

MINUTES

Recreational Vessels Advisory Group (RVAG) Meeting No. 75

Date	27/03/2018		
Time	1700 hours		
Venue	Meeting Room 1A & 1B, RMS Maritime, 33 James Craig Rd, Rozelle.		
Chairperson	Neil Patchett		
Attendees	Shane Wilson Glenn Evans Murray Clarke Peter Hunter Chris de Jong Malcolm Poole Greg Blackburne Phil Dulhunty David Lyall Neil Patchett Hamid Eqbal David Hunter Nat McLean Alex Barrell Chris Clarke	SW GE MC PH CDJ MP GB PD DL NP HE DH NM AB CC	Boating Industry Association Marine Rescue NSW NSW Rowing Association Personal Watercraft representative Boat Owners Association of NSW Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW Scuba Clubs Association of NSW Seaplane Pilots Association TfNSW Centre for Maritime Safety TfNSW Centre for Maritime Safety RMS Maritime Division RMS Maritime Division RMS Maritime Division Department of Primary Industries
Apologies	Anthony Chen Adam Smith Declan Brennan Mike Jarvin Tony Hystek Peter Tate Tony Johanssen Matt du Plessis Todd Cunningham Michael O'Keefe Anthony Chen	AC AS DB MJ TH PT TJ MDP TC MO AC	DPI ABC Australian Sailing BIA Paddle NSW Paddle NSW RMS Surf Life Saving NSW Marine Area Command Marine Area Command DPI

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1.	Welcome and apologies TC will be the new Marine Area Command (MAC) representative.	Chair
2.	Review of minutes from previous meeting Minutes were approved.	Chair
3.	Review of actions from 5 Sep 2017 meeting #73 Action 2: Tony Johanssen to advise of paddle access points.	Chair

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<p>“Paddle NSW” app has soft access points for inland waterways – www.waterwaysguide.org.au. TfNSW to launch a suite of boater apps at Sydney International Boat Show (SIBS) 2018.</p> <p>ACTION NM: RMS to discuss soft access points with Paddle NSW to integrate into the ‘Boater Maps’ and provide further info to Paddle NSW to improve their app.</p> <p>ACTION NM: RMS to request Paddlesafe NSW to share data and inform of the new boating companion apps.</p> <p>Action 3: RMS Streamline Aquatic Licence process - Ongoing.</p> <p>Action 4: Maritime Safety Plan (MSP) Presentation - Closed.</p> <p>Action 5: Circulate information to RVAG on the status of the ‘observational study’.</p> <p>ACTION NP: CMS to circulate summary of Observational study to RVAG.</p>	
<p>4. Review of actions from 12 Dec 2017 meeting #74</p> <p>Action 1: RMS interstate boating compliance data</p> <p>ACTION HE: CMS to circulate RMS interstate boating compliance data with minutes.</p> <p>Action 2: Closed.</p> <p>Action 3: Closed.</p> <p>Action 4: Australian New Zealand Safe Boating Education Group (ANZSBEG) minutes to RVAG.</p> <p>ACTION NP: CMS to request permission of ANZSBEG membership in next meeting and to circulate minutes to RVAG on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Action 5: SIBS Review.</p> <p>ACTION NP: CMS to circulate SIBS review to RVAG.</p> <p>Action 6: RMS registered training providers update.</p> <p>ACTION DH: RMS to provide RVAG an update on RMS registered training providers.</p> <p>Action 7: Circulate Coroners Report (Nicholas Banfield) on Carbon</p>	

