

Recreational marine licence census June 2013

About This Publication

This publication presents the results of a census taken of the number of current Queensland recreational marine licences on 30 June 2013. The data presented in this publication was extracted from the Department of Transport and Main Roads TRAILS Registration System (the register) on 1 July 2013.

In Queensland, being issued a *Recreational Marine Driver Licence* (RMDL) is a necessary prerequisite to being issued with a *Personal Watercraft Licence* (PWCL).

These two marine licences are issued in perpetuity and so will remain current unless they are surrendered, cancelled or until the effluxion of time assures the licence can no longer be in use.

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

Key Findings

On June 30 2013 there were 761,321 licensees who had been issued with a then current recreational marine licence. Eighty-five per cent of these licensees have been issued with a RMDL while the remaining 15% have been issued with both a RMDL and a PWCL.

Seventy-six per cent (576,614) of these licensees were not, at the time of this census, the registrant of any recreational vessels.

Of the 646,848 licensees who only hold a RMDL, 24% (152,667) were the registrants of 173,021 boats (that is recreational vessels other than PWC) which account for 76% of all then registered boats.

Of the 114,122 holders of both a RMDL and a PWCL, 17% (19,885) were the registrants of 23,044 recreational boats while 13% (14,888) were the registrants of 16,335 PWC. These boats account for 10% of all the then registered boats while these PWC account for 87% of all the then registered PWC.

Eighty-eight per cent of those licensees who were the registrant of at least one boat and no PWC have a single

boat. Likewise 93% of those licensees who were the registrant of at least one PWC and no boats have a single PWC.

Less than half of one per cent (3,483) of licensees were the registrant of at least one boat and at least one PWC. The majority (2495) of these licensees were the registrant of a single boat and a single PWC.

The proportion of RMDL holders who were the registrant of a boat increased from 20% at the time the licence was issued, to 26% after 30 years and then fell to 12% among those who have held a RMDL for 50 years or more.

The proportion of PWCL holders who were the registrant of a PWC increased from 16% at the time the licence is issued, to 18% after one year and then fell to 11% among those who have held a PWCL for 8 years.

The Brisbane maritime region accommodated the majority of RMDL (63%) and PWCL (76%) holders while the Mackay region accommodated the smallest proportion of RMDL (6%) and PWCL (4%) holders.

RMDL holders were most likely in the Mackay region (31%) and least likely in the Brisbane maritime region (20%) to be the registrant of a boat.

PWCL holders were most likely in the Mackay maritime region (15%) and least likely in the Cairns maritime region (13%) to be the registrant of a PWC.

Sixteen percent of RMDL and 23% of PWCL holders were female. Six per cent of female RMDL holders were the registrants of a boat and 6% of female PWCL holders were registrants of a PWC. In the case of male licensees these same figures for registrants were 26% and 16% respectively.

The median age of female holders of an RMDL was 47 years for those who were the registrant of a boat and 42 years for those who were not. The median age of male holders of an RMDL was 50 years in both cases.

The median age of both male and female holders of a PWCL was 42 years for those who were the registrant of a PWC and 36 years for those who were not.

These key findings have 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

Vessel Types	No Marine Licence	Vessel Licences			Total
		RMDL	PWCL	RMDL & PWCL	
Boats	30,481	173,021	70	23,044	226,616
PWC	1,710	695	34	16,335	18,774
Customers*	29,558	646,848	351	114,122	790,879

*A customer is a person to whom a recreational marine licence has been issued or a person, corporation or organisation which is the registrant of a recreational vessel.

Table 2: Marine licences and vessel registrations by maritime region

Maritime Region	Licensees	Vessel Licences		Vessels	
		RMDL	PWCL	Boat	PWC
Brisbane	476,625	476,421	87,099	103,609	13,099
Cairns	60,204	60,159	5,072	17,366	705
Gladstone	114,134	114,095	11,379	39,113	1,734
Mackay	42,929	42,887	4,282	15,863	686
Townsville	59,822	59,812	5,825	19,915	812
Total	761,321	760,970	114,473	196,135	17,064

Table 3: Marine licences and vessel registrations by age

Licensees Age	Licensees	Vessel Licences		Vessels	
		RMDL	PWCL	Boat	PWC
Age <= 20	18,426	18,424	7,702	770	308
20 < Age <= 25	37,615	37,606	14,540	4,176	1,313
25 < Age <= 30	53,402	53,372	16,090	8,999	1,668
30 < Age <= 40	132,198	132,101	27,982	30,979	3,797
40 < Age <= 50	161,819	161,711	26,884	48,543	5,572
50 < Age <= 60	146,921	146,862	15,724	49,539	3,374
60 < Age <= 65	62,676	62,647	3,311	21,298	602
65 < Age	147,592	147,575	2,240	31,818	430
Total	761,321	760,970	114,473	196,135	17,064

Table 4: Marine licences and vessel registrations by gender

Gender	Licensees	Vessel Licences		Vessels	
		RMDL	PWCL	Boat	PWC
Female	120,551	20,515	25,798	7,842	1,750
Male	640,659	40,344	88,675	188,291	15,314
Total	761,321	760,970	114,473	196,135	17,064