



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

Consumer Action in Boating

BOA Alert

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Good morning

Summer is beckoning - please make sure that your life jackets are serviced (if necessary) and all is ready for another great season on the water!

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the holding of the Annual General Meeting of the Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc.

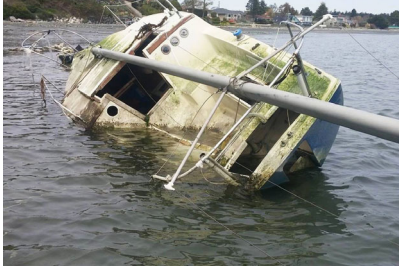
The meeting will be held on Thursday 26 November at 6.30pm at the offices of Optometry NSW/ACT, 130 Great North Rd, Five Dock. The meeting will also be offered by Zoom link for members who wish to attend in that way.

The agenda for the meeting is available here.

Because of the current rules around gatherings, it is CRITICAL that anyone who wishes to attend the AGM - either in person or by Zoom - advises the Secretary in advance. That will enable us to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place at the venue and will also enable us to send you the Zoom link for remote participation.

If you are intending to attend the AGM, please advise Joann either by email or phone - admin@boatowners.org.au or 9960 1859 no later than Friday 20

November.



End Of Life Vessels

Committee members David Lee and David Miles have been spearheading efforts by the BOA to bring more structure and clarity to the very vexed issue of vessels which are nearing (or have reached) the end of their useable lives.

Discussions have commenced with government - we'll keep you informed.

Float-free EPIRBs

AMSA has announced new requirements for EPIRBs commencing 1 January 2021. This safety alert aims to raise awareness of the need for owners, operators, masters and crew of certain domestic commercial vessels (DCVs) to install a float-free emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) before 1 January 2021.

You will need to install a float-free EPIRB if your vessel is operating more than two nautical miles from land and:

- is more than 12 m in length, or
- is between 7.5 m and 12 m in length with no level-flotation fitted, and operating in B or C waters
- For full details click [here](#)



Trailer Boat Owners - Great News on Membership!

In response to representations from members, the Association has agreed to reduce membership fees for owners of trailer boats to just \$25/year! If you know a trailer boat owner, please pass on the good news - and invite them to join! Just go to www.boatowners.org.au or call Joann on 9960 1859



What has your BOA been up to recently?

Some of the activities and interventions that the Association is making on your behalf:

- **Review of the Regional Boating Advisory Groups (RBAGs)** - Roads & Maritime are revising the way RBAGs function. the BOA is involved in discussions to ensure that local boating communities continue to have an effective voice in government decision making
- **Moorings & end-of-life vessels** - RMS is about to release a discussion paper on how end-of-life vessels should be dealt with. The BOA has been involved in the preliminary discussions and will have a significant contribution to make once the paper is released. Afloat has also carried a letter from the BOA on this topic.
- **Boat trailer parking bans** - the previously mentioned North Sydney Council has instituted a formal review of its trailer parking policy & the BOA has made a comprehensive submission. The Association is also in contact with the Minister's office with a view to having changes made to the trailer parking regulations
- The Association has applied to become a member of the **Maritime Advisory Commission** - we should know the outcome of that application in October.
- **The Association has also made submissions on:**
 - Yarra Bay passenger terminal
 - Upgrade of the Manly Boatshed
 - Batemans Bay boat ramp

Is there more that you would like the Association to be addressing? Contact us through our Secretary, Joann McKay on 02 9960 1859 or admin@boatowners.org.au

Members - what can you do for your Association?



Introduce a new member - *they can join and pay online!*

An organisation like the BOA thrives on its diversity of

membership. The more members we have, the more effective we are when addressing issues with our affiliate organisations, government and the bureaucracy. ***If you have a friend who is also a boatie, why not introduce him/her to the BOA?*** The more members we have, the stronger our voice! Just go to www.boatowners.org.au to find out more or call 9960 1859.

Committee Contacts

The following list shows members appointed to the BOA Committee at its AGM in November 2019, plus members added to the Committee since then. Also included are members who represent BOA in various regions.

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