

AGENDA

Meeting title	Commercial Vessels Advisory Group (CVAG)		
Date and time	Tuesday 28 May 2:00pm – 5:00pm		
Venue	Rozelle Ground Floor training room 1A and 1B		
Chairperson	Alex Barrell – GM Industry and Environment Branch – Maritime Division		
Attendees	<i>Alex Barrell, Sarah Joyce, Stephen Nichols, Damian Logue, Richard Cordwell, Ian Ford, Daniel Altiok Brown, Matthew Van Kretchmar, David Hunter, Tricia Beatty, John Paton, Gino Castellino, Bahram Abedi, Nick Lester, Andrew Stirzaker, Tatiana Nasoufi</i>	<i>Initials</i>	<i>AB, SJ, SN, DL, RC, IF, DAB, MVK, DH, TB, JB, GC, BA, NL, AS, TN</i>
Apologies	<i>Alan Steber, Anthony Haworth, Mark Hutchings, Mat Savage, Simon Robards, Simon Walter, Harley Ogden, Neil Patchett</i>	<i>Initials</i>	<i>AS, AH, MH, MS, SR, SW, HO</i>

Item no.	Topic	Lead
1.	Welcome – Apologies Introductions around the table.	Alex Barrell (RMS)
2.	<p>Previous Minutes and Actions</p> <p>Action item 1 - Completed – A work in progress, AB will keep everyone updated on the outcome of RMS and TfNSW discussions re end of financial year report.</p> <p>Action item 2 – Completed - RMS Property representative will be available in future meetings to provide updates. Nothing new to inform on for today.</p> <p>Action item 3 – Completed - ToR has been amended as requested.</p> <p>ToR was endorsed noting that RMS logo and references will need to be updated following transition after 1 July 2019.</p> <p>Action 4 – Open – Simon Walter still seeking clarifications and there are no immediate plans to start new consultation groups.</p> <p>Action 5 – Completed - Gino reported that all reports are sent to RMS Investigations unit as well as AMSA.</p> <p>While there is an arrangement with AMSA so RMS get copies of incident reports from the JRCC, AB asked for operators to complete incident notifications and also sent to RMS as required by the State legislation. The Master is still accountable if they haven't sent a notification. Even if the accident happens outside NSW state</p>	Alex Barrell (RMS)

	<p>jurisdiction if the vessel is registered in NSW they still have to submit a RMS incident notification (online) under the Marine Safety Act. TN to send out RMS process required for incident notification with minutes. Action 6 – Completed Action 7 – Completed - AB reported that last meeting held on King Street Wharf Foot Traffic measures was not very conclusive. AB will keep CVAG members updated on this subject.</p> <p>Minutes endorsed.</p>	
3.	<p>Review of CVAG Charter (Terms of Reference)</p> <p>See item 2 above. ToR was endorsed with the understanding that RMS logo and references will need to be updated following transition after 1 July 2019.</p>	Alex Barrell (RMS)
4.	<p>Sydney Harbour Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ViVid 2019 has started and everything is smooth so far. - Geotech Drilling finished at Darling Harbour and Jones Bay wharf and haven't received any complaints from the operators. Good outcome. - Meadowbank footbridge refurbishment just completed - Metro barges off Barangaroo still going ahead - Dredging around Garden Island is still underway. 	Damian Logue (RMS)
5.	<p>DCV Safety Update</p> <p>SN presentation attached herewith.</p> <p>DAB: Provide minutes for CVAG members to inform the industry regarding types of DCV inspections. AB: RMS can issue a summary of inspections' level for industry's information.</p> <p>AS: What is the situation with discharging overboard (e.g. clean water from a forecastle) Should there be a process and information for disposing your oily water discharge facility. Industry and RMS could come together to discuss what the options are. AB: Access to pump out facilities is available but maybe not in the locations that industry would like. For the oily water discharge facility AB will report on status of the Bailey's facility.</p> <p>TN to send out contact details for DCV Safety Section with minutes</p>	Steve Nichols (RMS)

