## Queensland Regulated Ship Census, June 2021

## About this publication

This publication presents the results of a census taken of Queensland Regulated Ships (QRS) that were registered on 30 June 2021. Queensland Regulated Ships are recreational vessels or other vessels expressly excluded from the operation of the Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessels) National Law Act 2012 (Cth) or the Navigation Act 2012 (Cth).

The data presented in this publication was extracted from the Department of Transport and Main Roads TRAILS Registration System (the register) on 22 July 2021.
This report provides selected details of the registered QRS. These details include the maritime region in which the ships were registered, the length of the ship, the ship types, the engine output, the year of manufacture, the method of storage and the age, gender and licence status of the registrants of the ships.

For purposes of comparison, data is also provided at 30 June for the years 2016 and 2020.
The calculation of the growth rates and decommissioning rates mentioned in this report have been made using the formulas described in the Australian Bureau of Statistics 9309.0 - Motor Vehicle Census, Australia using data presented in the attached tables and previous additions of this report.

Key Points


On 30 June 2021 there were 272,189 QRS boats and personal watercraft (PWC)- listed on the register by 231,809 different registrants (individuals or organisations). This is approximately one registered QRS for every 19 Queensland residents.
There were 239,256 boats registered by 208,797 registrants. Most registrants (87\%) had registered a single boat while another $11 \%$ of registrants had registered two boats.

The remaining $2 \%$ of registrants had registered $4.7 \%$ of all registered boats $(11,432)$.

While most boats $(235,647)$ were registered by individuals, 38796 boats were registered by 2487 organisations.


There were also 32,663 PWC registered to 29,131 registrants.
Most registrants ( $90 \%$ ) had registered a single PWC while another $9 \%$ of registrants had registered two PWC.

The remaining $1 \%$ of registrants had registered $3.4 \%$ of all registered PWC (1131).

While the majority of PWC $(31,725)$ were registered by individuals, 938 PWC were registered by 548 organisations.

It is of interest that 6119 registrants had registered at least one boat and at least one PWC. In total these registrants registered 7952 boats and 7427 PWC. The majority ( $67 \%$ ) registered a single boat and a single PWC.
During the twelve months ending 30 June 2021, 18,903 boat registrations were added to the register, 14,223 were removed from the register, while 24,508 were transferred from one registrant to another. Based on these figures Queensland's flotilla of registered boats has a decommissioning rate of approximately $5.6 \%$ per annum.

| Year | New <br> Registrations | Renewed <br> Registrations | Transferred <br> Registrations | Discontinued <br> Registrations | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Boat |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 18329 | 194600 | 19788 | 16962 | 232717 |
| 2020 | 17683 | 196302 | 20861 | 16293 | 234846 |
| 2021 | 18903 | 196115 | 24508 | 14223 | 239526 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PWC |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 3719 | 16739 | 2976 | 2079 | 23434 |
| 2020 | 4388 | 21593 | 3720 | 2522 | 29701 |
| 2021 | 5350 | 22473 | 4840 | 2388 | 32663 |

Over this same period 5350 PWC registrations were added to the register, 2388 were removed from the register while 4840 were transferred from one registrant to another.
Based on these figures Queensland's flotilla of registered PWC has a decommissioning rate of approximately $6.8 \%$ per annum.
Together these transactions resulted in the number of boats and PWC on the register increasing by $2 \%$ and $10 \%$ over the past year and by an annual average rate of $0.6 \%$ and $6.9 \%$ over the past five years respectively.

The Brisbane Maritime Region accommodates 75\% of the Queensland population and 54\% of the QRS; $57 \%$ of the boats and $81 \%$ of the PWC. This amounts to one boat for every 30 people, one PWC for every 157 people, and so 5 boats for every PWC. The majority of registered QRS, boats and PWC are in the Brisbane Maritime Region.

| Maritime Region | Boats | PWC | QRS | Population |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Brisbane Region | 128875 | 26436 | 155311 | $3,890,029$ |
| Gladstone Region | 47347 | 2908 | 50255 | 543,663 |
| Mackay Region | 19049 | 1051 | 20100 | 177,381 |
| Townsville Region | 22451 | 1102 | 23553 | 266,073 |
| Cairns Region | 21768 | 1160 | 22928 | 299,040 |
| Out Of State | 36 | 6 | 42 |  |
|  | 239526 | 32663 | 272189 | $5,176,186$ |

In contrast the Gladstone Maritime Region accommodates $11 \%$ of Queensland's population and $18 \%$ of QRS; $20 \%$ of the boats and $9 \%$ of the PWC. This amounts to one boat for every 11 people, one PWC for every 187 people, and so 16 boats for every PWC.
The other three Maritime Regions - Mackay, Townsville and Cairns - accommodate 14\% of the Queensland population and $24 \%$ of the Queensland Regulated Ships; $26 \%$ of the boats and $10 \%$ of the PWC. It is noteworthy that boats are most popular in the Mackay region where there is one boat for every 9 people and that PWC are least popular in the Cairns regions where there is one PWC for every 259 people.

