internal Government referral processes.

Permitting competitions and organised sports in marine park sanctuary zones will ensure that events are appropriate for their proposed locations and that high environmental standards support the events. The permitting system will also allow the cumulative impact of all activities in specific locations to be appropriately considered and will inform on-going adaptive marine parks management.

How do I get a permit?

You can apply for a permit for a competition or organised sport by filling out the application form available at:

www.environment.sa.gov.au/marineparks/permits

Assessment of applications will include consideration of whether the activity:

- is consistent with the management plan for the marine park and the conservation values of the sanctuary zone
- minimises environmental impacts
- takes measures to mitigate impacts to other users of the area
- creates opportunities to raise visitor awareness and enjoyment of marine parks.

There may be a need to rationalise the number of competition and organised sport events conducted in a particular sanctuary zones. In these cases, preference will be given to those that provide community benefits or complement or promote the values of the marine park.

What will a permit cost?

Application fees are payable for competition and organised sport permits. Details about fee payment are available on the [permit application form](#).

What is the term for permits?

Permits will be issued for a maximum of 12 months, unless otherwise agreed.

What are my responsibilities?

It is your responsibility to obtain and comply with any other approvals or permits required for your activity, such as local Council approvals.

Every permit will be issued with conditions. It is your responsibility to ensure that these conditions are met. Breaches of any conditions may result in cancellation of the permit and termination of the activity.

More information

If you have a question, contact:

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