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<p>Monoxide Poisoning.</p> <p>ACTION HE: CMS to circulate Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Coroners report (Nicholas Banfield) to RVAG.</p> <p>Action 8: Technology groups feedback to RVAG. A new governance structure is being developed as part of the MSP implementation plan. The diverse expertise in RVAG will be linked to the governance of the MSP delivery. Closed.</p> <p>Action 9: Publish RBAG minutes on RMS website. DH advised that RMS is concerned that this action will discourage feedback from RBAG groups.</p> <p>ACTION DH: RMS to provide RBAG Chairperson summary reports for each RBAG meeting to RVAG.</p> <p>Action 10: Circulate RBAG membership contact details for succession planning for RVAG. DH advised that RBAG membership details are not public information. Closed.</p> <p>Action 11: Coordinate scheduling of each RBAG to follow RVAG. RMS has advised that RBAG meetings are not centrally coordinated and are organised on an as needed basis. Closed.</p> <p>DH advised that RBAG minutes will not be published, although a Chair’s summary is being developed for publication.</p> <p>GE advised that MRNSW coverage of alpine lakes extends beyond Lake Jindabyne, and MRNSW have plans to further expand alpine operational coverage.</p> <p>ACTION GE: MRNSW to provide RVAG a list of MRNSW operational areas currently covered for rescue services.</p> <p>A new governance structure for the Maritime Technology Innovation Group is being developed for the MSP implementation which is still being finalised. There will be three (3) working groups created to manage the implementation of the MSP with a rationalisation of existing working groups planned.</p> <p>ACTION NM: RMS to provide RVAG a follow up on Broken Bay RBAG status.</p> <p>MP informed RVAG that Councils have a responsibility to provide foreshore maintenance of boating facilities in-line with existing agreements e.g. foreshore lighting.</p> <p>Action 8.4 Boating Industry Australia (BIA): BIA to liaise with Australian Recreational Boating Safety Committee (ARBSC) regarding opportunities for collaboration for the development</p>	

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of SmarHIN. - Ongoing.	
<p>5. TfNSW Reports</p> <p>NSW Boating Incidents Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4800 BEO interactions, 100% increase on the prior boating season. - 1300 vessel safety checks, with an overall compliance rate of 92%. - Lack of Judgement, no proper lookout, Fault of Machinery are the 3 main causes, most prevalent incident type is collision with other vessels. <p>ACTION CMS: CMS to contact MRNSW to discuss sharing of boating specific data to inform operations.</p> <p>ACTION RMS: RMS to provide RVAG RMS licence and registration statistics. RMS to double check the licencing statistics.</p> <p>ACTION NP: CMS to provide RVAG an update on the Maritime Advisory Council with regards to maritime planning and the investment strategy.</p> <p>MSP Implementation Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 81 action items to deliver in 4 years - The implementation plan is currently being developed with relative priorities for each action being determined and allocated to the working groups. Maritime subject matter experts in all maritime areas will be invited to participate and contribute. 	Chair
<p>6. RMS Reports</p> <p>Operational update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expired Flares Program The program collected 16,300 flares which is a large year-on-year pickup - Boating Now 120 projects completed to date. 172 with completion planned by July 2018, with 10 projects to follow. - Over 300 submissions were received through the RMS website. http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/projects/boating-now/index.html <p>Boating Now is currently finalising a funding deed on the Clarence River with main works to be completed between August and October.</p> <p>Remediation works to Murray between Corroba and Dundalong are</p>	RMS

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<p>planned.</p> <p>Working with Ski Racing Australia (SRA) to improve safety. SRA decided to place speed caps on both junior grades, and the fastest categories in late December. New procedures were in place for the Southern 80 event.</p> <p>RMS is currently finalising the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) to clarify the specific support that RMS will provide under the National System. Responsibility for safe navigation in NSW is still within the RMS Maritime Division remit.</p> <p>DH asked members to note that the application of Autonomous Maritime Surface Vessels is being discussed by the International Maritime Organisation in the coming months.</p>	
<p>7. Maritime Safety Plan</p> <p>Evidence-based priority issues for 2017-21 discussed in prior agenda items.</p> <p>ACTION CMS: CMS to provide an update on the MSP implementation progress at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>8. Events and campaigns update</p> <p>Maritime Enhanced Enforcement Program (MEEP)</p> <p>ACTION HE: CMS to send RVAG a copy of the MEEP report when available.</p> <p>The Old4New lifejacket program is in its 5th year and will complete this season in the coming weeks. A review will be conducted to determine the future strategy and will involve stakeholders.</p> <p>The Indigenous Boating Safety strategy is progressing in collaboration with Land Councils.</p> <p>Preparations are underway for the Sydney International Boat Show 2018 (SIBS).</p> <p>CMS is partnering with the World Health Organisation (WHO) to deliver a Lifejacket Forum at SIBS.</p> <p>The 2017 Boating Safety Zone was a success and 2018 is expected to build on 2017 efforts with closer partner coordination.</p> <p>ACTION NP: CMS to forward 2017 SIBS report to RVAG.</p>	<p>Chair</p>