## Vessels

The most popular type of boat is the open runabout which accounts for $64 \%(153,890)$ of all registered boats. Most of these boats $(94 \%, 144,972)$ are trailered rather than moored or otherwise accommodated.

Fifty per cent of open runabouts are: no longer than 4 metres, have engines producing no more than 22 kilowatts, were manufactured no more than 16 years ago and have registrants with a median age 55 years. Eight per cent $(13,192)$ of open runabouts fall within all four of these categories.
Generally, most boats ( $70 \%$ ) are no more than 5 metres in length. This percentage increases to $93 \%$ for boats which are no more than 7.5 metres in length. Ninety per cent of boats are fitted with an outboard engine while only three per cent also carry sails.

The reported engine output figures of boats need to be interpreted with some caution as they may indicate the power of the motor fitted to a boat at the time it was first registered. Sixty-five per cent of boats are fitted with an engine producing no more than 50 kilowatts while $92 \%$ of boats are fitted with engines producing no more than 150 kilowatts.


The reported engine output figures of the inboard engines of personal watercraft can be interpreted with greater confidence. Fifty-eight per cent of PWC are fitted with an engine producing no more than 150 kilowatts while $99 \%$ of PWC are fitted with engines producing no more than 250 kilowatts.
Estimating the age of the flotilla presents some difficulty as $15 \%$ of boats were registered without the year of manufacture being recorded.
Nevertheless, the extant records indicate that $20 \%$ of boats were manufactured before 1996, $43 \%$ were manufactured between 1996 and 2010 leaving $22 \%$ that were manufactured within the last 11 years. The average age of a boat is 19 years and the median age is 16 years.

In contrast only $0.29 \%$ of PWC have been registered without the year of manufacture being recorded.
The majority of PWC (85\%) were manufactured after 2005 while $15 \%$ of PWC were manufactured before 2006. The average age of a PWC is 9 years and the median age is 7 years.
Over the past five years the average age of boats has been increasing by 30 weeks per year, while the average age of PWC have been increasing by two weeks per year.

## Registrants

Baby Boomers (people born between 1947 and 1966) registered $40 \%$ of the boats and $23 \%$ of the PWC on the register. Generation X/Y (people born between 1967 and 1986) registered $39 \%$ of the boats and $510 \%$ of the PWC.

The average ages of those registering a Boat or a PWC were 53 years and 46 years respectively.
Males registered $87 \%$ of the boats and $81 \%$ of the PWC on the register.
Ten per cent of boats have been registered by an individual who does not hold a Recreational Marine Driver Licence (RMDL). Forty per cent of individual registrants obtained their RMDL no later than the year 2000 while a further $47 \%$ obtained their RMDL between 2001 and 2021. There are 1129 current boat licenses that were issued in 1962, the first year in which boat licenses were first issued. Seventytwo of these licensees are the registrants of 92 boats.
Nine per cent of PWC have been registered by an individual registrant who does not hold a Personal Watercraft Licence (PWCL). Twelve per cent were issued a PWCL in 2005, the first year in which PWCL were issued, while $76 \%$ were issued a PWCL between 2006 and 2021.

Figure 1: Selected attributes of open runabouts


Table 1: Number of regulated ships by cabin type (selected particulars)

