



5 April 2022
3.00pm-5.00pm
MS Teams

Minutes

Recreational Vessel Advisory Group (RVAG)

Attendees

Welcome, Apologies, Acknowledgement of Country:
Cherrie Ashford, Chair

In attendance:
Cherrie Ashford, Sandra Ricklefs, Darren Wood, Mark Scali, Deon Voyer, Sian Nivison, Rosemary Donley, Hamid Eqbal, Tatiana Nasoufi, Bahram Abedi, Jen Robinson, Kay Heycox, Vanessa Dudley, Adam Smith, Alan France, Darren Schott, Terry Barber, Ken Cameron, Emma Humphries, Geoff Duvall, Rohan Walter, Michael Jarvin, Neil Patchett, Peter Tate

Apologies:
Nicole Watts, Hendrik Clasie, Andrew Dooley, Cliff Ellmers, Alison Dunsford, Keith Clark, Brianna Coyte, Greg Blackburne, Murray Clarke, Suzanne David

Confirmation of minutes from
previous meeting

Accepted

Item

Belmore Basin Ocean Sports
Centre
Darren Wood

Concept drawings of the proposal for the new Ocean Sports Centre which will incorporate the Wollongong Yacht Club, Wollongong Paddlers and Five Islands Outriggers club provided to RVAG members. Maritime Property and MIDO to establish an approval process and discuss this with Australian Sailing.

Michael Jarvin recommended RVAG members endorse proposal.

Next Generation Boaters
Vanessa Dudley

Changes underway with Marine Teachers Association (MTA) of NSW to support this program. Last three years there has been activity with Authorised Training providers and Maritime worked closely with MTA through that process. In that process it was found that they didn't have adequate insurance cover and the cost of insurance for the teachers while delivering practical training found a potentially personal liability and the cost of that was prohibitive. The MTA have since stopped doing practical training and testing, however, still delivering theory training.



Students get a certificate now that allows them to go into Service NSW with this certificate and do their testing for free and get their general boating licence for free for the first year.

For practical training, Maritime have been meeting with MTA to look at options. MTA have looked at going to an Authorised Training provider, however, no outcome as yet.

In 2019, 1,200 students went through training with MTA and 300 students obtained their boating licence.

Michael Jarvin suggested he and Australian Sailing could work together to deliver these courses.

Emma Humphries said Australian Sailing's accredited Discover Sailing Centres could deliver powerboat courses to students needing them. All three AS powerboat courses can be used to get a NSW Boating Licence.

Boat Strike Rosemary Donley

The Little Penguins of Manly are an endangered species and considerable work has been done historically to protect them. Maritime and National Parks & Wildlife Service partnered to provide signage, buoys and education. Work that has been done has been supported by data produced by Taranga Zoo.

Rosemary is not aware of any other areas where discussions about boat strikes influencing decisions. TfNSW meet every fortnight with other marine agencies and papers come through that committee and currently there is no content that relates to boat strikes. Should there be anything further raised on the basis of unacceptable behaviour to mammals, Maritime will require data to support this in order to progress.

Use of Private Mooring for accommodation Kay Heycox

When Maritime set up a mooring field, we applied for planning based on fact it was a place to store boats and we don't apply for planning for residential use of those vessels and this is reflected in Maritime's private mooring licence. It is the case that nobody is allowed to live on their vessels.

The Boating Safety Officers conduct audits and inspections of vessels regularly. Seeing somebody on the vessel and knowing they are living there, collecting proof for that is difficult.

Within the structure of the marine legislation as it's applied by Maritime, we are doing all we reasonable can and also acknowledge wider issues beyond the reach of the marine legislation. Maritime Safety and Maritime Policy are looking at end-of-life vessels and currently have a Policy options paper with the Minister which will be publicly released. It is recognised, there



are a number of things to do in the legislative space.

Ken Cameron raised the issue of a number of vessels in Pittwater. Kay advised to report concerns with AMSA.

Michael Jarvin raised the issue with Hendrik last year. In the Marine Safety Regulation 2016: <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/sl-2016-0308>, there was a Clause there will be no living onboard boats, which has been removed. Currently there is nothing in the general boating Act, the Maritime website and Services NSW that says you cannot live onboard. Maritime need to reintroduce the Clause into the rule book that you cannot live onboard boats.

