

## Autumn 2021 ALERT

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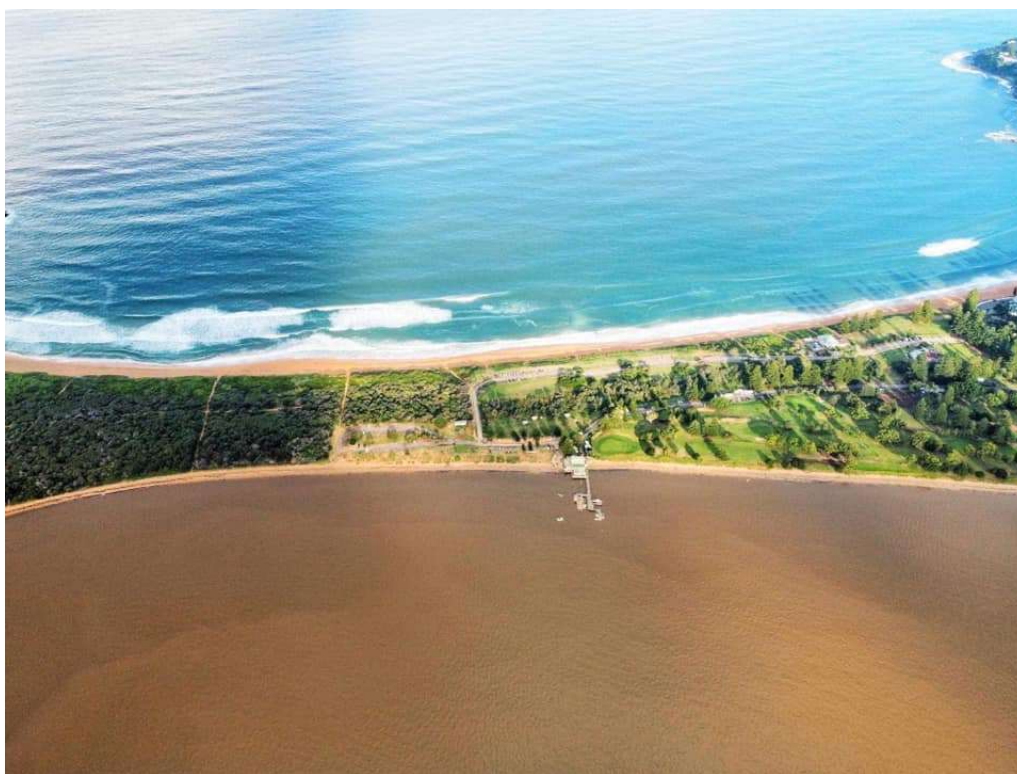
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### Flood muck a hazard to boating and human health

It has been a trying summer for us all, off and on the water, with many members unable to access their vessels on Pittwater due to the Avalon COVID cluster. And the recent storm event has been creating havoc along our waterways, affecting many who have vessels on the water or who live near our waterways. Let's hope the usual beautiful autumn weather we are enjoying now will stick around.

Wishing you a great time on the water doing what we like to do so much.



*Station Beach, Palm Beach, 26 March 2021 - Photo credit: Pam Rowlinson*

### Hunter region BOA community

Members in the Hunter region are in the process of reinstating the regional BOA community, to help boost involvement and representation. Initiatives like this are usually kicked off by a local issue affecting the area, as is the case here. As mentioned in the December ALERT, the Central Coast Council intends to make changes to the Toronto foreshore that would negatively affect water access for the broader boating community and the local Royal Motor Yacht Club. Your BOA has made submissions to the Council and continues to promote the interests of boat owners on this and other local issues.

Should you wish to take a more active role in defending boating interests locally, please drop us an email.



*Toronto Royal Motor Yacht Club*

## **Manning River**

The BOA has been working with Mid North Coast locals in recent months calling upon the NSW government to examine the feasibility of a permanent entrance to the Manning River at Old Bar.

On 3 March 2021, local member for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead MP and Deputy Premier John Barilaro MP announced that the government has committed the funding necessary for a detailed strategic business case, including technical feasibility assessment, for options to maintain a permanently navigable channel. This is a key step forward and good news for local boat owners.



*Manning River entrance at Old Bar*

## **Sydney Fish Markets and White Bay**

We are keeping a watchful eye on the proposed developments as this is going to affect boat owners with talk of permanently closing the old Glebe Island Bridge. At this stage, authorities are pretty guarded with their plans.

## **Shell Cove Marina**

The new marina has been opened to the ocean and is due to be opened to the public in June this year. See the latest developments [here](#).

## Commercial fish trap floats

Once again, the issue of commercial fish trap floats presenting a potential navigation hazard to cruising recreational vessels off the NSW coast has attracted discussion in AFLOAT magazine. BOA's contribution to the discussion can be viewed here:

<https://afloat.partica.online/afloat-magazine/afloat-march-2021/flipbook/4/>

## Committee participation

With the increasing number of BOA members, we also face an increase in issues to be handled by your committee. If you are in a position to offer some of your time and expertise to assist with this, please let us know. Current issues include trailer parking and ramp access, boating access on the NSW North Coast and Lake Macquarie, and "end of life" vessel management in the wider Sydney region.

Your committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the evenings on Zoom, or quarterly face to face in Five Dock with access to Zoom for those who find this more convenient. Please email the BOA office on [admin@boatowners.org.au](mailto:admin@boatowners.org.au)

If you're not a member of the  
**Boat Owners Association,**  
you should be!



**Boat ramp access**  
We have fought attempts to reduce trailer parking at metropolitan boat ramps.

**Don't lose your mooring**  
We are participating in the RMS moorings review, safeguarding your rights.

**A fairer deal for street parking**  
Boat trailer parking rules that work for all.

**Boating access to prized anchorages**  
We have fought attempts to introduce anchoring bans at Manly Cove West and Quarantine Beach.

**Keeping channels to our waterways open**  
We are working with the RMS & Lands Department to ensure that dredging is kept up to date.

**The voice of NSW boaters since 1989**  
Covering all of NSW, BOA has a proud history of defending our recreational boating culture as it faces increased regulation. Membership of the BOA is \$25 for trailer boats and \$50 for moored vessels. Member benefits include discounts to maritime services and chandlery through our affiliated partners. Join today!

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