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<p>9. Member report</p> <p>DL advised that the Pittwater User Group has been doing a lot of research on wash and is looking to develop a pamphlet on education to reduce wash. Trailer parking is scheduled to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>PH thanked the government for ongoing assistance at various PWC events. PH advised that a group of PWC users would like to utilise their PWC in the early hours of darkness for fishing. PH requested the government review the current PWC sunset-sunrise restrictions and investigate what safety measures could be implemented to allow this activity to be undertaken safely. PH advised that there are precedents in other states.</p> <p>ACTION PH: PH to provide evidence, number of people and range of travel from members wishing to fish from a PWC the early hours of the morning before sunset and send to RVAG Chair.</p> <p>The Australian National Jet Ski Titles will be held at Warners Bay in Lake Macquarie in June 8-10.</p> <p>CDJ advised that the Emerald Class ferries are demanding right of way when travelling at high speed over vessels that are less manoeuvrable. This is a safety issue and was raised at the recent Sydney Harbour RBAG.</p> <p>ACTION NM: RMS to investigate Harbour City Ferries (HCF) Emerald Class vessels travelling at high speed demanding right of way over less manoeuvrable vessels.</p> <p>GB advised that there are different diving standards between states and organisations e.g. PADI, spear fishers, general diving.</p> <p>ACTION NP: CMS to discuss a revision of the Dive Safe Strategy with GB Scuba Club Association NSW (SCANSW).</p> <p>ACTION RVAG: RVAG to forward to Chair state and national event details to develop a uniform calendar for planning for the 2019 calendar year.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>9.1 Batemans Bay Bridge</p> <p>The new bridge is planned to be lower than the existing. The masts of some sailing vessels currently moored upstream of the bridge will no-longer be able to travel under the bridge.</p> <p>ACTION NM: RMS to present a strategy for vessels that are moored upstream of the new Batemans Bay Bridge, have a greater mast height than the new bridge and are unable to</p>	<p>CDJ</p>

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<p>travel under the bridge.</p>	
<p>9.2 RMS Maritime Division financial report</p> <p>MP requested the Waterways Fund financials to be presented to RVAG in the format they were historically issued (prior to the merging of NSW Maritime and RTA). The current reporting method is designed for road-scale reporting in “billions of dollars” which does not communicate enough detail for the maritime side of the business. The historical format was title “Your fees at work”.</p>	MP
<p>9.3 RMS Maritime Division communication strategy</p> <p>MP raised the issue of close quarter’s situations between learner Scuba divers interacting with vessels.</p> <p>Action MP: RFANSW to work with Dive Advisory Groups to manage learner close interactions with vessels.</p> <p>MP asked RMS to provide guidance on the use of “Spot Lock” technology and if it can be used as an anchoring alternative.</p> <p>ACTION RMS: RMS to advise if Spot-Lock (dynamic positioning technology for recreational vessels) can be used in lieu of an anchoring system in lower-risk conditions.</p> <p>MP advised that Tuross Marine Rescue need funding assistance to move their vessel to Moruya to bring it into a more useable location due to the risks associated with bars. What is the dredging strategy to increase safety?</p> <p>ACTION RMS: RMS Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDO) to present to next RVAG meeting.</p>	MP
<p>9.4 Northern Beaches Council trial ban on trailer parking in 5 locations.</p> <p>MP raised the issue of trailer boat parking on the Northern Beaches. RMS informed RVAG members that the trailer boat parking in question is on local council land and it is not within the RMS remit.</p>	MP
<p>10. Other Business</p> <p>DL advised that there is a need to improve RVAG meeting frequencies and coordination. Holding the half yearly meeting at the boat show was also discussed as appropriate. RVAG agreed that the meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of every third month, unless there was a unique consideration.</p> <p>ACTION HE: CMS to provide 2018 - 2019 RVAG meeting</p>	

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	<p>schedule.</p> <p>DH suggested shifting the agenda items of future meetings to member papers and reports at the start, followed by Government updates as time permitted - This proposal was unanimously supported by all members.</p>	
11.	Next Meeting	12 June 2018
12.	<p>2018-19 RVAG Meeting Dates</p> <p>11 Sept 2018 14 May 2019 13 Nov 2018 13 Aug 2019 12 Feb 2019 12 Nov 2019</p>	

