

Driver Education

RACQ Trailer Boat Towing Workshops

An ever-increasing number of Australians are now taking advantage of the inland and off-shore waterways available to them by hitching up their trailer boat in search of that hard-earned break from the daily grind. Whether for fishing, skiing or any other recreational purpose, for many drivers towing a trailer boat is a new experience that requires additional skills and knowledge. RACQ can deliver the relevant training and education necessary to competently and safely tow your trailer boat, ensuring you have the skills required to get you to and from the ramp safely.

Aim

The aim of our workshop is to help participants gain a better understanding of the relevant towing laws and regulations. It also provides practical experience in regard to pre-purchase, setting-up, safe towing and manoeuvring.

Content

The RACQ Trailer Boat Towing Workshop is largely a practical hands-on training experience, with a low client to coach ratio that also ensures you have an understanding of the related theory. We can also arrange one-on-one tuition.

Objectives

- acquire knowledge necessary to satisfy legal obligations of towing a trailer boat
- acquire knowledge necessary to safely tow a trailer boat on road
- confidently couple and uncouple a trailer boat and manoeuvre
- safely and legally load, stabilize and secure a trailer boat
- perform basic safety checks
- manage fatigue safely and responsibly
- responsibly share the road and ramp, with other users

Topics Included

- towing weights - legality
- loading the trailer boat - central load distribution focus
- brake types and legal requirements
- connection types and accessories
- ball-weights - testing methods
- preparation - roadworthiness, registration, tyres, chains
- hitching and connection
- on-road skills
- preparation, reversing and manoeuvring at ramp
- fatigue management

Practical

- group workshops - using participants' own vehicles
- individual sessions designed to meet participant specific requirements

Group workshops and individual sessions are held regularly.