6.	<p>AMSA Update</p> <p>Valid Certificates from AMSA need to apply. If your CoS is expired and a renewal application is made then an Exemption 07 will be required in order to operate until the new certificate is issued. AMSA to provide some further clarifications or TN can write something and confirm with AMSA and send out to CVAG members</p> <p>Accredited Marine Surveyor (AMS) Guidance Manual is available on the AMSA website for everyone to see. If you are interested to see what requires to be done on a 10 year survey that info is available online.</p>	Gino Castellino (AMSA)
7.	<p>Sydney Coastal Councils Group</p> <p>AB introduced Sarah Joyce from SCCG.</p> <p>SJ started with SCCG in July last year. Presented some info on the Group, its objectives and water quality. Some of the items mentioned in the meeting are of great interest to the SCCG. Presentation attached.</p> <p>Membership of councils is not legislatively required but voluntary. RMS wants to work with SCCG for some of our common goals. RMS has an interest in the protection of the marine environment. RMS is invited in the steering committee meetings (on 2 July).</p> <p>AB: what would you see as the 4 major issues from your members. SJ: Boating speed especially in Manly area with a number of penguins being injured and killed. Sensitive Environments. Loss of seagrass and also trying to have Boaters and community interacting successfully. AB: This will help us with Protection from drains, signage for storm waters etc. to assist our Environmental services team. IF: what is your contribution to the SHREPS (consolidated in the SEP – State Environment Plan) AB: RMS can get the Consolidated SEP if it has been finalised DAB: How do you measure water quality? SJ: We rely on beachwatch and work with organisations that provide information and define hot spots. TB: Concern is that are we having too many bodies and agencies duplicating efforts. Adding consultative processes to fisheries which is exhausting.</p>	Sarah Joyce (SCCC)
8.	<p>New PWC Hire and Drive Proposal</p> <p>NSW Maritime is in the final stages of assessing an application from Jet Ski Safaris NSW. Jet Ski Safaris propose to conduct supervised PWC tours for both licenced and unlicenced PWC riders along the Hawkesbury River between Brooklyn and Spencer.</p>	Damian Logue (RMS)

	<p>The tours will follow an existing model already operating in Queensland – a model which has not previously been approved in NSW. PWC use in NSW does draw significant attention – both positive and negative. NSW Maritime is working with local stakeholders to help shape safety and safe operations of a PWC on NSW waterways.</p> <p>If given final approval, the activity will be closely monitored by NSW Maritime to ensure the correct safety guidelines are observed that give due consideration to the safety of residents and other waterway users. Following the 12 month trial period, the program will be assessed and if deemed successful, will continue indefinitely.</p> <p>NSW Maritime have not authorised unlicensed PWC operations in over 20 years – but the fact we want to drive safety and safe behaviours – we will work with reputable operators to help shape and teach safe PWC skills.</p> <p>NSW Maritime consider this process shows our forward leaning, safety conscious approach to managing our waterways. We are also looking at this closely with a number of lenses including safety and local stakeholder input.</p> <p>NSW Maritime has been working on Policy and Guidelines for the past six months to support the assessment of this proposal, and if approved and the trial is deemed successful, be ready for future proposal of this type throughout the State. This is an example showing ‘we are innovative, we are safety focused – and we are here to open access to the waterway – in a safe manner.</p> <p>MJ: Grandfathering of existing penned organisations to remain. 100% supportive. Can we send the minutes to RVAG as they would be interested in emerging innovations. TB: Jet skis interfere with commercial fishing operations especially at the Hawkesbury area. There are some critical spots that we would like to advise RMS about and be consulted. AB – Not ready to go out for consultation yet. We will send out info out of session about what the consultation process will be.</p>	
	<p>6500 compliance inspections undertaken by BSOs in April. Mooring inspections are carried out under the mooring audit program. RMS will check 100% of all (23000) moorings across the State within the next 12-18 months. 603 in April (Rec and Commercial). Notices are sent out to non-compliant vessels. A Draft paper on short term on board accommodation, for using vessels as rentals either in marinas but also on moorings. A NSW policy position will be developed. Stakeholder Engagement will take place but not for some time as it is a lengthy process. AB: Vessels that are rented out as such would be a DCV but following AMSA consultation the feedback was overwhelming and so it may be better if it is regulated by each state.</p>	David Hunter (RMS)

