



5.2 Brisbane region

Table 14: Key characteristics—Brisbane region

Mainland coast	404km		
Island coast	568km		
Rivers and creeks	417km		
Major inland waterways	Condamine and Balonne Rivers Wivenhoe, Somerset and Beardmore Dams		
Offshore waters	Pacific Ocean from Jumpinpin Bar to Double Island Point		
Major harbours	Manly Boat Harbour Port of Brisbane (approximately 5000 trade ship movements each year) Scarborough Boat Harbour Mooloolaba River (fishing, tourism, recreational boating) Residential canal developments		
Registered recreational vessels 2007	93 142	Growth 2006-07	4.0%
Registered commercial vessels 2007	1 469	Growth 2006-07	2.2%
Reported marine incidents 2007	230	Fatalities	8
		Serious injuries	10

Recreational vessel registrations in Brisbane region increased 4.0 percent in 2007 and overall accounted for 42.5 percent of state's registered recreational fleet. Commercial vessel registrations increased 2.2 percent in the region in 2007 and accounted for 25.7 percent of state's registered commercial fleet. Combined Brisbane region contained 42.1 percent of all Queensland's registered vessels.

During 2007, 230 marine incidents were reported in the region. This represents 30.2 percent of all incidents reported in Queensland in 2007. Based on the region's proportion of the registered fleet the region's proportion of reported marine incidents is under-represented.

In a tragic year for the region eight people died in five separate marine incidents, including one multiple fatality incident that claimed four lives. The eight deaths are double the number of fatalities recorded in 2006. Overall Brisbane region recorded 61.5 percent of the state's marine incident fatalities in 2007.

The number of incidents in Brisbane region involving recreational vessels has been increasing progressively since 2003, growing 51.8 percent over the five year period (see Figure 35). Four of the five fatal incidents in the region in 2007 involved recreational vessels.

