

# Harbour Master Instruction

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DETAILS	Small Craft Mooring Requirements
FORMER NOTICE	Nil

## 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Harbour Master Instruction (HMI) is to advise all personnel including MWPA employees and contractors of the requirements for mooring small craft within Geraldton Port Commercial Harbour, Fishing Boat Harbour and Tug Harbour Basin.

Small crafts include but are not limited to barges, dinghies, runabouts and punts.

## 2 BACKGROUND

There have been many instances where small crafts have been moored inadequately. When left unattended for any period of time, this has the potential to become a hazard within the port should the mooring lines part.

## 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MOORING OF SMALL CRAFT

The below process and instructions are to be adhered to by small crafts to ensure safe mooring operations.

- The location of mooring small crafts must be agreed upon by the Wharf Supervisor.
- Unless the small crafts are required for a 24/7 operation, these crafts are to be returned to the Tug Harbour Basin or the Fishing Boat Harbour or removed from the water prior to the end of each day's shift.
- When a small craft is moored in the Commercial Harbour, Tug Harbour Basin or the Fishing Boat Harbour, the following *minimum* mooring arrangements must be met-
  - 1 x Headlines, 1 x Stern lines, 1 x Forward spring line, 1 x Aft spring line.
  - All lines must be in good condition and the vessels should be fendered appropriately.