| Vessel Type | Full Cabin Cruiser | Half <br> Cabin <br> Cruiser | Quarter Cabin <br> Cruiser | Bow <br> Rider | Centre <br> Console | Sport/Ski <br> Boat | Open <br> Runabout | PWC | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maritime Region | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| Brisbane Region | 9927 | 12745 | 5041 | 7501 | 9553 | 4725 | 79383 | 26436 | 155311 |
| Gladstone Region | 2142 | 4252 | 1539 | 1014 | 3974 | 1218 | 33208 | 2908 | 50255 |
| Mackay Region | 968 | 1866 | 623 | 389 | 1642 | 515 | 13046 | 1051 | 20100 |
| Townsville Region | 881 | 1958 | 656 | 505 | 3154 | 482 | 14815 | 1102 | 23553 |
| Cairns Region | 1166 | 2136 | 919 | 629 | 2834 | 665 | 13419 | 1160 | 22928 |
| Out Of State | 4 | 7 |  | 2 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 6 | 42 |
| Vessel Length |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < = 3 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 45 | 64 | 3109 | 4947 | 8201 |
| 3.01 to 5 | 89 | 4759 | 1911 | 2070 | 11941 | 2166 | 141381 | 27694 | 192011 |
| 5.1 to 7.5 | 2551 | 16370 | 6488 | 7672 | 8681 | 5240 | 9090 | 20 | 56112 |
| 7.51 to 10 | 4842 | 1573 | 333 | 266 | 361 | 88 | 265 |  | 7728 |
| 10.01 to 15 | 6501 | 234 | 35 | 19 | 123 | 42 | 41 |  | 6995 |
| >15 | 1100 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1142 |
| Engine Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inboard | 10580 | 2354 | 562 | 3550 | 470 | 4600 | 2765 | 31876 | 56757 |
| Outboard | 4504 | 20610 | 8216 | 6490 | 20689 | 2990 | 151123 | 787 | 215409 |
| Other | 4 |  |  |  | 1 | 16 | 2 |  | 23 |
| Carriage of Sails |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Without Sails | 9593 | 22467 | 8699 | 10018 | 21017 | 7605 | 153438 | 32663 | 265500 |
| With Sails | 5495 | 497 | 79 | 22 | 143 | 1 | 452 |  | 6689 |
| Storage Method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moored | 9982 | 1249 | 330 | 791 | 884 | 216 | 3051 | 889 | 17392 |
| Other | 1263 | 340 | 92 | 159 | 207 | 62 | 5853 | 240 | 8216 |
| Trailer | 3842 | 21375 | 8353 | 9088 | 20066 | 7328 | 144972 | 31525 | 246549 |
| Not Recorded | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 14 | 9 | 32 |
| Year of Manufacture |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year <= 1995 | 5556 | 6910 | 1938 | 533 | 2738 | 2767 | 26470 | 483 | 47395 |
| 1995 < Year <= 2000 | 1330 | 1646 | 940 | 651 | 2078 | 893 | 14739 | 1362 | 23639 |
| 2000 < Year <= 2005 | 2325 | 2984 | 1983 | 3283 | 3980 | 1257 | 26071 | 2652 | 44535 |
| 2005 < Year <= 2010 | 2111 | 3057 | 1855 | 3146 | 4326 | 1357 | 23404 | 6257 | 45513 |
| 2010 < Year < 2015 | 863 | 1449 | 974 | 1233 | 3483 | 727 | 19291 | 8450 | 36470 |
| 2015 < Year <=2020 | 709 | 1542 | 994 | 1101 | 4265 | 573 | 13552 | 12474 | 35210 |
| 2021 | 50 | 87 | 94 | 93 | 290 | 32 | 945 | 891 | 2482 |
| Not Recorded | 2144 | 5289 |  |  |  |  | 29418 | 94 | 36945 |
| Total | 15088 | 22964 | 8778 | 10040 | 21160 | 7606 | 153890 | 32663 | 272189 |

Table 2: Number of regulated ships by cabin type (selected particulars)

| Vessel Type | Full <br> Cabin <br> Cruiser | Half <br> Cabin <br> Cruiser | Quarter <br> Cabin <br> Cruiser | Bow <br> Rider | Centre <br> Console | Sport/Ski <br> Boat | Open <br> Runabout | PWC | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Gender of Registrant | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| Organisation | 549 | 271 | 109 | 161 | 501 | 171 | 2117 | 938 | 4817 |
| Female | 1553 | 1785 | 602 | 1034 | 1314 | 791 | 12597 | 4277 | 23953 |
| Male | 12185 | 20317 | 7856 | 8595 | 18864 | 6477 | 135259 | 26549 | 236102 |
| Individual | 801 | 591 | 211 | 250 | 481 | 167 | 3917 | 899 | 7317 |
| Age of Registrant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organisation | 549 | 271 | 109 | 161 | 501 | 171 | 2117 | 938 | 4817 |
| Oldest Generation 1891-1926 | 3 | 14 | 2 |  | 1 |  | 95 |  | 115 |
| Lucky Generation 1927-1946 | 1440 | 1408 | 368 | 279 | 813 | 128 | 12000 | 266 | 16702 |
| Baby Boom 1947-1966 | 8002 | 9155 | 3299 | 3316 | 7711 | 2030 | 63103 | 7747 | 104363 |
| GenerationX \& Y 1967-1986 | 3887 | 9691 | 4080 | 5346 | 9126 | 4184 | 57247 | 16865 | 110426 |
| IGeneration 1987-2006 | 406 | 1834 | 709 | 688 | 2527 | 926 | 15408 | 5948 | 28446 |
| Not Recorded | 801 | 591 | 211 | 250 | 481 | 167 | 3920 | 899 | 7320 |
| Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Year of Issue Recreational Marine Drivers Licence

