

# ALL YOU NEED FOR YOUR BOATING HOLIDAY



Gear up for a stress-free boating escapade with our top-notch boat rentals! Peek at our checklist of essentials for a seamless voyage and snag some meal prep pointers to level up your nautical adventure!



Welcome to Hawkesbury River Charter, your ultimate destination for a self-drive luxury boating holiday on the Hawkesbury River. Whether you're a grey nomad, a group of friends or family, a couple, or a single parent with kids, our business caters to all types of travellers seeking unforgettable experiences. We prioritise your safety and enjoyment, ensuring a hassle-free boating holiday.

Our fully equipped cruisers provide everything you need, including comfortable beds, towels, a GPS chart plotter, dinghy with an electric outboard plus a spare battery, and more. We even supply often forgotten items like condiments, toiletries, and sunscreen. Simply bring your food, drinks, and personal belongings, and prepare for an unparalleled adventure. Whether you're interested in discovering hidden gems or following our suggested destinations, we've got you covered.

No boating license? No problem! Training is included, and we also offer skipper services for added peace of mind. Come join us and create cherished memories as you cruise the stunning waterways.

Seniors Card holders are always welcome.





# HAWKESBURY RIVER CHARTER

## **All You Need for Your Boating Holiday:**

A checklist of essentials to bring for a hassle-free boating holiday, and what to expect from our fully equipped boat hires. This guide also includes meal planning tips and easy recipes for a boating vacation.

### **Essential Packing for a Boating Holiday:**

All the must-bring items for a boating holiday

### **What's On Board?:**

Understanding Your Fully Equipped Boat Hire: A comprehensive overview of the facilities and equipment available in your boat hires. Details about navigation tools, comfort features, safety equipment, and more.

### **Boating Basics and Safety Guidelines:**

A brief rundown of the basic boating rules and safety procedures, especially focusing on the aspects related to a self-drive boating holiday.

### **Meal Planning on the Water:**

In this section, we provide tips and suggestions for meal planning during a boating holiday.

## **Making Memories:** Fun Activities and Destination Ideas

Fishing, wildlife spotting, and popular stops along the Hawkesbury River.

# Essential Packing for a Boating Holiday

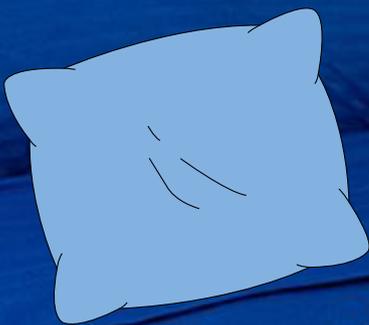
On your luxury boating holiday, **packing light is key!** (Use a soft bag rather than a suitcase.) But we know it's important to be prepared. That's why we suggest bringing comfortable, **weather-appropriate clothing**, personal toiletries, favourite snacks, and drinks. Don't worry about bulky items like bedding and towels; we've got you covered.

Every boater knows the importance of a **trusty hat** and a good quality sunscreen. Don't let the sun ruin your adventure; stay protected and enjoy the beautiful Hawkesbury River in all its splendour. Remember to bring your sunnies and favourite reading materials for those lazy afternoons on the deck.

If fishing tickles your fancy, don't forget to bring your favourite gear, or simply use the equipment we provide. The Hawkesbury River offers abundant opportunities to cast a line. If you're a birdwatching enthusiast, we have a pair of binoculars onboard!

It's worth packing a **light jumper or jacket**, even in summer. Evening breezes on the river can be cool. Also, **a pair of sturdy shoes** is essential for those keen on exploring the river banks.

**Lastly, bring your sense of adventure! Each journey on the Hawkesbury is unique, and we're here to help you make the most of it.**



# WHAT'S ON BOARD

Our boats are fully equipped to ensure your comfort. This includes readymade cosy beds, clean towels and all the essential cooking equipment. We strive to make your boating holiday feel like a home away from home. **We supply rods, bait and ice, as well as fishing licences for 4.**

