



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

*Consumer Action in Boating*

## **BOA Alert December 2018**

Good evening Chris,

Firstly, on behalf of the Committee of the BOA I'd like to wish you and your family the merriest of Christmases and hope that 2019 is a truly outstanding year for you.

A few things for your review as we head into the Christmas season:



### **Members - what can you do for your Association?**

#### **Introduce a new member!**

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.boaters.org.au](http://www.boaters.org.au) to find out more or call 9960 1859

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## **Congratulations to BOA member Lisa Blair - first female to circumnavigate Australia solo!**

BOA member Lisa Blair has become the first woman to circumnavigate Australia non-stop and solo. Lisa left Sydney on October 20 and over the next 58 days sailed more than 14,000kms into the record books.

Warmest congratulations Lisa! And to read more about Lisa click [here](#)

## **Four Drownings**

Over the past three months four people have lost their lives in NSW, due to drowning. ***In each case the person was wearing a lifejacket that didn't work properly.***

Please ensure you, or your friends, won't be added to the statistics - check your lifejackets and if you have any doubt about their serviceability, please change them!

## **Orange Diamonds removed from Emerald class vessels**

RMS has advised that all orange diamonds have now been removed from the HCF Emerald Class vessels. The BOA was a keen advocate for this change along with a number of colleague organisations. It has been a long journey, but we got there in the end. Congratulations to RMS for listening to the feedback from many sources and acting sensibly.

## **Tunks Park Boat Ramp Update**

North Sydney Council has released a draft report on the future management of the Tunks Park boat ramp and environs. BOA Facilities Advisor, Stephen Coates, has put an enormous amount of effort into this particular issue, as Tunks Park is one of the busiest ramps in the Sydney area.

To read Steve's synopsis of the Council report click [here](#).

The full report is available [here](#)

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### **Beware Boat Wash!**

When you see a 'No Wash' sign and a speed limit sign (eg. 4 or 8 knots) in the same area, do not assume you can travel at the maximum speed posted. That will depend on your particular vessel and the wash it makes at slower speeds, you may need to slow down to well under the maximum speed limit to minimise your wash. For more information click [here](#)

### **Nowra Triathlon 19 January**

The Shoalhaven River will be affected by the running of the Nowra Triathlon on 19 January. For information go to <https://www.eliteenergy.com.au/event/nowra-triathlon-festival/>.

### **Boater fined \$5500 for swamping rowers**

A boater who chose to challenge a \$250 fine for creating excessive wash ended up with far more than he bargained for! See [here!](#)

### **Don't Deal With Freedom Marine Services**

Commissioner for NSW Fair Trading Rose Webb has issued a public warning advising consumers not to deal with Freedom Marine Services Pty Ltd and its Director, Deborah May Barron. Freedom Marine Services was primarily involved in the sale and repair of new and second-hand boats and trailers. For more information click [here](#)

A very Merry Christmas to you all!

Regards

Andrew McKinnon  
President

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