

Maritime Safety Queensland

Marine Information Bulletin

Appropriate registration of Community Group ships in Queensland

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Purpose

This Marine Information Bulletin is about ships owned by community groups in Queensland.

Legislation

Under marine safety legislation the term 'Queensland regulated ship' means all ships registered in Queensland. These are divided into 'recreational ships' and 'other Queensland regulated ships'.

An *other Queensland regulated ship* is a ship that is not a recreational ship or a commercial ship under the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*. The most common examples of these ships are Surf Lifesaving, school and community group owned ships.

What is an 'other Queensland regulated ship'?

An *other Queensland regulated ship* is—

- (a) a ship that is not a recreational ship or domestic commercial vessel; or
- (b) a tender to a ship in (a).

A small number of these 'other Queensland regulated ships' will become known as 'prescribed other Queensland regulated ships'. These ships are defined as a ship that is:

- 6 metres or more in length; **or**
- carry more than 12 persons; **or**
- operate more than 15 (nm) from land.

Note: All Registration applications for 'prescribed other Queensland regulated ships' will be referred to Maritime_Standards@tmr.qld.gov.au for assessment. MSQ may approve the application and add conditions. If conditions have been applied to the ship, the list of conditions must be kept on board.

Licence

The master of an *other Queensland regulated ship* is required to hold at least a Recreational Marine Drivers Licence or another equivalent licence issued in another state or under the National Law.

Safety Equipment

An *other Queensland Regulated Ship* is required to carry the safety equipment that a recreational ship is required to carry.

Safety Management System

Community Group owned ships must have a Safety Management System in accordance with the National Standard for Commercial Vessels Part E. These are not overwhelming processes and are a matter of formally recording the safe ship management practices and risk assessing that community groups are already completing in their day to day operations.

MSQ officers are available to review and work with your group in the development of these systems.

Fees

A community group is required to pay the same registrations fees as a recreational ship pays.

Further information

For further information contact your local Maritime Safety Queensland office:

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