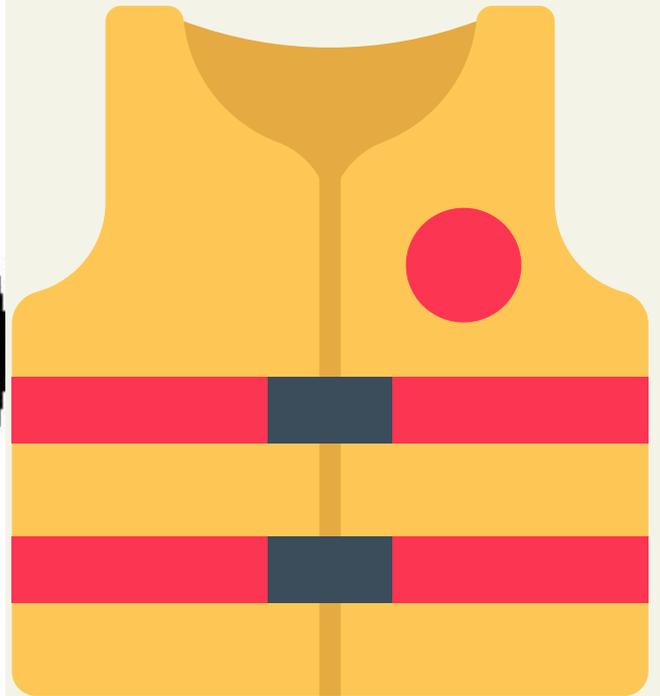
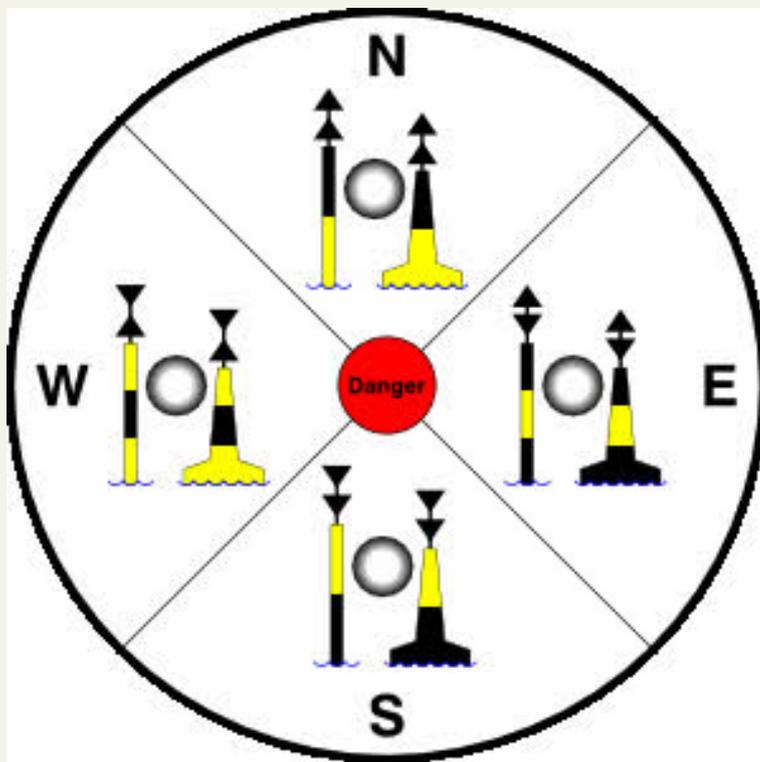
Navigation is a breeze with our GPS chart plotter. We also provide safety equipment, including life jackets and first aid kits, to keep you secure on your adventure. Our boats are easy to operate, requiring **no previous experience or license.**

We understand that the small things can make a big difference. That's why we also provide those often forgotten items like **condiments, toiletries, and sunscreen.** We've got all the bases covered!

All of our boats have a dinghy with an **electric outboard and a spare battery,** ensuring you can keep moving smoothly through the water for the duration of your holiday.

For those who want the joy of boating without the responsibility of steering, we also **offer skipper services.** Let us do the navigating while you sit back and enjoy the journey.



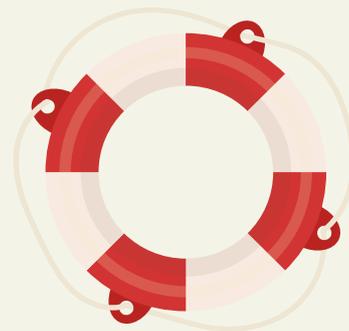


## BOATING BASICS AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

**Safety is always our top priority** at Hawkesbury River Charter. We believe that a well-informed boater is a safe boater. That's why we provide **comprehensive training** for all guests before departure.

**No boating license? No problem!** You don't need one. Our self-drive boats are user-friendly, and our expert team will give you all the necessary instructions. We're there to ensure you're comfortable before you set sail.

Our boats come equipped with **all necessary safety equipment**, including life jackets, a first aid kit, and emergency flares. Remember, life jackets aren't just for kids.



**Always check the weather forecast** before you set sail. While the Hawkesbury River is mostly calm and easy to navigate, it's good to be prepared for all conditions.

