



Australian Government

Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority

Tourism Bulletin

As a tourism permittee in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, there are some important management arrangements currently in place that you need to understand as they may affect the future conduct of your operation. Please take the time to read this 'Tourism Bulletin' to bring yourself up to date with some key points.

Do you hold a tourist program permit granted after 13 August 2003?

A reminder to those of you who have been granted a permit after 13 August 2003. As part of the initiative to manage latency in Marine Parks tourism permits, you are expected to have commenced your operations in the Marine Park within two years of being granted this permit. Please ensure you contact the GBRMPA if you are unlikely to meet this timeframe.

You can check when your permit was granted by looking at the date in the top left-hand corner of your permit.

This arrangement only applies to Marine Parks tourism permits granted since 13 August 2003 and is part of the GBRMPA policy on 'Managing Tourism Permissions'.
More detail on this policy can be located at http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp_site/key_issues/tourism/permits_policy.html or please call Vicki Bonanno (07) 4750 0868 for more information.

Planning proposals

The GBRMPA is proposing minor amendments to the Cairns Area and Whitsundays Plans of Management. The key proposed changes for the tourism industry are:

- Matching the new Regional Tourism Operation permissions available in the two Planning Areas with the existing Regional Tourism Operation permissions in use; and
- Clarifying the GBRMPA's approach to allocating capped moorings in the Cairns Area.

We would be pleased to hear from you on these proposals during the public comment period beginning in mid-June 2005.

Further information on the proposed amendments will soon be available at www.gbrmpa.gov.au or from Leanne Thompson, Acting Senior Planner, (07) 4750 0717.

EMC - Truth in advertising

As a Marine Park tour operator, your obligation to collect the Environmental Management Charge (EMC) from passengers includes correctly representing the amount of the EMC when advertising fare prices. The GBRMPA supports operators who choose to incorporate the EMC into their overall ticket price and there is no requirement to state the fee separate to the ticket price in these circumstances. However, where additional fees and charges are advertised, and you have chosen to advertise or collect the EMC separately to the ticket price then you should ensure that a consumer can readily identify the correct EMC component (normally \$4.50 per person per day).

Examples of correct EMC advertising include:

- Ticket price - \$.... **or**
- Ticket price - \$.... Plus EMC - \$4.50 **or**
- Ticket price - \$....
plus fees \$..... (including EMC - \$4.50)

Please contact Carol Honchin on (07) 4750 0715 if you are unsure or would like further clarification.

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See over for moorings and large vessels



Do you have a mooring?

To help protect the Reef and provide fair and equitable access for all Marine Park users, moorings in the Marine Park require a permit from the GBRMPA and QPWS. If you have a permit for the installation of a mooring in the Marine Park, you must have installed that mooring within the first six months of being granted the permit or the permit may be revoked.

Any mooring installed without the appropriate Marine Parks permit is illegal and should be removed from the Marine Park.

For further information, please contact Stefanie Myers on (07) 4750 0788.

If you require further information about the issues raised in this 'Tourism Bulletin' or any other tourism management matter, please phone the Tourism and Recreation Group on (07) 4750 0775 or email tourec@gbmpa.gov.au

To ensure we have your correct contact details, please complete and return to us via fax on

07 4772 6093

Business name: _____

Contact person: _____

Address:

(Postal) _____

(Street) _____

Phone number: () _____

Fax number: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Web address: _____

Do you operate a large vessel in the Cairns Area?

Remember that large vessels (35-70 m) must book to use the cruise ship anchorages in the Cairns Planning Area. These anchorages are:

- Lizard Island Localities 2 and 3
- Ribbon Reef No 2
- Ribbon Reef No 5.

To make a booking, please email cruise.bookings@gbmpa.gov.au or phone Kirsten Walpole (07) 4750 0775.

Would you like to receive our Newsletter or other updates electronically? Yes ☐ No ☐