Recreational Boating Access
Rosemary Donley

Ferry wharves visit held and discussions ongoing. In terms of access arrangements of revamped Glebe Island and White Bay, there is no answer. Rosemary to investigate and provide update at next meeting.

Members Report

Adam Smith, Australian Boating College

- It's been quiet during floods and support is provided to the community and flexibility with reschedules during this time. There is a 30% no show due to Covid.

Alan France, Ski Racing

- Working hard on the event calendar and fortunately kept some racing on interstate. Investigating other venues in NSW not affected by floods.

Terry Barber, Surf Life Saving NSW

- Attended 47 boating incidents since 1 January and rescued 23 people off vessels. There were 700 members involved in flood rescue, door knocking and welfare checks. SLS had 42 craft vessels doing flood rescue work, with 90 drone operators doing surveillance and welfare checks. Set up of review panel to go over the Powercraft Manual, completion 2023.

Ken Cameron, Boat Owners Association

- Membership is stable. Function for Boat Owners to be held Tues 12 April.

Emma Humphries, Australian Sailing

- Heading towards end of summer season. Strategic Plan released 'Sailing 2032'. Minor restructure to align with Strategic Plan and available on website.



Darren Schott, Marine Rescue

- Data report circulated to members. Assisting with flood response.

Geoff Duvall, Australian Power Boat Association

- Power boat racing has been hampered by the weather. Rubbish in water and unstable riverbanks makes it unsuitable to race. Had to cancel close to 50% of racing events. Second biggest club house in Windsor is unusable due to floods. Racing on weekend will commence in Albury. Had enthusiasm and developed a new class, vintage and veterans boats, a display class and people are supportive.

Rohan Walter, Seaplane Pilots Association

- Celebrated 50th anniversary of the founder of the association and unveiled bench with a magnificent fly pass. SPA have a database to capture data of different boats on water.

Michael Jarvin, Advanced Marina Management

- Consider holding next meeting at Sydney Boat Show.

Neil Patchett, Boating Industry Association

- BIA could look at venue in ICC for next meeting at Sydney Boat Show, 28 July-1 Aug. Planning for Boat Show is underway. Discover Boating campaign held Nov 2021-Jan 2022 and report released. Planning to reboot same campaign for the new season. Priority continues to be Australian Builders Plate including identification numbering system and standards. Review of Protection of Environment Act out for public comment.

Peter Tate, Paddle NSW

- Events held and underway. Met with Rosemary in regards to Lifejacket Reform. Involved with Clean up Australia campaign. There is an article about exclusion zone in Parramatta River on the Paddle NSW website and hoping someone can assist in expanding that to other areas in NSW.

Actions from previous meeting 10 November 2020

Hamid Eqbal / Darren Schott

1.1 – Marine Rescue/NSW Maritime to distribute quarterly MRNSW statistics – Marine Rescue has raw data and will put in format to distribute. Action: Darren Schott (Marine Rescue) and Hamid Eqbal (Maritime) to work together to provide data to group.
Update: Raw data distributed to members. **CLOSED**



Rosemary Donley	<p>1.2 – Marine Rescue and SLS NSW to provide high-level reports/stats related to Boating Safety incidents and distribute to RVAG members – Combine with Action 1.1 above. CLOSED</p> <p>1.3 – Educational Resources ‘Don’t Make Waves’ material to be reviewed by CMS – Rosemary provided a response following the last meeting. Re-sent to Director Insights and Operations. Update: Brochure last updated Nov 2020. Further changes made. Rosemary to circulate to members for feedback. OPEN</p>
Hendrik Clasie	<p><u>23 September 2021</u></p> <p>3.1 – Maritime to talk to DPI Fisheries about options around better marking of fish trap buoys. Hendrik to talk to team and update group at next meeting. Update: Records do not show any incident or complaint about fish trap marks causing an incident or significant concern. Fisheries provided further information about obligations and licensing that Maritime will look at further. Encourage reporting of concerns about possible navigation hazards for Maritime to investigate and determine any insights. CLOSED</p>
Michael Jarvin / Darren Wood	<p><u>1 February 2022</u></p> <p>4.1 – Ferry Wharf Upgrade – Michael Jarvin to circulate stats spreadsheet to the Secretariat. Michael and Darren Wood to discuss going on-water on a recreational vessel to visit the wharves in question. Update: Visit held and out-of-session discussions continue with Rosemary and Mark Scali. Further update at next meeting. OPEN</p>
Hamid Eqbal	<p>4.2 – Key Boating Data and Data Ecosystem – Regarding the future provision of relevant data, Hamid will circulate interim licencing and registration data in static dashboard layouts to RVAG members for feedback by the end of March and engage with RVAG members to integrate consolidated RVAG feedback into a proposed solution for presentation at the next RVAG meeting. Update: Hamid presented draft dashboard. Layout to be circulated to members for feedback. Out-of-session discussion with Sea Planes to capture data. OPEN</p>
Hamid Eqbal / All	<p>Regarding ongoing Maritime data provision for licencing and registration, RVAG members to meet to consolidate member feedback prior to the next meeting and send to Hamid four weeks prior to the next meeting for action: hamid.eqbal2@transport.nsw.gov.au.</p>
Marie Lodge	<p>4.3 – PAMA and PBLIS Review – Neil Patchett stated Part 4 on Safety Directions would that pick up the relationship with Port Authority of NSW particularly around issues of the Harbour Masters powers. Action: Marie to take on notice and provide</p>



