

Maritime Safety Queensland

Marine Information Bulletin

Appropriate registration of school ships in Queensland

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Purpose

This Marine Information Bulletin is about ships used by schools 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 covered 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 paragraph (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: Registration applications for 'prescribed other Queensland regulated ships' will be referred to Maritime_Standards@tmr.qld.gov.au for assessment. MSQ may approve an 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

Queensland state schools are required to address student and teacher risks in line with the Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment (CARA) system. MSQ has approved the use of the CARA system as an alternative to having a Safety Management System as prescribed to be in accordance with the National Standard for Commercial Vessels Part E.

Queensland privately owned schools must comply with the requirements of NSCV Part E for the safe management of their ships or another approved system such as CARA.

These are not overwhelming processes and are a matter of formally recording the safe ship management practices and risk assessing that schools are already completing in their day to day operations.

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

Fee exemption

A school ship when registered as an *other Queensland Regulated Ship* is exempt from the fee for registration.

Further information

For further information contact your local Maritime Safety Queensland office:

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