



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

*Consumer Action in Boating*

## **BOA Alert**

**December 2017**

### **A very Merry Christmas to all our members!**

Good afternoon,

Firstly, on behalf of the Committee, I'd like to wish all our members a very happy and safe Christmas - we hope you all have a fabulous time boating around this great state over the holiday period!

Now, a brief look at quite a few things that have been going on:

- **Our new Committee** took office at the AGM last week. I'm pleased to advise that the following members will be working on your behalf during 2018:

Vice President - Chris de Jong

Treasurer - Bruce Dennis

Secretary - Joann McKay

Committee - David Lee, David Miles

President - Andrew McKinnon

And my very special thanks to Keith Marriott who has resigned from the Committee in order to pursue the deforestation of large tracts of virgin rainforest in Hobart (only kidding - he's building a new house and moving). Keith has been a powerhouse of energy on behalf of the boating community in NSW and we will sorely miss his drive and

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enthusiasm.

- The new **Bays Precinct Masterplan** has been released - to read about what is happening down around the Fish Market and environs click [here](#)
  - The **Eden Breakwater Extension Project** is in train. For information on changes to our vital southern port, please go to - [https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown\\_lands/coastal-harbours-and-river-entrances/eden/port-development-project](https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown_lands/coastal-harbours-and-river-entrances/eden/port-development-project)
  - Our colleagues in the **Recreational Fishers Alliance** are very concerned about the way in which recreational fishing is being handled by the state government. To read about their concerns go to <http://mailchi.mp/rfansw/qkbb4o7s77?e=8120207829>
  - **Interested in seaplanes?** Philip Dulhunty, OAM, gives a very entertaining precis of his early days as a seaplane pilot [here](#) - a brief but very entertaining read!
  - **Ever noticed a Dive Flag** when you've been out on the water? According to boat owner and diver, David Frost, lot's of us don't seem to notice them! David offers some sage advice to both groups - read it [here](#)
  - **Have a look at our new website!**  
We are building a new website which we hope will give members easier access to the topics and information that are of most value to you. It is a work-in-progress and we are very keen to hear about ideas you may have or things you'd like to see included.  
Please have a look at [www.boatowners.org.au](http://www.boatowners.org.au) - and we'd love your feedback!
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- **BIA introduces Advanced Skipper course - with discount for BOA members!**

The Boating Industry Association (BIA) has announced the release of its Advanced Skipper course - an outstanding resource for all of us who use our state's great waterways.

This course will really help all of us to sharpen our boating skills - and as a BOA member you can enjoy a 10% discount on the (very modest) cost of the course.

To find out more, visit <http://bit.ly/2fsFXbP>

- **Marine Safety Enforcement Activities**

NSW Police will begin random drug testing on waterways as part of a new marine safety enforcement program launched today.

NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller was joined by Minister for Police, Troy Grant, to launch the Maritime Enhanced Enforcement Program (MEEP), which includes random alcohol and drug testing as well as a crackdown on dangerous or anti-social activity on the water. For more information click [here](#)

- **Commemorating the centenary of White Bay Power Station**

This year marks the 100-year anniversary of the start of full operations at White Bay Power Station. The heritage-listed former coal-fired power station was the longest serving of Sydney's metropolitan power stations, ceasing production on Christmas Day in 1983.

To commemorate this milestone, UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation will be working on a number of projects to preserve stories of the Power Station for future generations. Former Power Station workers and their families; local residents and businesses, local history and community groups, and others with a close connection to White Bay will have the opportunity to record their knowledge, memories and experiences of the area. If you or someone you know has memories to share, please get in touch with us by emailing us at

[thebaysprecinct@ugdc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:thebaysprecinct@ugdc.nsw.gov.au)

We'll see you all again in 2018!

Regards

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Andrew McKinnon  
President

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