| Organisation | 549 | 271 | 109 | 161 | 501 | 171 | 2117 | 938 | 4817 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| No License Issued | 2020 | 2105 | 690 | 742 | 1518 | 532 | 16883 | 2108 | 26598 |
| Not Recorded | 34 | 39 | 19 | 12 | 34 | 6 | 319 | 19 | 482 |
| 1962 to 1980 | 1312 | 1716 | 445 | 292 | 1229 | 275 | 12804 | 421 | 18494 |
| 1981 to 2000 | 4577 | 7731 | 2857 | 2539 | 7199 | 2573 | 52159 | 6369 | 86004 |
| 2001 to 2020 | 6463 | 10884 | 4560 | 6115 | 10501 | 3986 | 68209 | 21895 | 132613 |
| 2021 | 133 | 218 | 98 | 179 | 178 | 63 | 1399 | 913 | 3181 |
| Year of Issue Personal Watercraft License |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organisation | 549 | 271 | 109 | 161 | 501 | 171 | 2117 | 938 | 4817 |
| No License Issued | 11380 | 18284 | 6862 | 6424 | 16804 | 4772 | 129059 | 2914 | 196499 |
| 2005 | 975 | 1033 | 412 | 661 | 932 | 731 | 5631 | 3774 | 14149 |
| 2006 to 2015 | 1326 | 1994 | 865 | 1552 | 1772 | 1200 | 9940 | 10783 | 29432 |
| 2016 to 2020 | 801 | 1290 | 491 | 1145 | 1072 | 678 | 6629 | 12753 | 24859 |
| 2021 | 57 | 92 | 39 | 97 | 79 | 54 | 514 | 1501 | 2433 |
| Total | 15088 | 22964 | 8778 | 10040 | 21160 | 7606 | 153890 | 32663 | 272189 |

Table 3: Number of regulated ships by maritime region (selected particulars)

| Maritime Region | Brisbane Region | Gladstone Region | Mackay Region | Townsville Region | Cairns Region | Out of State | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vessel Type | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| Full Cabin Cruiser | 9927 | 2142 | 968 | 881 | 1166 | 4 | 15088 |
| Half Cabin Cruiser | 12745 | 4252 | 1866 | 1958 | 2136 | 7 | 22964 |
| Quarter Cabin Cruiser | 5041 | 1539 | 623 | 656 | 919 |  | 8778 |
| Bow Rider | 7501 | 1014 | 389 | 505 | 629 | 2 | 10040 |
| Sport/Ski Boat | 4725 | 1218 | 515 | 482 | 665 | 1 | 7606 |
| Centre Console | 9553 | 3974 | 1642 | 3154 | 2834 | 3 | 21160 |
| Open Runabout | 79383 | 33208 | 13046 | 14815 | 13419 | 19 | 153890 |
| PWC/Jet-Ski | 26436 | 2908 | 1051 | 1102 | 1160 | 6 | 32663 |
| Vessel Length |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <=3 | 6250 | 1101 | 305 | 276 | 268 | 1 | 8201 |
| 3.01 to 5 | 107550 | 37871 | 14373 | 17111 | 15080 | 26 | 192011 |
| 5.1 to 7.5 | 30998 | 9240 | 4328 | 5189 | 6348 | 9 | 56112 |
| 7.51 to 10 | 4943 | 1077 | 564 | 535 | 607 | 2 | 7728 |
| 10.01 to 15 | 4715 | 890 | 443 | 391 | 552 | 4 | 6995 |
| >15 | 855 | 76 | 87 | 51 | 73 |  | 1142 |
| Engine Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inboard | 42471 | 6113 | 2589 | 2431 | 3140 | 13 | 56757 |
| Outboard | 112826 | 44140 | 17510 | 21121 | 19783 | 29 | 215409 |
| Other | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |  | 23 |
| Carriage of Sails |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Without Sails | 151137 | 49266 | 19634 | 23133 | 22290 | 40 | 265500 |
| With Sails | 4174 | 989 | 466 | 420 | 638 | 2 | 6689 |
| Storage Method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moored | 13778 | 1406 | 737 | 637 | 4 | 830 | 17392 |
| Other | 5453 | 1261 | 331 | 415 | 2 | 754 | 8216 |
| Trailer | 136063 | 47582 | 19027 | 22499 | 36 | 21342 | 246549 |
| Not Recorded | 17 | 6 | 5 | 2 |  |  | 32 |
| Year of Manufacture |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year <= 1995 | 26563 | 9594 | 3178 | 3931 | 4126 | 3 | 47395 |
| 1995 < Year < $=2000$ | 12764 | 4517 | 1680 | 2306 | 2370 | 2 | 23639 |
| 2000 < Year < 2005 | 24160 | 8658 | 3601 | 3954 | 4155 | 7 | 44535 |
| 2005 < Year < $=2010$ | 25809 | 8267 | 3409 | 4075 | 3945 | 8 | 45513 |
| 2010 < Year < 2015 | 22192 | 5926 | 2777 | 2878 | 2692 | 5 | 36470 |
| 2015 < Year <=2020 | 23905 | 4920 | 2058 | 2244 | 2078 | 5 | 35210 |
| 2021 | 1656 | 326 | 155 | 171 | 174 |  | 2482 |
| Not Recorded | 18262 | 8047 | 3242 | 3994 | 3388 | 12 | 36945 |
| Total | 155311 | 50255 | 20100 | 23553 | 22928 | 42 | 272189 |

