



EMPIRE LIFE

Your regular e-newsletter from Empire Marina Bobbin Head

Lifejackets - a must have for NSW waters

NSW Maritime has announced that commencing 1 November 2010 the new lifejacket rules for NSW come into effect. The rules mainly affect small craft and children under 12 but it is incumbent on all skippers to familiarise themselves with the new rules.

As an example under the new provisions, all boaters on vessels under 4.8m must wear life jackets at night, on open waters, on alpine waters and when boating alone.

Stronger protections apply to children under 12 who must wear lifejackets on boats less than 4.8 meters, or when they are in open areas on vessels less than 8 metres that are underway, which means all deck areas including flybridges and anything attached to the stern.

Full details of the requirements are available from NSW Maritime's website at:
www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/docs/wh/Lifejacket_Reforms_Report.pdf

Empire Marinas carries a range of adults and children's lifejackets which are for sale in the marina office. Children's jackets start at \$65.00.



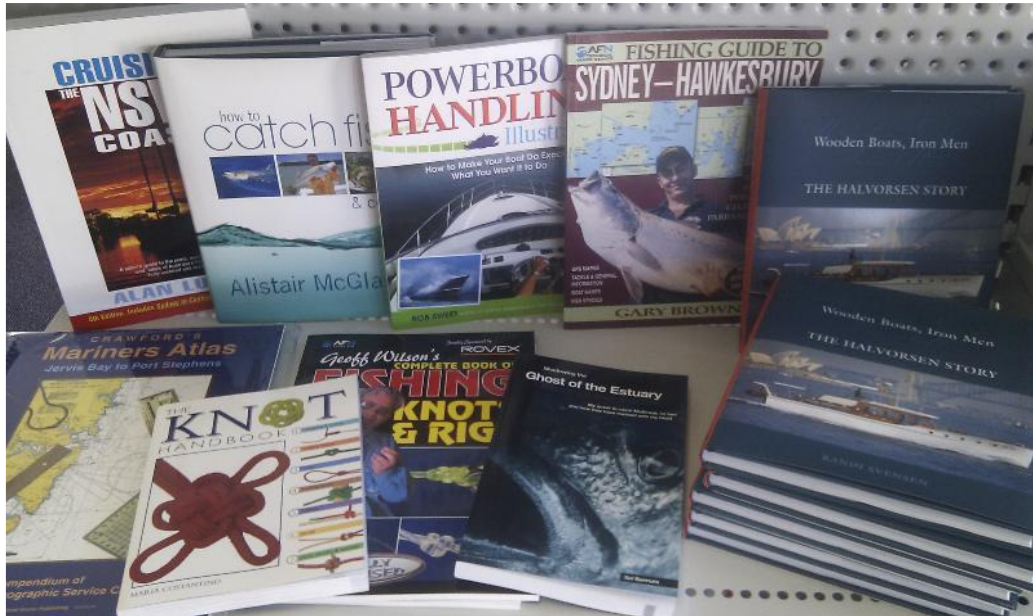
Adult and child sized jackets are available from the Marina Office

Boat Books comes to Bobbin Head

Empire Marinas has joined forces with Boat Books to present a variety of affordable books on fishing, boating and cruising.

We carry a selection of titles including the premier guide to our waterways *Cruising Guide to the Hawkesbury*, the appetite whetting *Catch Fish and Cook It* as well as books on ropes and knots, maps and maintenance.

These books on display in the marina office and are perfect for anyone gift shopping or looking for good reading material for those relaxing days out on the boat in Broken Bay.



Boat Books available through the marina office

Is there a Doctor in the house?

At Empire Marina Bobbin Head our Premium Unleaded and Diesel is delivered direct from the refinery. For environmental and fuel integrity purposes we regularly vacuum and pressure test our tanks and fuel lines and take regular samples of our fuel to verify fuel quality.



Fuel Doctor - protection for your fuel tanks

As we move towards the warmer weather, however, it is worth considering a few important issues to ensure the quality of the fuel in your tanks. As fuel is drawn out the tank outside air is brought in to fill the void.

In summer months this air is warm and humid and as temperatures fall overnight and condensation forms on the inside of the tank and makes its way to the bottom of the tank.

If you often run your tanks below half full there is an increased risk of condensation which leads to an accumulation of water in the bottom of your tanks, and the possibility of microbial sludge building up in your fuel system.

Many modern fuel systems have separators, however, skippers should consider minimising condensation by keeping tanks full or using dispersants to address the issue.

We have investigated a number of products and found that *Fuel Doctor* is a reliable and cost effective option for dispersing moisture related contaminants in your fuel. The product is available in 1lt and 5lt bottles from the marina office.



Mark Messenger adding Fuel Doctor to the workboat

Dealing with your old flares

NSW Maritime in conjunction with the EPA has addressed the need to have a sensible way to dispose of old flares. In the past, there was no easy means of disposal which, by default, meant that flares were ending up in domestic and commercial waste posing a risk to unsuspecting contractors.

Flares may now be disposed of at any NSW maritime office. The closest one to the marina is at Hornsby and more information about the disposal requirements is available from our staff at the marina office.



Enquire at the marina office about the safe disposal of out-of-date flares

Marina Berths - long term options running out...

The release of berths for sale and the 5 year package are running out. Two berths remain for sale, one is 25m and the other a 20m berth. There is also one 5 year upfront berth package available.

Demand for berthing at the marina remains strong and the purchasers of berths to date have been enjoying significant discounts on services and fuel as Platinum members of the Empire Marinas Club.

If you have been considering purchasing a berth at the marina or taking advantage of our 5 year deal, now is the time to act.

Please call Stephen Smith or Darren Vaux on 02 9457 9011 for further information on your leasing options at Bobbin Head.



Secure your boating lifestyle, enquire about lease options at Bobbin Head

Empire Marinas Club - summer discounts

Don't forget that all berth customers of Empire Marina Bobbin Head are entitled to become Gold Members of the Empire Marinas Club which has the benefit of discounts off services and fuel.

It is easy to join, just log on to our website and follow the prompts, and complete the http://www.empiremarinas.com.au/empire_marinas_club_membership_form.htm and complete the details and you can start enjoying the benefits immediately.

Summer discounts include **free pump out** for Silver, Gold, and Platinum Members filling their fuel tanks during December, **5% off the price of fuel for Gold Members and 10% for Platinum Members.**



Summer - peak period for the Hardstand

The summer boating season is well and truly upon us. This is a peak period for the hardstand and, with many owners requiring their boats antifouled before Christmas, the yard is working to capacity.

Boats are booked right through the festive season and well into the New Year and our hardstand manager Roy South will be keeping the yard operating at full capacity over Christmas/New Year, closing on public holidays only.

When it comes to antifoul, there are multiple variants in vessel requirements and Roy has the experience and industry networks to advise you on the best product for your boat. Or, if you have a favourite product, he is happy to source it for you.

So if you require your vessel hauled for antifoul or even general maintenance, please contact the marina office on 9457 9011 and ask for a Works Request form. Once we receive the completed form Roy will contact you to book your boat into the system and schedule your lift.



Full Service Hardstand



Yard Manger - Roy South



Undercover Refit Shed

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