

QUEENSLAND RECREATIONAL BOATING COUNCIL INC

Report of Meeting 13- 04- 2011

Items of interest from the April 13th 2011 meeting of the Queensland Recreational Boating Council held at Marine Qld (BIAQ) office at Unit 3 Gateway Office Park, 747 Lytton Road. Murrarie

14 Organizations in attendance.

Considerable discussion took place in regards to the "Regulations for Safety Equipment in Tenders". This came about as a result of the confusion which exists in the latest edition of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Booklet, printed by Maritime Safety Qld. The delegate from MSQ undertook to discuss the issue with his Department. For those Boaties who have a tender for their vessel, it would pay to look at this publication.

Another major topic was concerning the plight of the Carrington Boat Club which had its clubhouse destroyed in the recent Brisbane floods. The Council has decided to make a sizable donation to help Carrington rebuild. The Council has also requested that delegates approach their various clubs to see if any help can be offered. Several clubs have already offered some of their excess equipment (often lying unused in sheds or storerooms) should it be of use.

The speed limit signs at the entrance to Manly Harbour are to be relocated further out into the entrance channel. Second beacons out from the wall entrance. Until now they have been placed on the rock wall which has been causing many boaties to exceed the speed limit into the harbour with the resulting wash creating major problems.

Maritime Safety Queensland

Boyne River Mouth

Regional Harbour Master (Mike Lutze) recently held discussions with the organisers of the Boyne Tannum Hook Up fishing competition. They were advised that MSQ would be positioning a landfall buoy on the centreline of the channel outside the first two lateral buoys in deeper water.

They were provided with a blank copy of the recent survey for the mouth of the river and advised that MSQ would not be lighting the channel beacons.

The yellow special mark buoy will be positioned on Thursday 14th April 2011 or Friday at the latest. Local knowledge is essential for safely navigating this area.

Floating Walkway

The remaining sections of the floating walkway at Newfarm are being removed. Contractors will be on site and working from tugs, barges and small craft. Please advise your members to navigate with care in the area, keep well clear of the works and ensure they make no wash or power wave.

Brisbane Port Rock Wall

Brisbane Port rock wall temporary buoys have been withdrawn today due to new lighting on land. Port of Brisbane has installed lights to illuminate the rock wall every 50m.

Caboolture River Shoaling

Hydrographic surveys have been conducted in Caboolture River. Shoaling exists and new channel established. There have been several complaints on this but this is what the survey has identified as the best water available. This is also prevalent in the Pine River.

Cabbage Tree Creek Dredging

Cabbage Tree Creek. Dredging is being carried out at the entrance to reduce post flood shoaling up until Easter.

Notice to Mariners

There has been a lot of notice to mariners over the past month. Please see the MSQ's web site. <http://www.msg.qld.gov.au/Notices-to-Mariners.aspx>

I have included several of the most important Notices for your information

1. Brisbane pilotage area

Locality: Boat Passage, Whyte Island Activity: dredging operations

Mariners are advised that dredging operations are to be undertaken in the Boat Passage between Whyte Island and Pelican Banks, commencing Monday, 28 March 2011 and continuing until 31 May.

Operations will be performed by the dredger "KEN HARVEY". The work will be carried out in daylight hours only. Anchors will be marked by marker buoys which will be lit at night. The dredge will be moved to the Fisherman Islands side of the passage when not in operation.

The dredge will display code flags 'Romeo' over 'Yankee' during the daytime and exhibit allround deck lights during the hours of darkness. The dredge will keep a listening watch on VHF channel 12.

Mariners are requested to pass at slow speed, no wash and keep well clear of the operation.

2. 271 (Temporary) of 2011 Brisbane pilotage area

Locality: Cabbage Tree Creek entrance, Bramble Bay Activity: port lateral beacon destroyed

Mariners are advised that the port lateral beacon at the entrance to Cabbage Tree Creek has been destroyed. A temporary lighted port lateral buoy Fl R 3s has been established to mark the destroyed beacon.

Mariners are advised to transit this area with caution.

3. 258 (Temporary) of 2011 Brisbane pilotage area

Locality: Pine River entrance

Activity: Five navigation buoys have been established to mark the channel during demolition of the old Hornibrook Bridge

Mariners are advised that three lighted port lateral buoys Fl R 3s and two lighted starboard lateral buoys Fl G 3s have been deployed

Six knot no wash signs have also been established on the upstream and downstream sides of the Ted Smout and Houghton Highway Bridges: the pylons under both bridges have been marked accordingly:

Mariners are advised the end of the Hornibrook Bridge has been marked by demolition contractors using yellow flashing construction lights.

Mariners are advised to transit this area with caution.

Boating & Fisheries Patrol

A reminder from this delegate that boaties should ensure the currency of expiry dates for flares and EPIRBs.

A further reminder from this group regarding the need to obey the law while boating over the Easter period. Enforcement officers will be all be deployed over this break.

Boating Infrastructure Report

Recreational Boating Infrastructure Demand Forecasting Study

A second round of consultation is being undertaken with key stakeholders.

The five regional study reports are being released in two stages: the first stage is now complete with comments received from local managing authorities and incorporated.

Other key stakeholders will be asked to comment shortly.

The final report is expected in June 2011.

Russell Island, Jock Kennedy Park 2-lane boat ramp

Contract awarded to Landmark Civil and Marine. Works commenced in late-March 2011. Practical completion is planned for May 2011.

Paradise Point floating walkway (Gold Coast)

Contract awarded to Superior Jetties. Completion planned for September 2011.

Murlong Crescent floating walkway (Gold Coast)

Contract awarded to Superior Jetties. Completion planned for September 2011.

Wellington Point queuing beach

A project to construct a queuing beach between the southern boat ramp and the Wellington Point jetty commenced in early March 2011 (design works). On-site construction expected to be completed in June 2011.

Port Drive Whyte Island floating walkway

Contract was awarded to Olimar Pty Ltd. Contract has been varied to extend walkway by one module. Expect completion in August 2011.

SEQ dredging projects – current status**Cabbage Tree Creek boat harbour entrance dredging**

Dredging to clear a shoal in the entrance channel currently underway prior to start of Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race (22 April).

Main Channel (Jacobs Well) dredging

Contract has been awarded to McQuade Marine No 2 Pty Ltd. Works expected to now commence late April 2011. Contract period is 20 weeks.

Works delayed from the original start date for three weeks pending completion of urgent works at Cabbage Tree Creek entrance channel.

Seaway entrance

Works comprise dredging of about 200 000 cubic metres from the seaway entrance and deposition offshore from Surfers Paradise beach.

Contract awarded to McQuade Marine No 2 Pty Ltd.

Dredging expected to commence in late April 2011 with a contract period of approximately four months.

Southern region**River Heads (Bingham) Hervey Bay**

Rebuild of single-lane ramp – project completed December 2010.

Riverview (Bundaberg)

Rebuild of two-lane boat ramp, completion due June/July 2011 (weather permitting).

St George – new pontoon

Contract awarded to Landmark Civil and Marine. Currently completing design approvals.

Cunnamulla – new pontoon

Contract awarded to Landmark Civil and Marine. Currently completing design approvals.

 **VMR/Coast Guard**

The delegate presented the latest Coast Guard magazine for Autumn/Winter 2011. It has some amazing photographs showing the damage to the boating community after cyclone Yasi. The magazine can be viewed at www.coastguard.com.au.

 **Old Parks and Wildlife Services**

No report this month as the existing representative has moved to a new job and the replacement delegate was not available for last night's meeting.

Till next month.

Des Thomson.

Chairman QRBC