update at next meeting. **Update:** Marie is an apology however will provide update to members during the next suitable stage of the review. **OPEN**

New actions

Rosemary Donley

5 April 2022

5.1 – ‘Don’t Make Waves’ brochure to be circulated to members for feedback: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-03/Dont-make-waves.pdf>.

Hamid Eqbal

5.2 – Data dashboard layout to be circulated to members for comment with the Meeting Minutes. Feedback is required to be received prior to 31 May to enable further development and refinement of the RVAG dashboard to be presented at the next meeting. Please send feedback to the Secretariat.

Rosemary Donley

5.3 – Rosemary to investigate recreational boating access at White Bay and Glebe Island and provide update at next meeting.

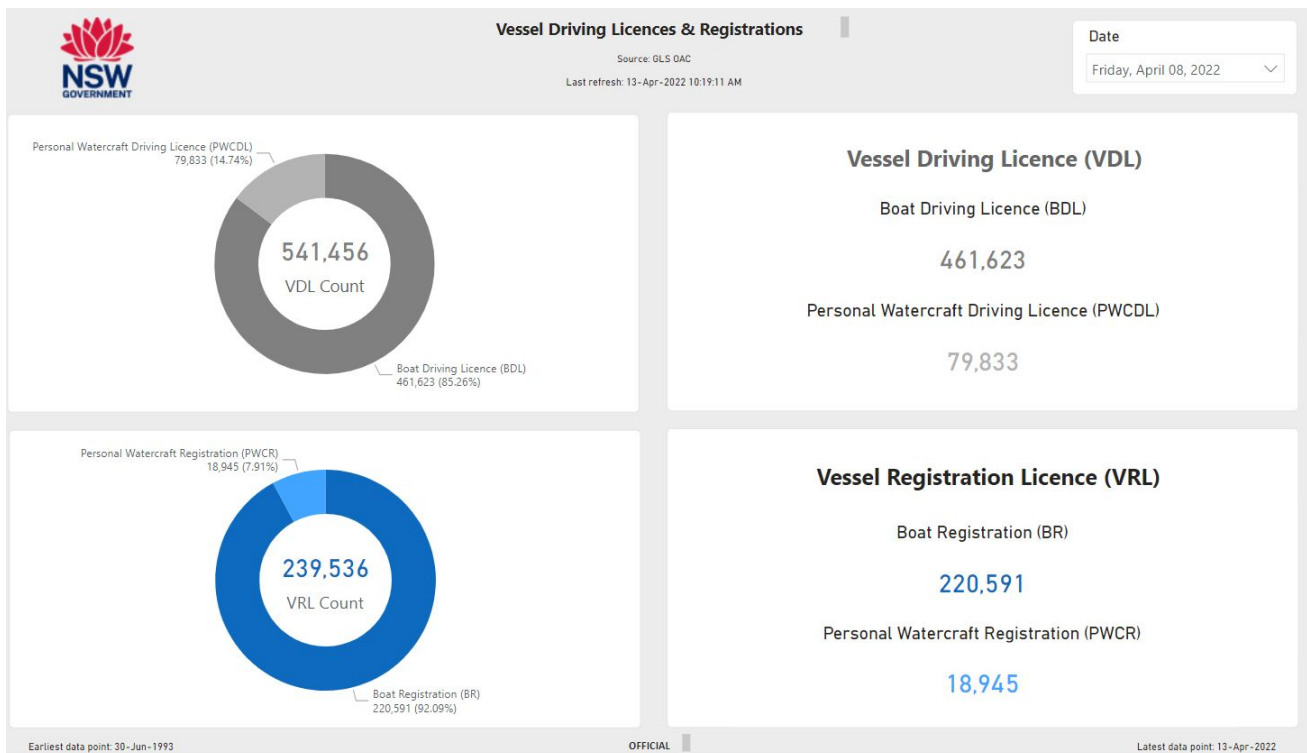
Sandra Ricklefs / Neil Patchett

5.3 – Option to conduct next meeting at ICC during the Sydney Boat Show.