	<p>RC: the safety conditions on board such vessels should be consistent throughout Australia.</p> <p>The Marine Pollution Act is under review. A Discussion paper being prepared currently – when a final draft is released for public comment TN can send the info to CVAG Members</p> <p>DH outlined the different types of cameras either in use or under investigation for use by Maritime staff: Compliance cameras – CCTV with still imagery will be applied in some areas (eg. George’s river), body worn cameras, speed indicator cameras and data collection devices.</p> <p>Marine centre Tweed Heads opened late last year, new centres planned for Coffs Harbour and possibly lake Macquarie. The Sans Souci marina upgrade is planned in the next 6-12 months.</p> <p>Many inter-state boaters use NSW waterways in the far north and south coast/Murray areas - we are entering into an agreement with VIC and QLD for to enable ready exchange of registration and licencing details inter-state (recreational and commercial).</p>	
9.	<p>King Street Wharf foot traffic measures Update</p> <p>See item 2 above.</p>	Alex Barrell (RMS)
10.	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risks to Paddlers on Sydney Harbour, and • Wharf restrictions – length & displacement <p>TN send an issues agenda to DG to bring up at the next CVAG meeting.</p> <p>IF: Request Insurance for floating wrecks – Maritime to take out insurance against these vessels for removal and disposal.</p> <p>DH: We can make it more attractive for them to stay off the water.</p>	David Garrett (Cpt Cook Cruises)
	<p>Issues of Fisheries:</p> <p>Containers’ hazards out of Newcastle.</p> <p>Resurfacing Anne Marie V by insurance company.</p> <p>Issues with new vessels for fishers now requiring commercial quals when they used to do the same on a GBL for an old unsafe vessel.</p> <p>Aging fishing fleet is an issue for RMS (disposal of vessel is very expensive)</p> <p>Fisheries waiting for financial grant to upgrade fishing fleet to bring it up to AMSA DCV standards</p> <p>Gas Certification: Fishing boat arrangements would fall under Commercial grade A for gas certification, when there is only one qualified plumber on the east coast (Tasmania) for 800 vessels. NSW Dept of fair trade walked away from it. TB will send the information to RMS.</p>	Tricia Beatty Professional Fishing Association

**Next Meetings: Tuesday 27 August 2019,
 Tuesday 26 November 2019**

Status of Actions

Item number	Action	Status	Responsible / Revised due date
1	Send out RMS process required for incident notification		Alex Barrell – Tatiana Nasoufi
2	Invite RMS Property to next CVAG meeting for an update on Barangaroo plan		Alex Barrell
3	AMSA to provide some further clarifications for CVAG members regarding CoS and Exemption 07		Simon Robards – Tatiana Nasoufi
4	Update on what is the process for selecting membership for consultation groups?		Simon Walter
5	For the oily water discharge facility AB will report on status of the Bailey's facility.		Alex Barrell
6	Send out contacts list for DCV Safety Section with minutes. Send out Consolidated SEP if it has been finalised. Send out discussion paper on the Marine Pollution Act review when published. Send out summary of DCV inspections' level for industry's information.	Items 6.1 and 6.4 completed Items 6.2 and 6.3 pending	Tatiana Nasoufi
7	Send an issues agenda to DG to bring up at the next CVAG meeting.	Completed	Tatiana Nasoufi