

Wednesday 22 February 2012

# New Marina Update - No. 10

## The finish line is in sight...

- We have seen the last delivery of our concrete floating stock... (no more trucks and monster cranes!)
- We have all walkways, fingers, arms and service pedestals now in place on the marina...
- The final piling (remaining dividing piles only) is happening this week...
- The boat launching ramp re-opens, as promised, on time this Saturday 25 Feb...
- All pens will be available for occupation by early next week (before 1 March as committed)...
- We will be welcoming 23 new marina occupants and their boats upon our new marina...
- Early next week the boat ramp pontoon will be re-installed by PPP...
- Throughout next week the old timber stub jetty entry will be demolished and replaced by the new concrete entry that lies in waiting...

After 10 previously published editions, our next member Marina Update will be our final. It will be published on Wednesday 7 March by which time our Contractors (Lindsay and his team from Pacific Pontoon and Pier) will have packed up and returned to their Gold Coast base.

Our local Dick Rowe Marine team will be with us for another few weeks completing the finishing touches – like the pile cones, the timber pile artistry, cleaning the site of all building debris and fine-tuning some elements. Throughout the second week of March, our building superintendent (Josh Parsons from Australian Ports and Marinas) will overview the project in preparation for PPP's handover. The new marina is just the beginning.

## A whole new range of benefits (for all boating members) accompany our new marina...

### 1. NO WASH ZONE

In the coming weeks members will notice the installation of two large buoys (1.5m in height) located 100m either side of our new Marina outlining the new RMS designated 'No Wash Zone'. This is a welcome addition to Gunnamatta Bay and will assist with excessive, unnecessary and dangerous wash. Maritime NSW will be writing to all penned and moored boat owners in Gunnamatta Bay advising of the introduction and their BSO's will be working to educate in the first couple of months before moving to an enforcement stage for repeat offenders.

### 2. NEW TRAILER BOAT FACILITIES

Our trailer boat users will be pleased to note the new dedicated tie-up facilities on the boat ramp pontoon. This has been made possible through the movement of the Club tender to a new centralised position within the marina. This Marine Committee initiative will see the boat ramp pontoon used for unimpeded tie-ups.

### **3. NEW MARINA MANAGER APPOINTMENT**

We are delighted to confirm that an appointment has been made and we have a new Marina Manager (Jim) starting with us. Initial training will take place in the first week of March with Saturday 10 March being Jim's first day at the helm. Jim is a Cronulla local, a non-member, a semi-retired professional from the auto-trade and a recreational sailor. Jim will be working every Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday from 8am to 6pm with our new Marina Assistants, who will combine to deliver our members a level of service previously unimaginable.

### **4. MARINA ASSISTANTS – SAME FACES BUT AN ENTIRELY NEW LEVEL OF SERVICE**

Many would know them as our former tender drivers... From Saturday 10 March we are delighted to unveil our new and improved service offering to all of our boating members. Whether it is a hand tying up, a trolley, a bag of ice, a ride out to a boat or simply keeping an eye on a launched boat while you park the trailer, Jim and his team of marina assistants will be there at your service. We think you'll be suitably impressed.

### **5. NEW TENDER BOAT RE-LOCATION**

As previously mentioned we have centralised the tender boat location and it will now be found between the N and S Arms as you walk out onto the marina. It will soon have blue Jetty Fendering installed to assist 'when the brakes don't quite do the job'. It is at the conjunction of two walkways leaving plenty of room for passengers.

### **6. NEW LARGER CASUAL BERTHING OPTIONS**

Consistent with the larger marina, the end of the N Arm and the end of the S Arm will now have 28 and 30 metre lengths reserved for RMYC Members for casual tying up. Together, they can host up to 6 boats (depending on size) and will be there for members' use when washing down, watering up, loading goods, meeting people etc. (30 min stays), for Bay Brasserie Dining (up to 3 hours at no charge) and during the week will double as work bays as previously offered. Please book as required and our friendly marina staff will be happy to assist you.

### **7. EMERGENCY VESSELS ONLY ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE SOTHERN WALKWAY**

Due to the substantive movement of the new S Arm toward the west that now sees the walkway sitting right on our W boundary of the lease footprint, the Land and Environment Court have restricted our use of this area to Emergency Vessels Only (Police, Maritime and Marina Rescue). Signage, bright red cleats and the walkway notices will clearly outline this area. The potential fines upon the Club for non-compliance, in addition to any offence being a breach of our Lease sees it necessary for the Club to take decisive steps in ensuring our members comply with this simply L&E requirement. The Marine Committee have been working hard to educate all user groups in ensuring that the message is clear – there is to be no tying off or tying up at any time in the marked area. We thank you all in advance for your co-operation and understanding.

Until the next Marina Update (No. 11 and the final) enjoy the finishing touches over the coming weeks.

Regards

**RMYC Marine Committee**