



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

Consumer Action in Boating

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Good morning ,

You would have recently received your membership renewal via email - we hope you'll continue to support us so that we can remain as a vital voice for the recreational boating community in NSW. If you haven't received your renewal, please email Joann on admin@boatowners.org.au or call 9960 1859.

Your BOA committee hopes you're all well and managing OK through these unprecedented times. Although many of our social interactions took a short pause, the business of government didn't. We all saw first-hand how quickly and pervasively the hand of government can impact us all – fortunately largely to our collective benefit in this case! The BOA has continued to work for you throughout, attending meetings via Zoom. In some respects, COVID has caused us to become more efficient, and Zoom is a tool that allows members from all over NSW to be sharing in our discussions. Your input is always welcome – *that's why we're here.*

However, the societal pressures we're all experiencing are affecting the BOA as well. More than ever before in our 30-year history, we need your support to ensure we can continue to efficiently safeguard your rights on the waterways.

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.

BUT WHY JOIN THE BOA?

The business of government is all about balancing competing interests, and the squeaky wheel often gets the grease. If we snooze, we lose. If your friends are affected by things like:

- Boat ramp maintenance,
- Preservation of boat ramp parking,
- Preservation of street parking for boats,
- Mooring availability and cost control,
- Resisting the “lock-out” approach to waterways management, and
- Channel dredging

then we encourage them to add their voice to ours, so we all get a better say.

Potential boat trailer bans in North Sydney – IS YOUR COUNCIL NEXT?

North Sydney Council is once again seeking to ban boat trailers with a new complaints policy that could make whole streets no-parking zones for boats, while leaving box trailers free to park almost anywhere. You can read their draft proposals and HAVE YOUR SAY via the link below. Trailer boat parking in North Sydney is already regulated with 28-day move-on laws under the Impounding Act and, as of 2019, on-street parking bans for non-motorised vehicles in certain areas - bans which the Council had to narrow in response to opposition from boat-owning residents.

Responsible boat owners believe these existing restrictions are more than enough for Council to resolve issues with hazardous or neglected trailers, if only Council had a genuine will to enforce them. Instead, the Council seems bent on regulating boat trailers out of existence under the guise of a complaints policy that amounts to a total betrayal of boat-owning residents. The BOA opposes the Council's move to minority-led blanket bans on trailer boat parking.

We say any change in the policy should be aimed at managing the reasonable needs of all residents (including those who do, and do not, choose to park in the street), and that the priority should not be all about *making a ranger's job simpler*.

Have your say BEFORE 19 JULY here:

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/trailer-parking-restrictions>

Marine Research Integrity

As government comes under pressure to develop and impose new rules with respect to waterways management, the case for change is often said to be “backed by the science”. One of the fundamental functions of the BOA is to read the research, and to let legislators know when things are amiss.

We had occasion to do this in October 2018, as the state government faced massive public backlash over its plans to introduce fishing and anchoring lockouts in many of our favourite haunts across the Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion.

The matter at hand related to claims in Sydney newspapers about “alarming loss of seagrass habitat” due to boating impacts over the five years to 2014. We tested the claims and found them to be untenable. We reported our concerns to UNSW (sponsor of the research), and expected a respectful reply addressing each of these.

After a year, with no such reply, we contacted the federal Minister for Education, who has a say in funding of our university sector. The Hon. Dan Tehan MP placed us in touch with the Australian Research Integrity Committee (ARIC). The purpose of ARIC is to: *“undertake reviews of institutional processes used to manage and investigate potential breaches of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (the Code). In doing so, the committee contributes to the quality assurance of, and public confidence in, the integrity of Australia’s research effort.”*

Last month we heard from the Chair of ARIC, who advised that our request for review fell within ARIC’s terms of reference and an ARIC panel had been formed to conduct a review. Matters of research integrity are highly sensitive. A conflict has to be managed whereby an author participating in a review

observes a tension between potential reputational damage on the one hand, and integrity of the scientific record on the other. This is ever more so when one of the co-authors is an Acting Head of School.

The BOA concerns can be read here:

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Mooring Audits

Many of you will have already received your letter from Maritime advising the need to produce evidence of a mooring service within the last 12 months.

Those moorings scheduled to be audited during the month of August are in the Hawkesbury/Broken Bay area as listed below.

MU Kincumber, MV Koolewong, HJ Bar Point, HK The Gut, IP Morning Bay, IR Coasters Retreat, IS Great Mackerel Beach, JK Salt Pan Cove, IM Elvina Bay, IN Lovett Bay, HT Ebenezer, HU East Bathurst Reach, HV Windsor, HW Gronos Point, HX South Bathurst Reach

Derelict Mooring Minders in Parsley Bay, Brooklyn

Although mooring minders are a necessary temporary-fix in some cases, we are seeing a high number of derelict vessels in some areas. Not only are these vessels occupying a mooring that might otherwise be used by a seaworthy vessel, they are a danger to other vessels and the environment when they break away or sink. BOA is represented on the Transport for NSW Mooring Reform CRG, dealing with these issues more broadly at a policy level. But in Parsley Bay, Brooklyn, there is a specific problem and a sub-committee has been established to address this local issue with valuable input from the Hawkesbury River Yacht Club. We extend our thanks and appreciation to HRYC for the concerns they have raised with us.

Vale Ian Alexander McAndrew

It is with much sadness that we observe the passing of Past President and Life Member of the Boating Industry Association (BIA) **Mr Ian McAndrew**.

The BOA has a proud record of working closely with the BIA over the 14-year period Ian served as its President, and Ian is largely to be credited for

the links we have forged and maintained with BIA.

Membership Renewals

In the next day or two you will receive your renewal notice, and we trust you will once again underwrite and support our efforts on your behalf by renewing your membership.

At the November AGM, it was agreed we would engage with service providers who give members a 10% discount for their service with a maximum benefit of \$100. At this stage there are 8 service providers who have signed on for this. You can find their details on the "SERVICE" page of our website: <https://www.boatowners.org.au/>

If your local service provider is not on this list, why not have a word with him and see if he'd like to join this initiative. Just let the office know and we can follow up on that. While much of the work done by your committee is not directly obvious, the possible discount is a tangible benefit to us when we present our membership card, issued when your renewal has been received.

AGM

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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