Table 4: Number of regulated ships by maritime region (selected particulars)

|  | Brisbane Region | Gladstone Region | Mackay Region | Townsville Region | Cairns Region | Out of State | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender of Registrant | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| Organisation | 3480 | 527 | 231 | 243 | 335 | 1 | 4817 |
| Female | 14089 | 4418 | 1601 | 1918 | 1927 |  | 23953 |
| Male | 133613 | 44080 | 17692 | 20763 | 19942 | 12 | 236102 |
| Individual | 4129 | 1230 | 576 | 629 | 724 | 29 | 7317 |
| Age of Registrant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organisation | 3480 | 527 | 231 | 243 | 335 | 1 | 4817 |
| Not Recorded | 4130 | 1230 | 576 | 630 | 725 | 29 | 7320 |
| Oldest Generation 1891-1926 | 71 | 19 | 5 | 12 | 8 |  | 115 |
| Lucky Generation 1927-1946 | 9131 | 3889 | 1033 | 1403 | 1246 |  | 16702 |
| Baby Boom 1947-1966 | 57398 | 21984 | 7188 | 9028 | 8759 | 6 | 104363 |
| Generation X \& Y 1967-1986 | 65482 | 17762 | 8481 | 9427 | 9268 | 6 | 110426 |
| I Generation 1987-2006 | 15619 | 4844 | 2586 | 2810 | 2587 |  | 28446 |
| Year of Issue Recreational Marine Drivers Licence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organisation | 3480 | 527 | 231 | 243 | 335 | 1 | 4817 |
| No License Issued | 14802 | 5130 | 2068 | 2154 | 2414 | 30 | 26598 |
| Not Recorded | 237 | 100 | 42 | 51 | 52 |  | 482 |
| 1962 to 1980 | 8485 | 4463 | 1666 | 2365 | 1513 | 2 | 18494 |
| 1981 to 2000 | 44408 | 17483 | 6989 | 8765 | 8355 | 4 | 86004 |
| 2001 to 2020 | 81702 | 22134 | 8936 | 9795 | 10042 | 4 | 132613 |
| 2021 | 2197 | 418 | 168 | 180 | 217 | 1 | 3181 |
| Year of Issue Personal Watercraft License |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organisation | 3480 | 527 | 231 | 243 | 335 | 1 | 4817 |
| No License Issued | 98880 | 41386 | 16940 | 19941 | 19314 | 38 | 196499 |
| 2005 | 10138 | 1857 | 788 | 697 | 669 |  | 14149 |
| 2006 to 2015 | 21654 | 3558 | 1181 | 1514 | 1523 | 2 | 29432 |
| 2016 to 2020 | 19242 | 2698 | 875 | 1067 | 977 |  | 24859 |
| 2021 | 1917 | 229 | 85 | 91 | 110 | 1 | 2433 |
| Total | 155311 | 50255 | 20100 | 23553 | 22928 | 42 | 272189 |

Table 5: Number of regulated ships by vessel length (selected particulars)

