



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

*Consumer Action in Boating*

## **BOA Alert July 2019**

Good evening,

As the chill of winter sets in, its very quiet out on the water! So it's a great time to **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK** <https://www.facebook.com/boatownersNSW/>

**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:

**Your membership renewal will arrive soon!**

**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL**

*Membership renewals will begin arriving via email in the next week. Please keep an eye out for it and we hope to be welcoming you back to the Association for*

*another very busy year!*

**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](#)

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

The BOA is assisting a member whose boat was damaged by another which broke away from its mooring - and then Club Marine refused to accept liability.



Boat insurance is expensive and difficult to come by - without insurers denying liability without an apparently good reason.

The BOA is seeking to intervene on this member's behalf in an attempt to broker a resolution.

If any other members have similar concerns, please contact us on [admin@boatowners.org.au](mailto:admin@boatowners.org.au)

## 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 boaties 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

Enjoy the cooler weather!

Regards

Andrew McKinnon  
President

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