



# RYCT MARINA NEWSLETTER

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Thank you!

Now that the busy season is coming to an end, we would like to say a big 'Thank you' to the RYCT members who sublet their berths over the Christmas and New Year period.

We had bumper bookings around the Sydney to Hobart Race and again around the departure and arrival of the 2022 Van Diemen's Land circumnavigators.

Keep us in mind for next years' race and when we welcome the return of the Wooden Boat Festival in February 2023

## GENERAL UPDATES

### PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Just a reminder that the requirement for public liability insurance is now \$10million

### SCOOTERS & BIKES

For the safety of everyone in the marina, please do not ride scooters, bicycles, or skateboards in the marina

### POWER LEADS

It is a requirement that the test and tag labels on your power leads are current and visible. Please see Luke at the bosuns office to book a test & tag

### KEEP THE MARINA CLEAR

As the marina is a shared space, we ask that everyone help keep the marina nice and clear, particularly on the walkways.

## RYCT MARINA STAFF NEWS

In March, RYCT staff member - Nicole Mudge - joined a group of industry professionals on the Gold Coast for the Marina Industries Association, Intermediate Marina Management Course. Spanning four and a half days, the course content covered areas such as emergency and environmental management, leadership, the marina industry of the future and marine legal and insurance issues.

With training provided by internationally recognised Certified Marina Managers, the group spent time in the classroom as well as out in the field, visiting the sites of Queensland's Southport Marina, Boat Works and Gold Coast City Marina.

With group discussions relating to innovation and industry challenges, the course provided Nicole with a host of great ideas she will be looking at implementing at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania in the future.



There's a new face at RYCT we would like to introduce you to.

Frank Reynolds recently started in the position of Marina and Slip yard General Hand (Bosun).

Frank comes to us with a background in the fisheries and mining industries and brings new experience to the role with an energetic approach.

He has already hit the ground running, quickly gaining experience in slipping vessels and will be an essential support to the Marina and Slip yard team.

Feel free to contact the Marina Staff for any queries or issues on the marina, the team are only too happy to help

Marina Manager – [admin@ryct.org.au](mailto:admin@ryct.org.au)

Bosuns – [bosun@ryct.org.au](mailto:bosun@ryct.org.au)

(03) 6223 4599

## Secure your vessel during storm events

Storms can appear at any time with or without notice. You should leave your vessel in a secure state when leaving, especially when a storm is anticipated.

We recommend your vessel be secured to no less than 4 points. Forward and AFT spring lines provide additional security should a bow or stern line break.

For most lines, standard nylon is a good choice. It has a great strength, gives under load to absorb energy and is relatively inexpensive.

Further energy absorption can be achieved by using springers on your mooring lines.



If you are in need of assistance to check your boat on a regular basis or after a storm event, please email the Marina Manager at – [admin@ryct.org.au](mailto:admin@ryct.org.au)

If you require new or replacement docking lines, the RYCT can provide this service. Contact the Marina Manager or contact the bosuns directly at [bosun@ryct.org.au](mailto:bosun@ryct.org.au)

### RYCT Membership Benefits

Did you know that you can present your membership card to any of the following business partners and enjoy a range of member-only benefits? Go to: <https://ryct.org.au/member-benefits/> to find out more. Conditions apply.

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# Vessel Maintenance

Owning a boat comes with responsibility and hard work. Maintaining your vessel to keep it seaworthy doesn't just mean fixing leaks and hosing down your boat. It also includes regular maintenance, such as cleaning the hull.

Here's what you should know about how often your boat's hull needs cleaning and the most responsible ways to clean it.

## Why Does the Hull of Your Boat Need Cleaning?

Like every other part of your boat, the hull will get dirty over time. An accumulation of plant and animal life on the bottom of your boat is known as biofouling. Fouling accumulates more quickly or slowly depending on the types of animals and plant life in the water around your boat.

Fouling isn't just an eyesore. It can cause drag on your boat, reducing its fuel efficiency, which in turn leads to higher fuel consumption and an increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

Fouling is also bad for the ocean because it allows the transfer of invasive species, affecting the ecosystem. The damage to the ecosystem happens when organisms attach themselves to your boat and hitch a ride to locations where they aren't native. They're tiny organisms, but they can lead to big problems as they disrupt the food ecosystem in their new home.

## How Often Should You Clean Your Hull?

If your boat spends most of its time in the water, slipping and cleaning every 6-12 months can keep biofouling from becoming too severe. Of course, even this time frame depends on the measures you've taken to prevent fouling.

The best way is to bring the vessel out of the water for a pressure clean and a new coat of anti-foul paint.

## Antifouling Measures

Antifouling paint can help slow the development of fouling on your hull.

You must have your boat repainted with antifouling paint regularly, but the paint overall lasts longer if you don't have to scrape off fouling constantly. By cleaning your hull before it becomes thick with tough fouling, you can preserve the antifouling paint and prolong its effectiveness.

To book your boat for slipping and maintenance call 0419 885 420



**Maintaining a clean boat is the responsibility of the berth holder.**

**The Marina Manager, may with reasonable grounds, require it to be cleaned.**

Dinghies, tenders and other craft (not limited to kayaks, canoes and surfboards) are not to be left in the water in the marina.

These are to be stored either onboard your vessel or in the designated dinghy racks.

If you would like to rent a club dingy rack, please contact Nicole on

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