| Vessel Length | < = 3 | 3.01 to 5 | 5.1 to 7.5 | 7.51 to 10 | 10.01 to 15 | >15 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vessel Type | no. | no. | no. | $n \mathrm{n}$. | $n 0$. | no. | no. |
| Full Cabin Cruiser | 5 | 89 | 2551 | 4842 | 6501 | 1100 | 15088 |
| Half Cabin Cruiser | 11 | 4759 | 16370 | 1573 | 234 | 17 | 22964 |
| Quarter Cabin Cruiser | 9 | 1911 | 6488 | 333 | 35 | 2 | 8778 |
| Centre Console | 45 | 11941 | 8681 | 361 | 123 | 9 | 21160 |
| Bow Rider | 11 | 2070 | 7672 | 266 | 19 | 2 | 10040 |
| Sport/Ski Boat | 64 | 2166 | 5240 | 88 | 42 | 6 | 7606 |
| Open Runabout | 3109 | 141381 | 9090 | 265 | 41 | 4 | 153890 |
| PWC/Jet-Ski | 4947 | 27694 | 20 |  |  | 2 | 32663 |
| Maritime Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brisbane Region | 6250 | 107550 | 30998 | 4943 | 4715 | 855 | 155311 |
| Gladstone Region | 1101 | 37871 | 9240 | 1077 | 890 | 76 | 50255 |
| Mackay Region | 305 | 14373 | 4328 | 564 | 443 | 87 | 20100 |
| Townsville Region | 276 | 17111 | 5189 | 535 | 391 | 51 | 23553 |
| Cairns Region | 268 | 15080 | 6348 | 607 | 552 | 73 | 22928 |
| Out Of State | 1 | 26 | 9 | 2 | 4 |  | 42 |
| Engine Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inboard | 4885 | 29800 | 10638 | 4262 | 6067 | 1105 | 56757 |
| Outboard | 3316 | 162209 | 45457 | 3463 | 927 | 37 | 215409 |
| Other |  | 2 | 17 | 3 | 1 |  | 23 |
| Carriage of Sails |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Without Sails | 8183 | 191581 | 55003 | 5907 | 3935 | 891 | 265500 |
| With Sails | 18 | 430 | 1109 | 1821 | 3060 | 251 | 6689 |
| Storage Method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moored | 403 | 3404 | 2439 | 3996 | 6081 | 1069 | 17392 |
| Other | 833 | 5333 | 662 | 756 | 598 | 34 | 8216 |
| Trailer | 6960 | 183254 | 53005 | 2975 | 316 | 39 | 246549 |
| Not Recorded | 5 | 20 | 6 | 1 |  |  | 32 |
| Year of Manufacture |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year <= 1995 | 1328 | 31044 | 9666 | 2438 | 2613 | 306 | 47395 |
| 1995 < Year <= 2000 | 1270 | 16418 | 4519 | 635 | 716 | 81 | 23639 |
| 2000 < Year <= 2005 | 1151 | 30359 | 10440 | 1276 | 1153 | 156 | 44535 |
| 2005 < Year < 2010 | 871 | 30813 | 11325 | 1248 | 1009 | 247 | 45513 |
| 2010 < Year <= 2015 | 1237 | 28040 | 6161 | 471 | 392 | 169 | 36470 |
| 2015 < Year <=2020 | 1848 | 25926 | 6417 | 640 | 262 | 117 | 35210 |
| 2021 | 113 | 1797 | 496 | 48 | 18 | 10 | 2482 |
| Not Recorded | 383 | 27614 | 7088 | 972 | 832 | 56 | 36945 |
| Total | 8201 | 192011 | 56112 | 7728 | 6995 | 1142 | 272189 |

Table 6: Number of regulated ships by vessel length (selected particulars)

| Vessel Length | < $=3$ | 3.01 to 5 | 5.1 to 7.5 | 7.51 to 10 | 10.01 to 15 | >15 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender of Registrant | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| Organisation | 167 | 3009 | 946 | 238 | 268 | 189 | 4817 |
| Female | 1051 | 16784 | 4463 | 745 | 795 | 115 | 23953 |
| Male | 6657 | 167395 | 49400 | 6439 | 5492 | 719 | 236102 |
| Individual | 326 | 4823 | 1303 | 306 | 440 | 119 | 7317 |
| Age of Registrant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organisation | 167 | 3009 | 946 | 238 | 268 | 189 | 4817 |
| Oldest Generation 1891-1926 | 4 | 89 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 115 |
| Lucky Generation 1927-1946 | 339 | 12568 | 2408 | 586 | 697 | 104 | 16702 |
| Baby Boom 1947-1966 | 2314 | 73458 | 20459 | 3695 | 3927 | 510 | 104363 |
| Generation X \& Y 1967-1986 | 3590 | 76383 | 26090 | 2617 | 1535 | 211 | 110426 |
| I Generation 1987-2006 | 1461 | 21678 | 4888 | 284 | 127 | 8 | 28446 |
| Not Recorded | 326 | 4826 | 1303 | 306 | 440 | 119 | 7320 |
| Year of Issue Recreational Marine Drivers Licence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organisation | 167 | 3009 | 946 | 238 | 268 | 189 | 4817 |
| No License Issued | 1082 | 19155 | 4284 | 892 | 1008 | 177 | 26598 |
| 1962 to 1980 | 301 | 13498 | 3411 | 569 | 611 | 104 | 18494 |
| 1981 to 2000 | 2010 | 59833 | 19252 | 2518 | 2067 | 324 | 86004 |
| 2001 to 2020 | 4451 | 93849 | 27586 | 3422 | 2963 | 342 | 132613 |
| 2021 | 181 | 2327 | 531 | 76 | 62 | 4 | 3181 |
| Not Recorded | 9 | 340 | 102 | 13 | 16 | 2 | 482 |
| Year of Issue Personal Watercraft License |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organisation | 167 | 3009 | 946 | 238 | 268 | 189 | 4817 |
| No License Issued | 3143 | 139937 | 42005 | 5566 | 5232 | 616 | 196499 |
| 2005 | 1075 | 8694 | 3256 | 510 | 475 | 139 | 14149 |
| 2006 to 2015 | 1750 | 20038 | 6061 | 841 | 604 | 138 | 29432 |
| 2016 to 2020 | 1846 | 18481 | 3563 | 523 | 390 | 56 | 24859 |
| 2021 | 220 | 1852 | 281 | 50 | 26 | 4 | 2433 |
| Total | 8201 | 192011 | 56112 | 7728 | 6995 | 1142 | 272189 |