Upcoming meetings

2 August 2022, 3.00pm-5.00pm (tbc)

Action 5.2 - Draft RVAG Dashboard Layouts for member feedback.





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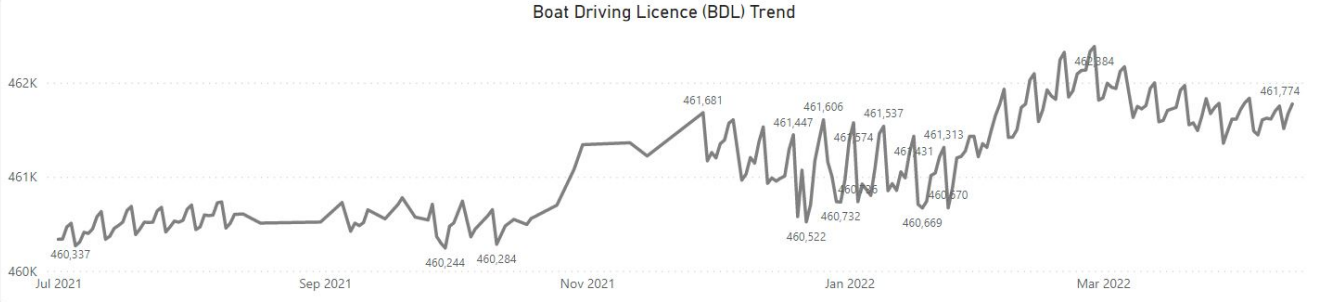
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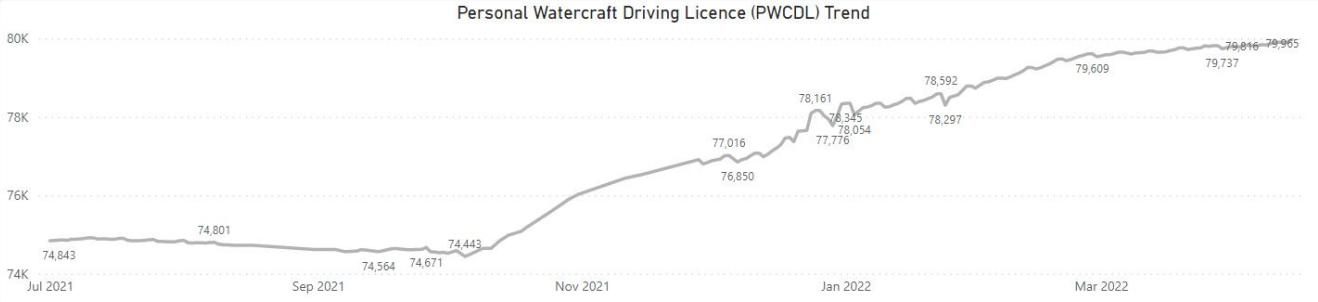
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Boat Driving Licence (BDL) Trend



