

FEW WILL SURVIVE A COLLISION WITH A SHIP

RECREATIONAL VESSEL COLLISION AVOIDANCE CHECKLIST

- **STAY OUT OF THE WAY** and when in doubt, keep *well* clear.
In *normal* operational conditions within the confines of the Port of Fremantle, there are no rules or circumstances where you have the right of way.
- **AVOID SHIP CHANNELS** where possible, or cross them quickly.
- **DO NOT PASS CLOSE ACROSS THE BOW**
You risk misjudging the speed of the ship, disappearing from the sight of the Pilot, or losing propulsion or sail headway at a critical moment and being run down. Be safe and pass around the stern.
You will lose next to no time..... and not your life.
- **DO NOT PASS BETWEEN AN ARRIVING SHIP AND THE BERTH**
Again, if in doubt keep clear or stop until you are absolutely sure all is clear.
- **STAY TO ONE SIDE OF THE HARBOUR**
when negotiating the Inner Harbour
- **BE ALERT AT ALL TIMES** and watch for ship traffic.
- **BE SEEN** especially at night.
- **DO NOT ASSUME THE SHIP HAS SEEN YOU**
You are much harder to see than you may think.
When you see the ship, immediately start preparations to move clear.
- **KNOW WHISTLE SIGNALS** Five short blasts mean danger.
One very long blast means get out of the way **IMMEDIATELY**.
- **IN EMERGENCY ONLY** use VHF 12 for ship communication.

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