Table 7: Number of regulated ships by maritime region (selected years)

| 2021 | Brisbane | Gladstone | Mackay | Townsville | Cairns | Ex QLD | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Full Cabin Cruiser | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| 2016 | 9978 | 2191 | 1039 | 906 | 1086 | 10 | 15210 |
| 2020 | 9764 | 2104 | 980 | 886 | 1101 | 4 | 14839 |
| 2021 | 9927 | 2142 | 968 | 881 | 1166 | 4 | 15088 |
| Half Cabin Cruiser |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 12884 | 4221 | 1773 | 1945 | 2028 | 8 | 22859 |
| 2020 | 12556 | 4204 | 1816 | 1911 | 2081 | 6 | 22574 |
| 2021 | 12745 | 4252 | 1866 | 1958 | 2136 | 7 | 22964 |
| Quarter Cabin Cruiser |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 4431 | 1369 | 527 | 589 | 769 |  | 7685 |
| 2020 | 4885 | 1480 | 578 | 634 | 856 |  | 8433 |
| 2021 | 5041 | 1539 | 623 | 656 | 919 |  | 8778 |
| Centre Console |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 6487 | 947 | 403 | 464 | 538 |  | 8839 |
| 2020 | 7182 | 952 | 403 | 486 | 592 | 1 | 9616 |
| 2021 | 7501 | 1014 | 389 | 505 | 629 | 2 | 10040 |
| Centre Console |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 7373 | 3017 | 1316 | 2599 | 2246 | 3 | 16554 |
| 2020 | 9009 | 3759 | 1555 | 2996 | 2678 | 2 | 19999 |
| 2021 | 9553 | 3974 | 1642 | 3154 | 2834 | 3 | 21160 |
| Sport/Ski Boat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 4436 | 1201 | 497 | 483 | 645 | 2 | 7264 |
| 2020 | 4514 | 1200 | 505 | 474 | 632 | 1 | 7326 |
| 2021 | 4725 | 1218 | 515 | 482 | 665 | 1 | 7606 |
| Open Runabout |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 79341 | 32909 | 12936 | 15323 | 13765 | 34 | 154308 |
| 2020 | 78293 | 32769 | 12929 | 14749 | 13295 | 25 | 152060 |
| 2021 | 79383 | 33208 | 13046 | 14815 | 13419 | 19 | 153890 |
| Boats |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 124930 | 45855 | 18491 | 22309 | 21077 | 57 | 232719 |
| 2020 | 126203 | 46468 | 18766 | 22136 | 21235 | 39 | 234847 |
| 2021 | 128875 | 47347 | 19049 | 22451 | 21768 | 36 | 239526 |
| PWC/Jet-Ski |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 18561 | 2141 | 852 | 884 | 991 | 3 | 23432 |
| 2020 | 24028 | 2647 | 978 | 992 | 1050 | 5 | 29700 |
| 2021 | 26436 | 2908 | 1051 | 1102 | 1160 | 6 | 32663 |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | 143491 | 47996 | 19343 | 23193 | 22068 | 60 | 256151 |
| 2020 | 150231 | 49115 | 19744 | 23128 | 22285 | 44 | 264547 |
| 2021 | 155311 | 50255 | 20100 | 23553 | 22928 | 42 | 272189 |

Table 8: Number of regulated ship registrations by maritime regions (selected years)
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|r|r|r|r|c|c|}\hline & & & & & \\ \text { Maritime Region } & & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \text { Per Cent } \\ \text { Change }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Per Cent } \\ \text { Change }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Average Annual } \\ \text { Growth }\end{array}\right]$

Table 9: Number of regulated ship registrations by cabin type (selected years)

| Vessel Type |  |  |  | Per Cent Change | Per Cent Change | Average Annual Growth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jun-16 | Jun-20 | Jun-21 | 16/21 | 20/21 | 16/21 |
| Full Cabin Cruiser | 15210 | 14839 | 15088 | -0.8\% | 1.7\% | -0.2\% |
| Half Cabin Cruiser | 22859 | 22574 | 22964 | 0.5\% | 1.7\% | 0.1\% |
| Quarter Cabin Cruiser | 7685 | 8433 | 8778 | 14.2\% | 4.1\% | 2.7\% |
| Centre Console | 16554 | 19999 | 21160 | 27.8\% | 5.8\% | 5.0\% |
| Bow Rider | 8839 | 9616 | 10040 | 13.6\% | 4.4\% | 2.6\% |
| Sport/Ski Boat | 7264 | 7326 | 7606 | 4.7\% | 3.8\% | 0.9\% |
| Open Runabout | 154308 | 152060 | 153890 | -0.3\% | 1.2\% | -0.1\% |
| Boats | 232719 | 234847 | 239526 | 2.9\% | 2.0\% | 0.6\% |
| PWC/Jet-Ski | 23432 | 29700 | 32663 | 39.4\% | 10.0\% | 6.9\% |
| Total | 256151 | 264547 | 272189 | 6.3\% | 2.9\% | 1.2\% |

