

New Marina Update - No. 2

Welcome to your Marine Committee's second of our fortnightly updates.

Stop Press – Port Hacking Dredging Update...

The dredging of Port Hacking has been delayed and is not expected to start till mid-November at the earliest. The delay is due to the contractor experiencing inclement weather at their current job location.

Skippers should continue to remain alert especially at or near low tides.

The Marine Committee will continue to monitor the dredging progress and advise our members accordingly.

D Day – Monday 17 October saw the commencement of the old marina demolition

- Boats have moved out of Southern Arm (stage 1 of demolition).
- Construction fencing has been erected at the NW corner of the Club building with all vehicle access to the marina forecourt now restricted to the Contractors' vehicles only.
- Construction will be 6 days per week in order to minimise the total construction time-frame.
- The boat ramp will re-open 17 December.
- The N Arm and fixed section of the marina remains open for the next 3-4 weeks.
- The boat ramp pontoon has been removed and the tender now operates from the E end of the N Arm of the marina. Hours have been increased to 7am – 7pm on Sat/Sun until further notice.
- The slipway will be operating as normal throughout the marina construction process.
- The Club has now ceased selling fuel as the fuel system is to be de-commissioned as part of the demolition. Please mention your RMYC membership at *Cronulla Marina* for an exclusive RMYC members' discount which has been arranged by the Marine Committee.

Order and timing of Demolition and Construction?

- **Stage 1 – S Arm**, demolition started 17 Oct with an expectation of temp pen occupation by mid Nov
- **Stage 2 – Fixed**, demolition starts early Nov with an expectation of temp occupation of early Dec
- **Stage 3 – N Arm**, demolition to start late Nov with an expectation of temporary pen occupation either late December or mid-Jan (subject to materials supply, weather and contractor progress).

Access to boats

- Marina access from 17 October is limited to the Fixed Section and the N Arm until Contractors close the current fixed arm at the seawall (early November).
- Please note the fenced marina forecourt walkway to the marina and obey the directions of the Contractors. There is no vehicular access into the marina forecourt.
- Moved (temporary moorings) S Arm boats will be accessed via Club tender, as will they upon their temporary return to the new S Arm (it will be an 'island' whilst the W Arm is completed).
- In addition to the Club's motorised tender, the communal (oared) tenders are there for members to row out to moored vessels at any time. These have been conveniently moved close to the boat ramp and are now in the area below the driveway ramp.

Interesting things to look out for...?

1. The Southern Arm demolition and removal over the next few days.
2. Gangway from fixed section to S Arm, concrete sections and timber piles soon to go
3. The massive industrial waste bins below the marina bar balcony that will be full of 'old marina' in the coming days.
4. Big steel piles stacked on our marina forecourt awaiting barging and then pile-driving into the new S Arm area.
5. These are positioned via GPS as marina surveyors simply two-way-radio positioning instructions from the shore to the DRM team aboard the barge. They often instruct positioning movements of as little as 5mm or less than 1 degree before pile driving commences. How good were the Egyptians in building the pyramids?
6. The Big Blue Beast – 25 tonne crane with the Dick Rowe Marine team aboard. This will 'live' overnight where our former boat ramp pontoon was.

The marina committee would like to thank all members for their ongoing understanding, co-operation and support. This is a once-in-25-year capital works undertaking, one that's taken us 7 years and \$500,000+ in compliance and approvals costs to commence. The end result will be that our members will 'exclusively' enjoy the best on-water boating facility on the Port Hacking.

Stay tuned for the next update in the first week of November.

Regards

RMYC Marine Committee