



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

Consumer Action in Boating

BOA Alert

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Good afternoon,

Welcome to the June update on some of the activities that your Association has been engaged in over the past month.

Firstly, many of you would have received your membership renewal in the last week or so. We hope that you'll take the opportunity to rejoin the BOA and allow us to continue looking after your interests on the water.

There have been a disparate range of things happening this month.

Gosford Channel Dredging – member Graeme Walters contacted us asking for assistance with information on what was happening with the imminent blocking of the channel at Brisbane Water. Steve Brown at RMS came to our aid and provided a prompt response.

- as at Wed 10 May, interim adjustments were made to the channel markers to reflect the safe passage through the area.
- commencing on or about 30 May, emergency dredging works were to commence to remove approx. 300,000cu m of sand from the usual channel path, which would restore the channel operations to their normal place.

Mooring Review – Committee members Chris de Jong & Andrew McKinnon

met with Transport for NSW to discuss a range of issues around a planned review of a number of matters around mooring management. Whilst the discussions are still in their early stages, it is fair to say that TfNSW are considering how they can make better use of the expertise offered by mooring contractors to enhance the security of vessels, especially in high-risk areas, amongst other things. We'll keep you posted.

RMS Safety Seminars – Secretary Bruce Dennis represented the Association at a series of seminars run by the RMS connected with boating safety. The seminars dealt with individual topics including Cold Water, Judgement, Life Jackets and Speed.

It was a chance for a number of interested parties to have input to how RMS could build information strategies around these topics so as to have greater impact with the boating and water using communities. Two themes that came out strongly were the need for better training of boat skippers and an emphasis on the importance of maintenance.

The discussions are ongoing, so we'll update you as they progress.

Abbotsford Wharf Upgrade Concept Plan – has been released for comment. To view the document and for details on how to submit comments please click [here](#)

Priority Boating Safety Messages – we have been asked to have input to the design of priority boating safety messages. Although the Association has responded corporately, individual members may also wish to have their say. To complete the survey please click [here](#)

Marine 17 International Conference is being held from 30 July – 1 August at the International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.

If you are interested in the conference please click [here](#) for more information.

Boat Ramp Maintenance – the BOA has been invited to a discussion with

RMS and other interested parties about maintenance schedules for boat ramps around Sydney Harbour. Nothing further to report on this at present.

Boat Licence Training – the Association is in discussions with providers about offering boat licence training. More information to follow.

My best regards to you all,

Andrew McKinnon
President