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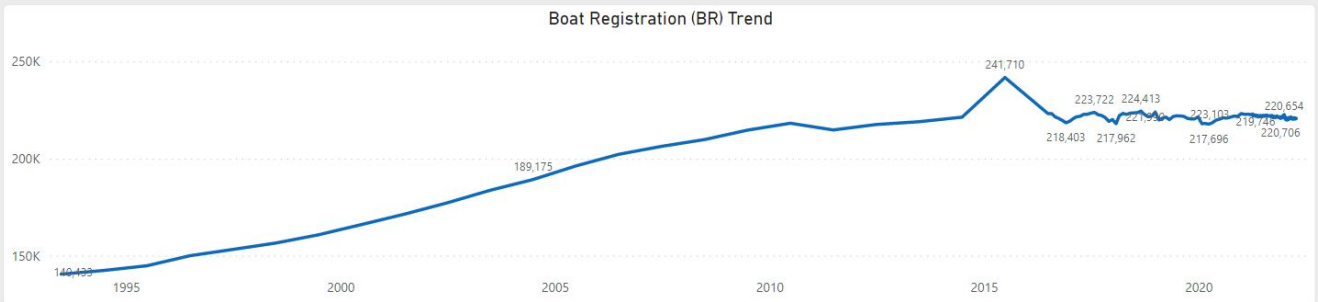
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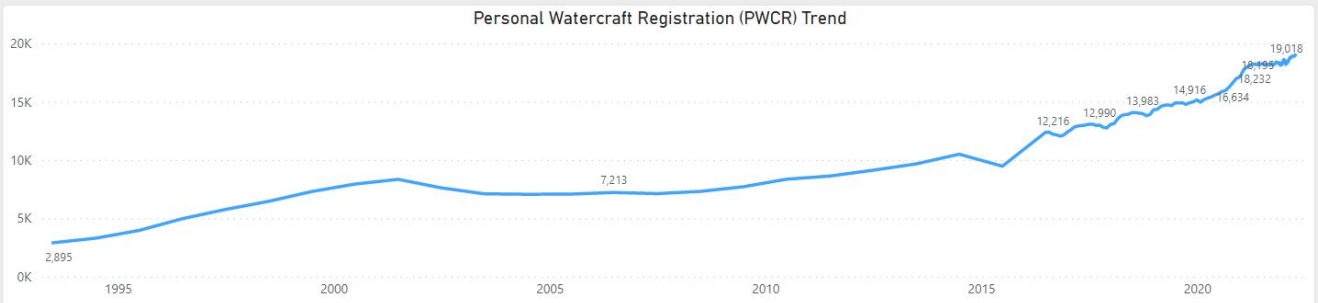
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Vessel Driving Licences by Location

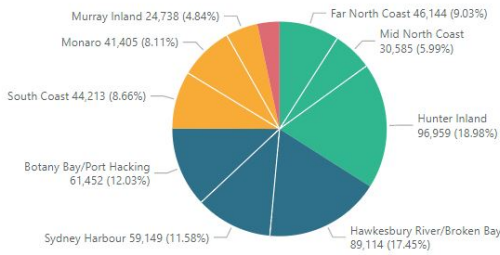
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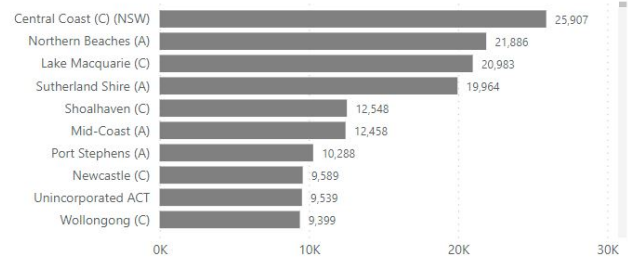
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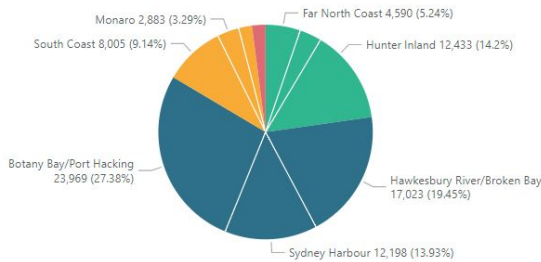
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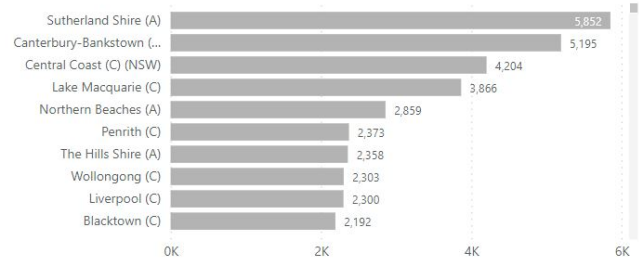
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Personal Watercraft Driving Licence (PWCDL) by Sub Area