Table 10: Number of regulated boat registrations by vessel length (selected years)

| Vessel Length* |  |  |  | Per Cent Change | Per Cent Change | Average Annual Growth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jun-16 | Jun-20 | Jun-21 | 16/21 | 20/21 | 16/21 |
| Length < $=3 \mathrm{~m}$ | 3539 | 3176 | 3254 | -8.1\% | 2.5\% | -1.7\% |
| 3 m < Length <= 5 m | 162579 | 162045 | 164317 | 1.1\% | 1.4\% | 0.2\% |
| $5 \mathrm{~m}<$ Length < $=7.5 \mathrm{~m}$ | 51228 | 54120 | 56092 | 9.5\% | 3.6\% | 1.8\% |
| 7.5 m < Length < $=10 \mathrm{~m}$ | 7416 | 7540 | 7728 | 4.2\% | 2.5\% | 0.8\% |
| 10 m < Length < $=15 \mathrm{~m}$ | 6854 | 6862 | 6995 | 2.1\% | 1.9\% | 0.4\% |
| 15 m < Length <= 20 m | 930 | 919 | 950 | 2.2\% | 3.4\% | 0.4\% |
| 20 m < Length < $=25 \mathrm{~m}$ | 132 | 143 | 144 | 9.1\% | 0.7\% | 1.8\% |
| 25 m < Length | 41 | 42 | 46 | 12.2\% | 9.5\% | 2.3\% |
| * Excludes PWC | 232719 | 234847 | 239526 | 2.9\% | 2.0\% | 0.6\% |

Table 11: Number of regulated boat registrations by main engine power (selected years)
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|r|r|r|r|r|c|}\hline \text { Kilowatts } & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \text { Per Cent } \\ \text { Change }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Per Cent } \\ \text { Change }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Average Annual } \\ \text { Growth }\end{array}\right]$

Table 12: Number of regulated PWC registrations by main engine power (selected years)

| Kilowatts |  |  |  | Per Cent Change | Per Cent Change | Average Annual Growth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jun-16 | Jun-20 | Jun-21 | 16/21 | 20/21 | 16/21 |
| 0-25 | 125 | 173 | 191 | 52.8\% | 10.4\% | 8.8\% |
| 25-50 | 624 | 611 | 615 | -1.4\% | 0.7\% | -0.3\% |
| 50-75 | 1996 | 2801 | 3186 | 59.6\% | 13.7\% | 9.8\% |
| 75-100 | 4329 | 4320 | 4487 | 3.6\% | 3.9\% | 0.7\% |
| 100-125 | 5911 | 6156 | 6228 | 5.4\% | 1.2\% | 1.1\% |
| 125-150 | 2268 | 3370 | 4217 | 85.9\% | 25.1\% | 13.2\% |
| 150-175 | 3663 | 5295 | 5980 | 63.3\% | 12.9\% | 10.3\% |
| 175-200 | 3167 | 3333 | 3349 | 5.7\% | 0.5\% | 1.1\% |
| 200-225 | 924 | 2924 | 3616 | 291.3\% | 23.7\% | 31.4\% |
| 225-250 | 173 | 414 | 481 | 178.0\% | 16.2\% | 22.7\% |
| 250-275 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 50.0\% | -14.3\% | 8.4\% |
| 275-300 | 20 | 121 | 116 | 480.0\% | -4.1\% | 42.1\% |
| >300 | 228 | 175 | 191 | -16.2\% | 9.1\% | -3.5\% |
| Total | 23432 | 29700 | 32663 | 39.4\% | 10.0\% | 6.9\% |

## Disclaimer

The data sources used in the compilation of this report are subject to an ongoing process of data validation and consequently the numbers and calculations presented are subject to revision.

## Creative Commons information

© State of Queensland (Department of Transport and Main Roads) 2020

http://creativecommons.org.licences/by/4.0/
This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 Licence. You are free to copy, communicate and adapt the work, as long as you attribute the authors.
The Queensland Government supports and encourages the dissemination and exchange of information. However, copyright protects this publication. The State of Queensland has no objection to this material being reproduced, made available online or electronically but only if its recognised as the owner of the copyright and this material remains unaltered.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing accessible services to Queenslanders of all cultural and linguistic backgrounds. If you have difficulty understanding this publication and need a translator, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131450 and ask them to telephone the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads on 137468.
Disclaimer: While every care has been taken in preparing this publication, the State of Queensland accepts no responsibility for decisions or actions taken as a result of any data, information, statement or advice, expressed or implied, contained within. To the best of our knowledge, the content was correct at the time of publishing.

