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## **Use of Vessels for Both Hire and Drive and Commercial Operations**

A vessel may be used for either 'Hire and Drive' or 'Commercial' purposes provided that:-

1. The vessel has been issued with an appropriate survey certificate unless it is an exempt vessel;
2. When operating commercially, eg, as a charter vessel, the vessel manning is in accordance with the safety manning determination shown on the survey certificate;
3. The vessel has the appropriate Hire & Drive permit;
4. The Hire and Drive registration No. is removed or covered while the vessel is being used commercially.

Penalties apply if a person is guilty of an offence under the Marine Act or the Marine (Hire and Drive Vessel) Regulations.

### **Note:**

- When being used as a Hire and Drive vessel, the vessel may not be used by the hirer in connection with any commercial ventures.
- The Hire and Drive requirements for maintaining a register by the owner do not apply when the vessel is operated commercially.
- To operate fishing charters the Northern Territory Fisheries Act requires every fishing tour guide and fishing tour operator to obtain a Fishing Tour Operator Licence. Contact Fisheries Licencing on telephone 8999 2144.

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