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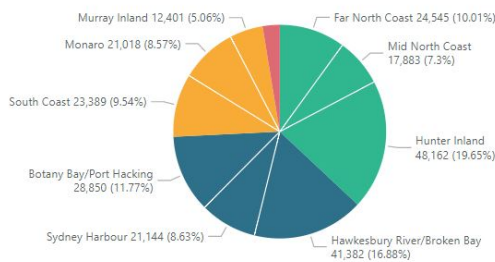
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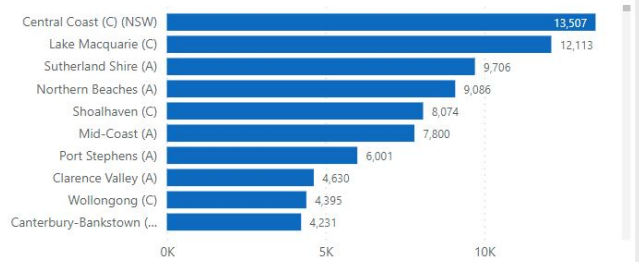
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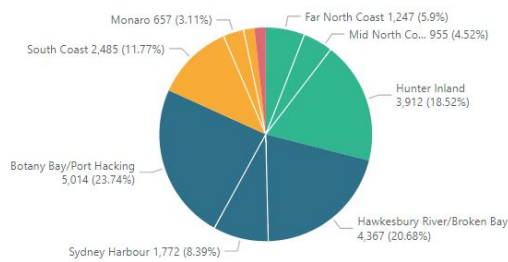
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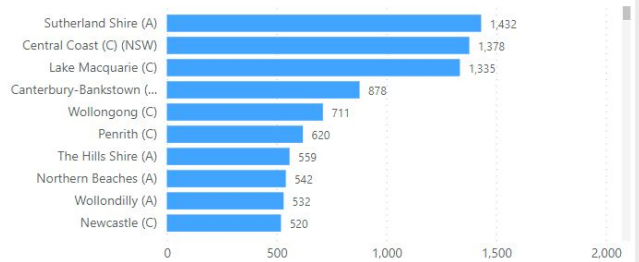
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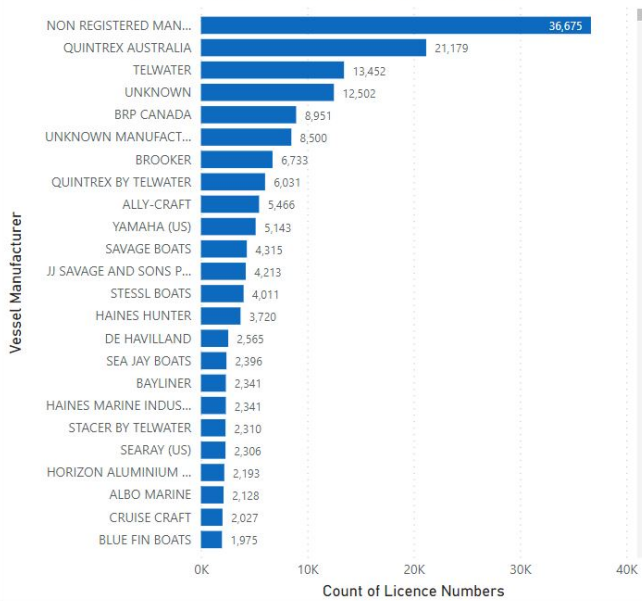
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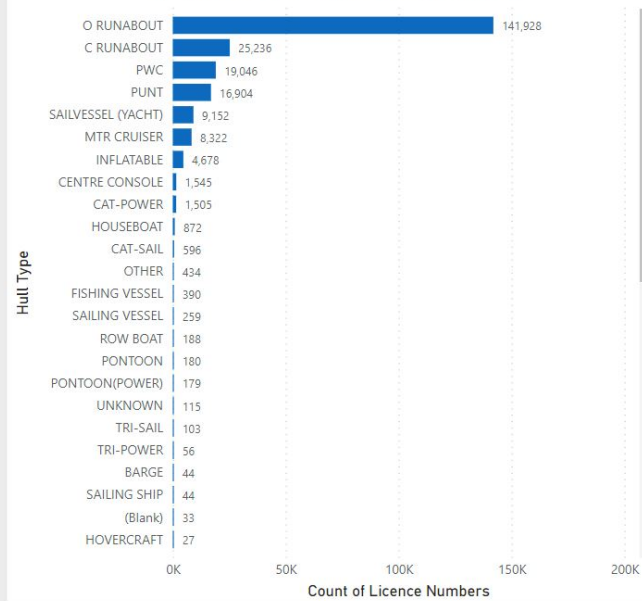
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