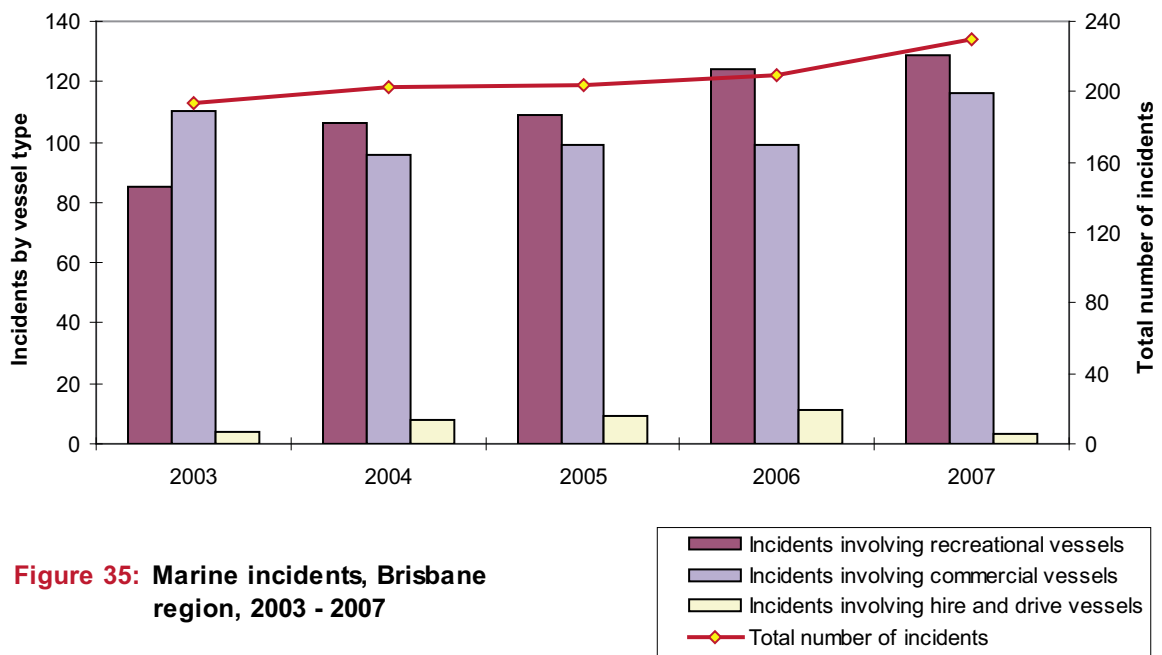


Figure 35: Marine incidents, Brisbane region, 2003 - 2007

Commercial vessel involvement in marine incidents in Brisbane region has increased 17.2 percent—from 99 in 2006 to 116 in 2007. The Port of Brisbane is reported to be the fastest growing container port in Australia with over 2600 commercial vessels visits in 2006-07. In light of the port growth, the increase in marine incidents involving commercial vessels is not unexpected.

As with the Gold Coast region, collisions between ships was the most frequently occurring incident type in 2007 (see Figure 36).

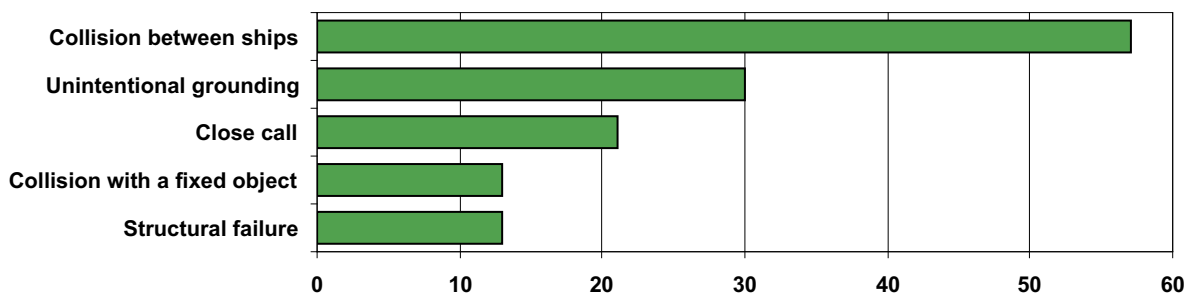


Figure 36: Marine incidents by incident type (Top 5), Brisbane region, 2007

Of the 310 vessels involved in marine incidents in 2007 the most commonly involved vessels were recreational speedboats—21.6 percent of all vessels involved.



Sunshine Coast Management Area

The Sunshine Coast Management Area forms part of the Brisbane region with responsibility for the coastal and inland waters from Caloundra to Noosa.