	27 March 2018 RVAG Meeting Action Summary	Status	Responsible / Due Date
1.	<p>Item 3 Paddle Access Points</p> <p>RMS to discuss soft access points with Paddle NSW to integrate into the 'Boater Maps' and provide further info to Paddle NSW to improve their app.</p> <p>RMS to request Paddle NSW to share data to inform the new boating companion apps.</p>		NM 12 June 2018
2.	<p>Item 3 2017-18 Observational Study</p> <p>CMS to circulate summary of Observational study to RVAG.</p>		Chair 12 June 2018
3.	<p>Item 4 RMS interstate boating compliance data</p> <p>CMS to circulate RMS interstate boating compliance data with minutes to RVAG</p>		HE 12 June 2018
4.	<p>Item 4 Australian New Zealand Safe Boating Education Group (ANZSBEG) Meeting Minutes</p> <p>CMS to request permission of ANZSBEG membership in next meeting and to circulate minutes to RVAG on an ongoing basis.</p>		Chair 12 June 2018
5.	<p>Item 4 Sydney International Boat Show (SIBS) 2017 Review</p> <p>CMS to circulate SIBS review to RVAG.</p>		Chair 12 June 2018
6.	<p>Item 4 RMS registered training providers</p> <p>RMS to provide RVAG an update on RMS registered training providers.</p>		DH When able to
7.	<p>Item 4 Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Coroners Report</p> <p>CMS to circulate Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Coroners report (Nicholas Banfield) to RVAG.</p>		HE 12 June 2018
8.	<p>Item 4 Regional Boating Advisory Group's (RBAG)</p> <p>RMS to provide RBAG Chairpersons summary reports for each RBAG meeting to RVAG.</p>		DH Each RVAG meeting
9.	<p>Item 4 Marine Rescue NSW (MRNSW) Operational Areas</p> <p>MRNSW To provide RVAG a list of MRNSW operational areas currently covered for rescue services.</p>		GE 12 June 2018
10.	<p>Item 4 Broken Bay RBAG</p> <p>RMS to provide RVAG an update of Broken Bay RBAG status.</p>		NM 12 June 2018
11.	<p>Item 4 (8.4 Australian Recreational Boating Safety Committee (ARBSC))</p> <p>BIA to liaise with Australian Recreational Boating Safety Committee (ARBSC) regarding opportunities for collaboration for the development of SmarHIN. - Ongoing.</p>	Ongoing	SW 12 June 2018
12.	<p>Item 5 MRNSW</p> <p>Minutes – RVAG Meeting No. 75</p>		

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13.	Item 5 Maritime Advisory Council CMS to provide RVAG an update on maritime planning, and the investment strategy.		Chair 12 June 2018
14.	Item 5 Maritime Safety Implementation Plan TfNSW & RMS to present updates on progress of MSP Implementation Plan at next meeting.		TfNSW and RMS 12 June 2018
15.	Item 7 Maritime Safety Plan (MSP) CMS to provide an update on the MSP implementation progress at the next RVAG meeting.		Chair 12 June 2018
16.	Item 8 Maritime Enhanced Enforcement Program (MEEP) CMS to send RVAG a copy of the MEEP report when available.		HE 12 June 2018
17.	Item 9 Member Report PH to provide evidence, number of people and range of travel from members wishing to fish from a PWC the early hours of the morning before sunset and send to RVAG Chair.		PH 12 June 2018
18.	Item 9 Member Report RMS to investigate Harbour City Ferries (HCF) Emerald Class vessels travelling at high speed demanding right of way over less manoeuvrable vessels.		NM 12 June 2018
19.	Item 9 Member Report CMS to discuss a revision of the Dive Safe Strategy with GB Scuba Club Association NSW (SCANSW).		Chair 12 June 2018
20.	Item 9 Member Report RVAG to forward to Chair state and national event details to develop a uniform calendar for planning for the 2019 calendar year.		All 12 June 2018
21.	Item 9.1 Batemans Bay Bridge RMS to present a strategy for vessels that are moored upstream of the new Batemans Bay Bridge, have a greater mast height than the new bridge and are unable to travel under the bridge.		NM 12 June 2018
22.	Item 9.3 RMS Communication Strategy RFANSW to work with Dive Advisory Groups to manage learner close interactions with vessels.		MP 12 June 2018
23.	Item 9.3 RMS Communication Strategy RMS to advise if Spot-Lock (dynamic positioning technology for		RMS 12 June 2018

	recreational vessels) can be used in lieu of an anchoring system in lower-risk conditions.		
24.	Item 9.3 RMS Communication Strategy Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDO) to present at next RVAG meeting.		RMS 12 June 2018
25.	Item 10 Other Business CMS to provide 2018-2019 RVAG meeting schedule.		HE 12 June 2018