

## Marine information bulletin

### Appropriate registration of school, surf lifesaving and community group boats in Queensland

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#### Purpose

This marine information bulletin is about boats registered in Queensland and used in connection with the activities of surf lifesaving, schools and community groups.

#### Legislation

Under marine safety legislation the term 'Queensland regulated ship' covers all boats registered in Queensland. This term includes 'recreational boats' and 'other Queensland regulated ships'.

An 'other Queensland regulated ship' is a commercial boat that is not covered under the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*. The most common examples of these boats are surf lifesaving, school and community group boats.

#### What is an 'other Queensland regulated ship'?

These boats are less than 6 metres, carry 12 persons or less and operate within 15 nautical miles (nm) from land.

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

- 6 metres or more in length; **or**
- carries more than 12 persons; **or**
- operates more than 15nm from land.

**Note:** Registration applications for 'prescribed other Queensland regulated ships' will be referred to [Maritime\\_Standards@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:Maritime_Standards@tmr.qld.gov.au) for assessment. The application may be granted with conditions. If conditions have been applied to the boat, the list of conditions must be kept on board.

#### Fee exemptions

Exemption of registration fees applies to:

- boats owned by an accredited surf lifesaving association and used for rescue purposes.
- boats used exclusively by a school.

#### Common examples

- A boat owned by a diving club and used in connection with recreational diving by club members would be registered recreationally.
- Using a boat for coaching a sporting activity (such as rowing) for members of a non-government school community is regarded as recreational even if the boat is skippered by an employed teacher or coach.
- A charity or not for profit association providing recreational use of a boat to the public would not be entitled to recreational registration.
- Use of a boat by a charitable institution for recreational activities for a defined class of people such as the residents of a retirement village is both private and recreational, therefore the boat may be registered recreationally.
- Use of a boat by a government or non-government school for a marine studies course or in connection with in-school BoatSafe training (any use that forms part of the school's educational programme), is not recreational.
- Registration of a boat by a school for a marine studies course or in connection with in-school BoatSafe training (any use that forms part of the school's education programme), is classed as an 'other Queensland regulated ship' and would be exempt registration fees.

#### Further information

For further information contact your local Maritime Safety Queensland office:

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