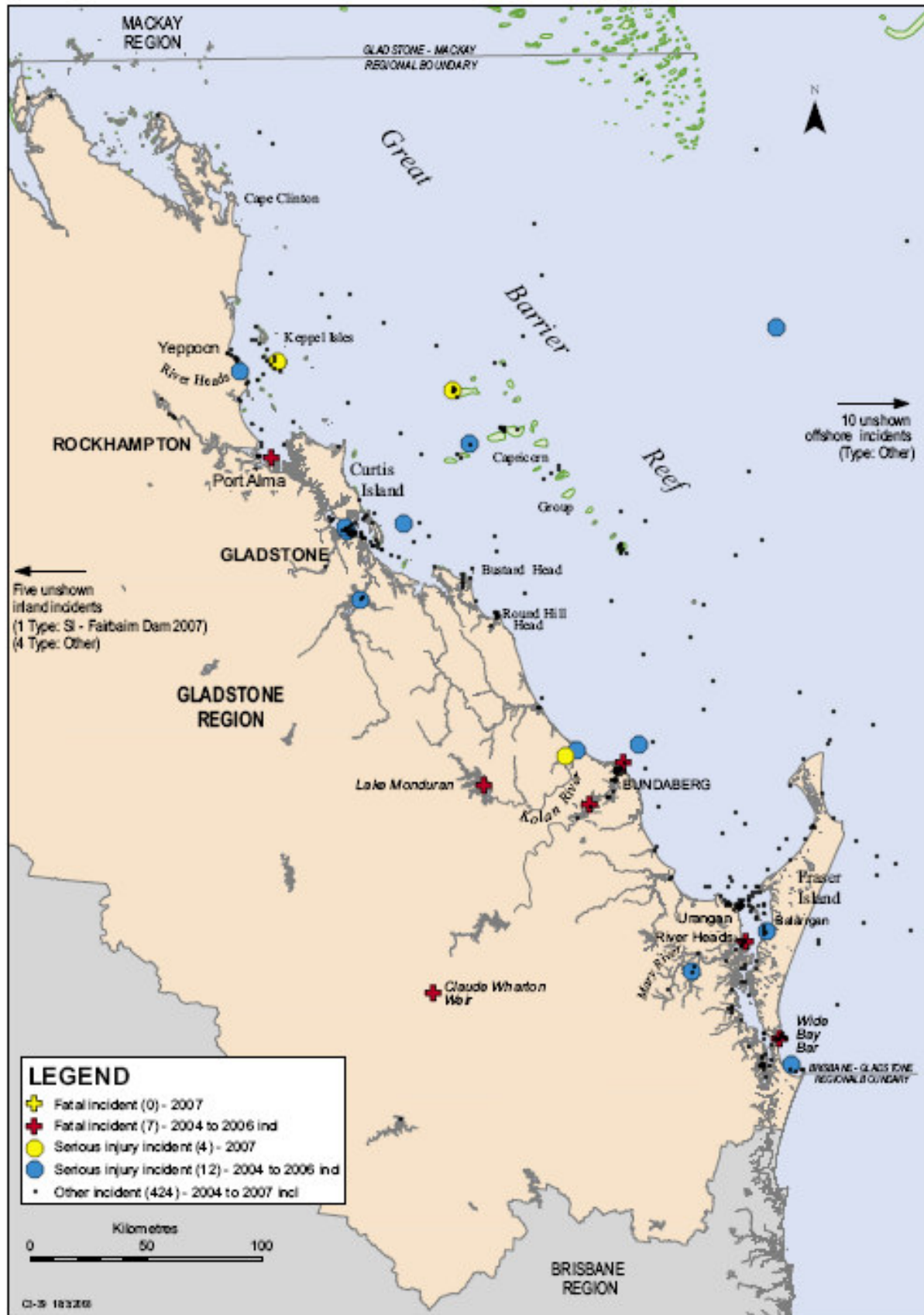
Like south east Queensland generally, the Sunshine Coast Management Area has experienced considerable growth in both recreational and commercial vessel registrations. Recreational vessel registrations in the area increased 5.2 percent in 2007 compared to the state-wide increase of 4.8 percent. Of the recreationally registered vessels within the Brisbane region 17.7 percent were in the Sunshine Coast Management Area. Similarly commercial vessel registrations grew 2.9 percent in the area compared to 1.3 percent growth state-wide.

80 marine incidents were reported in the Sunshine Coast Management Area in 2007, five more than in 2006 and above the four-year average of 66 incidents per year. These 80 incidents represent 34.8 percent of the reported marine incidents in the Brisbane region in 2007 and 10.5 percent of all reported incidents in Queensland. 38.3 percent of Brisbane region's recreational incidents occurred in the Sunshine Coast Management Area in 2007.

Incidents involving commercial vessels in the Sunshine Coast Management Area increased from 23 in 2006 to 33 in 2007.

Of the 100 vessels involved in incidents within the Sunshine Coast Management Area in 2007, 19 were recreational sailboats and 19 were recreational speedboats. Recreational sailboats and speedboats were the most frequent vessel types involved in marine incidents in the area in 2007.

Six of the 10 serious injuries reported in the Brisbane region in 2007 were in the Sunshine Coast Management Area.



Map 4: Marine incidents by highest level of personal injury, Gladstone Region 2004 to 2007