

Using a Whippella propulsion unit

A [Whippella](#) is an Australian made device used to transform a whipper snipper into a propulsion unit for small vessels such as kayaks, canoes and tenders. The unit is petrol powered but an electric powered unit is also available.

NSW Maritime has examined the Whippella and recommends that if you intend to install a fuel powered unit in an enclosed or partly enclosed area of a vessel you must ensure the area is well ventilated to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Additionally, if you are using a Whippella on a vessel which would otherwise be a human powered vessel, you must ensure that you understand and comply with the safety requirements of a powered vessel – in particular you may need to wear a lifejacket and carry specific safety equipment.

For more information on safety equipment requirements for all types of vessels, see NSW Maritime's [Boating Handbook](#).