



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

Consumer Action in Boating

BOA Alert

Good afternoon,

I hope that the start of 2018 has been a roaring success for you - including a fantastic start to the boating year!

Quite a few important things to bring to your attention in this issue:

Bonbridge 27



A member has just acquired one of these iconic Australian-built yachts and is after any information or specifications he can get on them. If you can assist please email Joann at the BOA on admin@boatowners.org.au

New ferries - speed machines

Member John Pennefather writes:

I was on the harbour last weekend and was near one of the new ferries, the class that now includes the May Gibbs! (They seem to be called the Emerald Class). I noted two things about it:

1 It was going very fast.



2 It carried a diamond giving it additional rights over other traffic.

A brief examination of ship tracker showed they do 24 Knots. The First Fleet class on similar routes do 11 Knots and the Freshwater Class do 16 Knots on their Manly trips.

My question is how fast can a vessel go and still expect slow vessels to keep clear of it? Given that the inner harbour ferries are less predictable than the Manly ones, I think 24 Knots is an unsafe speed unless they do without their diamond and use their speed and manoeuvrability to dodge slow traffic. Other catamaran ferries, operating at similar speeds don't need a diamond.

The BOA is pursuing the matter with RMS - John makes some excellent points.

Life Jacket recall

Two very important safety recalls - Jarvis Walker Adult PFDs and The Cause Kids PFD - more information on these links

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/recall/jarvis-walker-pty-ltd-adult-personal-flotation-device-pfd-type-1>

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/recall/jetpilot-australia-pty-ltd-the-cause-kids-neo-vest-personal-flotation-device-pfd>

Old 4 New Life Jacket Exchange

And RMS will be visiting a number of sites as part of their Old4New Jacket exchange. A full list of sites can be found [here](#)

The Charles Kingsford-Smith Historical Slipway is Reborn!



Many members will recall the Woodford Bay Slipway. Now a new community-based group has been granted a licence to operate the slipway, subject to some restoration & operational conditions. BOA Treasurer, Bruce Dennis, is part of the new slipway committee of management. Details can be obtained from Bruce at bruce_dennis7@yahoo.com.au

Flare Disposal Program

Have some old flares that you need to be rid of? RMS is again undertaking its Expired Flare Disposal Program -

see <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment/flare-disposal.html>

Close Quarters Manoeuvring - Some Advice from Club Marine

Club Marine, one of Australia's largest marine insurers, has some timely and practical advice for boaters who find themselves needing to point their boat around in a close-quarters situation

<https://www.clubmarine.com.au/newsletter/docs/4-close+quarter+manoeuvring>

And remember - the BOA is here to assist - please let us know if we can be of service.

Regards

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