



Recreational marine licence census June 2012

About this publication

This bulletin presents the results of a census taken of recreational marine licences in Queensland on 1st June 2012.

The number of extant recreational marine licences is classified by type, maritime region, the age and gender of the licensees and whether or not a licensee was then the registrant of a recreational vessel.

For the purpose of this bulletin a customer is a person to whom a recreational marine licence has been issued or a person, corporation or organisation which was the registrant of a recreational vessel.

Points of Interest

On June the 1st 2012 there were 761496 customers to whom a recreational marine licence had been issued and/or was the registrant of a recreational vessel.

The 630101 (83 per cent) customers whose only recreational marine licence is a recreational marine driver licence (RMDL) had registered 171271 (76 per cent) of the 233818 registered recreational boats.

The 100462 (13 per cent) customers who have been issued with both an RMDL and a personal water craft licence (PWCL) had registered 20953 (9.5 per cent) of the 233818 registered recreational boats and 14875 (85.5 per cent) of the 17398 registered recreational PWC.

The 30599 (4 per cent) of customers who have not been issued with either marine licence had registered 31527 or 14 per cent of all registered recreational boats and 1752 or 10 per cent of all registered recreational PWC. A substantial number of these customers will be corporations or organisations.

Seventy-five per cent of licensees were not the registrant of a recreational vessel of any kind.

Twenty-three per cent of licensees issued with a RMDL were the registrant of at least one recreational boat.

Thirteen per cent of licensees issued with a PWCL were the registrant of at least one recreational PWC.

There are 3.8 RMDL for each recreational boat registered and 5.8 PWCL for each recreational PWC registered.

Fifteen per cent of customers are female. Female customers have been issued with 16 per cent of all RMDL and 22 per cent of all PWCL.

Female customers were the registrants of 3 per cent of all registered recreational boats and 9 per cent of all registered recreational PWC.

Ninety-nine per cent of female customers have been issued with an RMDL, 20 per cent have also been issued with a PWCL.

Six per cent of female customers were the registrants of at least one recreational boat, and 1 per cent of female customers were the registrant of at least one recreational PWC.

The median age of female customers was 43 years while the median age of male customers was 49 years.

The median age of customers who have been issued with an RMDL was 49 years while the median age of those customers who have also been issued with a PWCL was 37 years.

The median age of licensees who were the registrant of a recreational boat was 52 years while the median age of licensees who were the registrants of a recreational PWC was 44 years.

The proportion of licensees who have been issued with a PWCL in addition to a RMDL ranges from 40 per cent of licensees who are no more than 20 years of age to 1 per cent of licensees who are at least 70 years of age.

Twenty-per cent of licensees have registered a single recreational boat while a further 2.4 per cent have registered 2 recreational boats. These vessels account for 73 per cent of all the recreational boats registered.

Just 1.4 per cent of licensees have registered a single recreational PWC. These vessels account for 60 per cent of all recreational PWC registered.

Only 0.3 per cent of licensees have registered a single recreational boat and a single recreational PWC. These vessels account for 1 per cent of all recreational vessels registered.

Eighteen per cent of customers (140771) reside in the Gold Coast maritime region. These customers have been issued with 28 per cent of all PWCL and have registered 33 per cent of the all registered recreational PWC.

Ninety-six per cent of those customers who are resident in the Gold Coast maritime region have been issued with an RMDL, 20 per cent have also been issued with a PWCL, 22 per cent were the registrant of at least one recreational boat and 4 per cent were the registrant of at least one recreational PWC.

This information has been primarily drawn from the data in the four tables which accompany this bulletin.

Information

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Table 1: Number of marine licences and vessel registrations by type

	Marine Licences				Total
	No Vessel licence	RMDL	PWCL	RMDL & PWCL	
Boats	31527	171271	67	20953	223818
PWC	1752	738	33	14,875	17398
Customers	30599	630101	334	100462	761496

Table 2: Number of marine licences and vessel registrations by maritime region

Maritime Region	Marine Licences			Vessels	
	Customers	RMDL	PWCL	Boats	PWC
Brisbane Maritime Region	333424	322119	48083	85061	7642
Cairns Maritime Region	60635	57738	4420	19853	714
Gladstone Maritime Region	113975	108597	9879	43314	1650
Gold Coast Maritime Region	140771	134777	28553	34627	5744
Mackay Maritime Region	44666	42263	3964	18180	750
Townsville Maritime Region	60722	57924	5217	22375	866
Total	761496	730563	100796	223818	17398

Table 3: Number of marine licences and vessel registrations by customer age

Customers Age	Marine Licences			Vessels	
	Customers	RMDL	PWCL	Boats	PWC
Less the 21 years	17975	17972	7146	742	255
21 to 25 years	36621	36613	12939	4056	1183
26 to 30 years	52110	52081	14116	8773	1591
31 to 40 years	130752	130655	25044	31488	3634
41 to 50 years	156722	156617	23746	48239	5110
51 to 60 years	140714	140658	13314	48782	2966
61 to 70 years	107596	107564	3932	36102	806
More the 70 years	88407	88403	559	14109	101
Total	761496	730563	100796	223818	17398

Table 4: Number of marine licences and vessel registrations by customer gender

Gender	Marine Licences			Vessels	
	Customers	RMDL	PWCL	Boats	PWC
Female	113578	113546	22608	7581	1536
Male	617207	616905	78188	184707	14110
Total	761496	730563	100796	223818	17398