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## MSQ Community Media Alert

### Noosa River summer speed limit and vessel audits

**Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) is reminding boaties to observe seasonal speed limits and comply with regulations as part of its ongoing efforts to ensure the Noosa River remains a safe and enjoyable waterway this summer.**

The six-knot speed limit for the lower Noosa River is now in effect and will remain until 31 January 2025.

This seasonal restriction applies to all vessels downstream of the Terrace Boat Hire Jetty (previously T-boats) to the river mouth.



Enforcement vessels will be highly visible throughout the summer period as MSQ continues to conduct marine pollution and buoy mooring audits on vessels anchored or moored in the Noosa River.

Recent audits saw 34 vessels inspected, with five directions and one infringement notice issued for non-compliance.

Audits are part of preparations for 2025 anchoring restrictions outlined in the Noosa River Management Plan.

#### **Fatal Five reminders for boaties:**

1. Ensure appropriate safety equipment is onboard and used (particularly lifejackets)
2. Follow speed limits
3. Maintain a proper lookout
4. Avoid alcohol and drugs while boating
5. Plan your trip carefully.

**MSQ reminds boaties to stay safe and enjoy the Noosa River responsibly.**

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