



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

*Consumer Action in Boating*

## **BOA Alert October 2019**

Good evening Member,

I hope that this beautiful Spring weather is to your liking - with the promise of another wonderful summer to come! And that makes it a great time to

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**NOTE PLEASE:** The Association is temporarily changing its PO Box address.

The new address is

Boat Owners Association NSW Inc

PO Box 33

Five Dock NSW 2046

***A few things for your review:***

### **Boat Insurance - When the insurer says "no" to your claim - important update**

Vice President Chris de Jong has been co-ordinating an approach to Club Marine in particular about instances where members' insurance claims have been denied or frustrated.

A meeting was held with senior managers from Club Marine and a very useful discussion ensued. A full summary of the discussion can be found [here](#). I'd strongly encourage you to read the article - it is most enlightening.

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## Marine Pollution Review

Transport for NSW is reviewing the **Marine Pollution Act 2012**. **BOA Members you are stake holders this affects you.**

A discussion paper has been released to facilitate stakeholder input to the statutory review and is available at <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/marine-pollution-act-2012-review>

Submissions can be made on the potential amendments in the discussion paper, or any other parts of the Act, by 16 October 2019 to [freight@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:freight@transport.nsw.gov.au)

## Afloat farewells Editor Robin Copeland



One of the best known names in marine media, Robin Copeland, has decided to retire gracefully after 30 years as Editor of the iconic "Afloat" magazine.

Robin has been a great friend and supporter of the BOA and his editorials in Afloat were compulsory reading for the tens of thousands of us who looked forward to the new monthly edition.

Robin, on behalf of the Boat Owners Association, thanks for your friendship and we wish you every success as you move into the next phase of your life.

## Members - what can you do for your Association?

**Introduce a new member!**

**And they can join and pay online!**

All organisations like the BOA thrive on the breadth and scope of our membership. The more members we have, the better job we can do for you when we talk to colleague organisations, government and

the bureaucracy. ***If you have a friend who is also a boatie, why not***

***introduce them to the BOA?*** The more members we have, the stronger our voice! Just go to [www.boatowners.org.au](http://www.boatowners.org.au) to find out more or call 9960 1859



## Marine Rescue NSW – Volunteers saving lives on the water



When boaters are in trouble on NSW waterways, they can be confident a professionally trained and equipped team from Marine Rescue NSW is standing ready to respond.

Our 3,000-plus volunteers, operating in 44 rescue units, provide a vital safety net for the NSW boating community along the coastline from Point Danger to Eden and on two high-risk inland waterways, the Alpine Lakes in the Snowy Mountains and the Murray River at Moama.

For more information on this fabulous service, click [here](#)

## Regional Area Members - we need your assistance!



RMS hosts Regional Boating Advisory Groups along the NSW coast. These groups provide a great opportunity for local boaters to have direct input to the RMS on matters that affect YOU. While we are represented at some, the BOA is invited to participate at each of these meetings.

We are working with the local councils and government departments on your behalf. For example, one current issue is the dredging of the Manning River, where we have been in contact with the Mid North Coast Council and are working with the Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office, boat owners and local commercial operators in an endeavour to expedite dredging and opening of the river.

To see where else we work with local councils, have a look on our website, <https://www.boatowners.org.au/>.

If you are interested in any regional matter, please contact Vice President Chris de Jong - he'll be very happy to give you more information and work with you - [c.dejong@bigpond.com](mailto:c.dejong@bigpond.com)

## **RMS vessel & mooring audits on the increase**



RMS Boating Service Officers are increasing the frequency of their audits of moorings and vessels.

Whilst the BOA generally supports this process, we have become aware of a few instances where the audits of vessels appears to have been somewhat over-zealous,

resulting in perfectly serviceable boats being defected.

There is no doubt that in the increasingly crowded areas of Sydney Harbour and Pittwater, it is unreasonable for vessels to occupy a mooring when that vessel quite obviously does not comply with its mooring conditions.

However if any member encounters a situation where they feel that they have been dealt with unreasonably, please let us know on [admin@boatowners.org.au](mailto:admin@boatowners.org.au) or 9960 1859

Regards

Andrew McKinnon  
President

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