**Respect the waterways.** Keep to the right, opposite to the road, and give way to any larger, less manoeuvrable boats. Boating is a shared experience; let's make it safe for everyone. Most importantly **"Don't hit stuff!"**.

Use this link below to check your knowledge or learn something new before coming aboard.

[Boating Practice Test](#)

# MEAL PLANNING ON THE WATER



Meals are part of the adventure! While our boats come equipped with all essential cooking tools, it's important to plan your meals in advance. Consider dishes that are simple to prepare, yet delicious and satisfying.

Nothing beats a fresh catch! If you're an angler, the Hawkesbury River is your oyster. Grilled fish with a simple salad makes for a perfect dinner on the deck.

Space is a luxury on a boat, so pack smart. Opt for ingredients that don't require a lot of refrigeration. And don't forget your favourite snacks for those relaxing afternoons on the water.

Hydration is key, especially during the summer months. Bring your favourite drinks, we have plenty of drinking water onboard. Make it fun by adding fruits for a refreshing twist!

Remember, leave no trace behind. Carry reusable containers and dispose of any waste properly once you return to the dock.

# Making Memories: Fun Activities and Destination Ideas

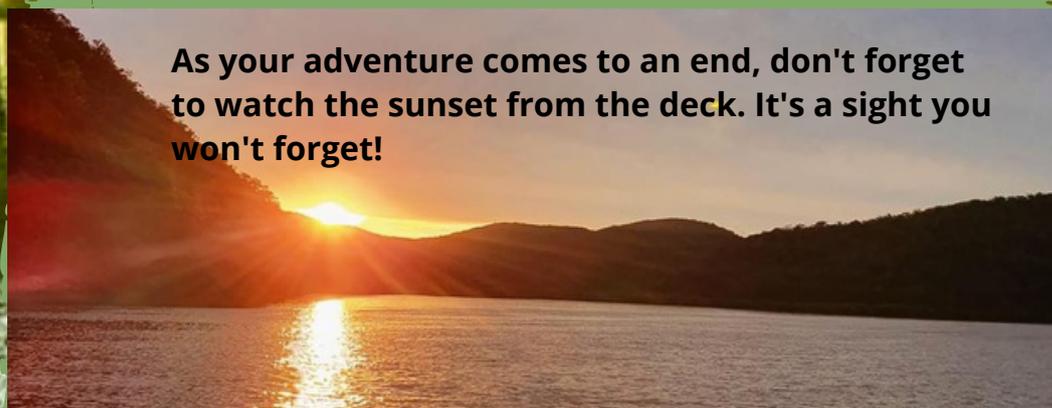
The Hawkesbury River is teeming with activities for all ages. Whether it's fishing, birdwatching, kayaking, or just soaking in the scenic beauty, there's something for everyone.

Want a break from the water? Anchor at a secluded bank and enjoy a picnic in the great outdoors. It's all about making memories.

Don't miss the opportunity to spot the abundant wildlife along the river. From kookaburras to turtles, the Hawkesbury River is a haven for nature lovers.

For the history buffs, the river is home to a rich indigenous culture and was the lifeline for the growth of Sydney. "Secret River" and "Oyster Farmer" are 2 films based on life on the Hawkesbury. 'People on The River' by Grace Karskens is an award winning book depicting everyday life in the early colony for both Aboriginal and British people.

**As your adventure comes to an end, don't forget to watch the sunset from the deck. It's a sight you won't forget!**





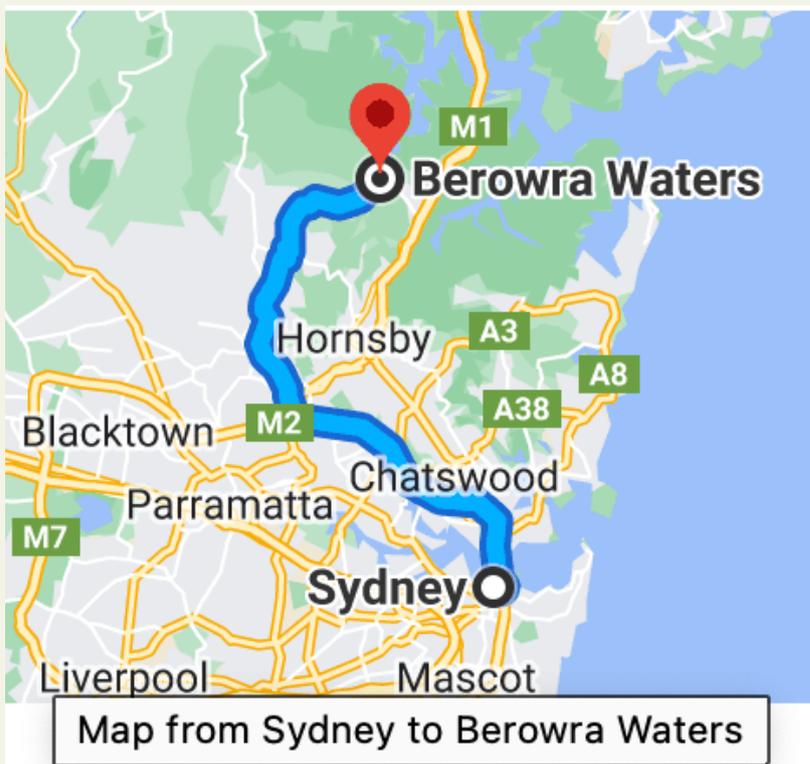
# GETTING HERE

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Berowra Waters is an easy 1 hour drive north of **Sydney CBD**.

Berowra Waters is a unique location tucked deep in the Berowra Creek valley and surrounded by Muogamarra Nature Reserve. Berowra Waters is ideally situated for easy boating access to many of Sydney's waterways, including Berowra Creek, Pittwater, Cowan Creek and the Hawkesbury, which are all nearby.

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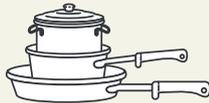
- Equipment:

- Microwave oven
- Kettle
- Diesel stove
- BBQ



- Kitchenware:

- crockery
- cutlery
- kitchen & bbq utensils
- glassware (unbreakable)
- bottle opener
- can opener
- pots & pans
- serving bowls
- coffee plunger & tea pot



- Basic kitchen essentials:

- alfoil
- gladwrap
- paper towel
- ziploc bags
- serviettes



- Condiments:

- salt & pepper grinders
- balsamic vinegar
- extra virgin olive oil
- tomato & barbecue sauces
- mild American mustard



- Beverages:

- Vittorio ground coffee
- Moccona instant coffee
- Moccona instant decaffeinated coffee
- Cadbury drinking chocolate
- Tea
  - English Breakfast
  - Green
  - Peppermint
  - Chamomile
- Sweeteners
  - Raw sugar sachets
  - Equal sachets



- Bathroom:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Hand & Body Wash
- Marine use toilet paper

- Wellbeing:

- Sunscreen
- After Sun care
- Aerogard
- Stingose

- Refrigeration:

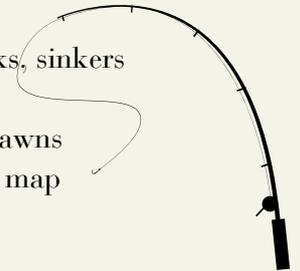
- 100 litre fridge inc 6 litre freezer compartment
- secondary 90 litre fridge below cockpit seating
- 2 bags ice

- Beds

- Queen bed
- Double bed with ensuite
- 4 single bunks
- Dining table folds down to double bed

- Fishing

- Spare tackle - hooks, sinkers
- 2 rods
- 1 small pkt bait prawns
- Take home fishing map
- Fishing Atlas
- How to fish guide



- Power

- Recharged by engine
- Solar
- Battery % remaining display
- 240v inverter for light use only
  - microwave
  - kettle
  - computer charging
- 12v
  - lights
  - radio/stereo
  - bathroom
  - accessories
  - usb phone charging

Let us know if you have specific power charge requirements for medical equipment (eg CPAP, dialysis)



# CHECKLIST

Hmm, what to pack?

	Dry Food
	Fridge food
	Water - 1000 litres of Sydney drinking water onboard, bring bottled if that is your preference.
	Drinks
	Phone chargers - usb charging points onboard
	Clothes - pack light, you will not need anywhere near as much as you think
	Include hats, light jackets/jumpers
	Sturdy shoes for land trips, thongs are impractical on a boat
	Swimmers, beach towels
	Personal medications - paracetamol, ibuprofen, antihistamines onboard in first aid
	Favourite pillow, sunglasses, books
	<b>DO NOT BRING</b>
	Baby wipes for use in bathroom
	Toilet paper - only use what is provided to prevent blockages
	Glassware
	Glitter
	Electrical equipment eg hair dryers, toasters, blenders, coffee makers
	<b>BEFORE LEAVING HOME</b>
	Check address on travel map and advise ETA to Hawkesbury River Charter
	Leave HRC phone number with anyone who may wish to contact you in an emergency.
	NB: Telstra is the only working provider close to the marina.

