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## 'On Deck'

### Word from the President

Interesting times for Boating.

We hear that they are putting in a Marine Park from Kangaroo Island, extending up the WA Coast. There are massive implications for Boaters, Fishermen and associated industries. We hear from those supporting this measure that it "is essential, and that fishermen and boaters should just suck it up!" Facts and data are not provided – and "consultation" may arrive – but well after the announcement. "It is only a small percentage of the coastline" – well until that announcement, it was our coastline – WA Coastline. Thank goodness Norman Moore (Minister for Fisheries) had the intestinal fortitude to say – "Prove it is needed – show us the facts!"

It was recently told to me that 38% of the Worlds Marine Parks are in Australia – and that was before the Federal Governments latest announcement. Thank you Mr Moore, for providing a beacon for commonsense, at yet another "Extreme Green Solution" to a problem that has not been fully considered – and is totally lacking in consultation.

They seem to have forgotten that "Boaters are Voters", and ultimately we will seek more skilled and inclusive Parliamentary Representatives. I will admit though, that through their inferred fact and malevolent press releases with no scientific substantiation or public consultation that they seem to have convinced the folks who don't boat that our coastline and fish stocks are enormously damaged.


Recreational Fishers and Boaters love this coast and the majority boat and fish within the rules – and with great respect for the environment. Through our liaison with other Industry bodies such as Boating Industry Assoc (BIAWA), RecFishWest, and Marine Tourism we have convened the Marine Advisory Council as our Peak Body, and seek ongoing talks with Government. So - COME AND TALK TO US – DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT US! Who knows! – we might even be able to help!

Mother Nature struck again last week and brave young man was lost participating in the sport he loved the most – Boating. Please read a message into what happened and ensure that your Life Jackets (Personal Floatation Devices – PFDs) are near you – or better still – ON YOU!! Western Australia is one of the last states to make the "wearing of PFDs mandatory whilst on water"! We like to think that we are smart, and have prepared well for a voyage – so why not wear the PFD if the weather picks up, during night travel – or perhaps even to make your passengers feel more comfortable - they might be a little frightened. Let's not wait for "Nanny State Legislation" to lead us. Wear your PFD – don't store it!

Rottnest Island Authority, and CEO Paolo Amaranti have provided us with a very concise rationale and outline for the "Upgrading and Changes to Mooring Sizes at Rottnest".

A copy of our letter to the RIA and their reply are attached to this edition of "On Deck" for your information

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As a follow-on, we still have a couple of specific circumstances in "Mooring Changes" where Members believe that they have been disadvantaged – and we will now seek deeper discussions with RIA to resolve those circumstances.

After our Inaugural Edition of ON DECK, quite a few members emailed BWA (Casey, our Executive Officer) with concerns and issue they have encountered. Some of them were absolute 'eye openers' and we thank you for those. Rest assured that we are pursuing them – and will get back to Members as soon as we make progress.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your support throughout this year. BWA, apart from seeking quality low cost services for Members – is also your conduit to Government and the Authorities. Someone described it to me recently as a "Union of Boaters", and with what currently faces Boaters – and we believe Boating Western Australia (BWA) to be essential! Fees are minimal and representation is extremely high – from an enormously dedicated and talented Team of Volunteers. Meetings with Authorities in the last month have included issues such as:

- \* Speed limits on the Swan River \* Recreational Boating Funding Scheme \* Recreational use of the Swan and Canning Rivers \* Moorings – River and Mangles Bay \*

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Safe Boating!  
Colin Lockley

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## General News....

### Unprecedented demand expected for first boat pens at Port Coogee

Release Date: 21/04/2011

Australand has announced work is about to commence on Perth's newest marina - the highly anticipated Port Coogee Marina on Cockburn Sound.

The public call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) on the marina's first 60 pens released this week is expected to attract huge demand with Perth suffering a severe shortage of pens right across the metropolitan area.

Boating Industry Association of WA General Manager Sherry Donaldson welcomed the announcement, saying the industry has been suffering as a result of the pen shortage.

"It is absolutely fantastic that these additional 60 pens are coming on stream by private enterprise," Ms Donaldson said.

"Boat builders are currently in the unenviable position of having clients who are thinking twice about purchasing a vessel because they cannot access a pen.

"The Port Coogee Marina will help alleviate this problem by catering for up to 300 vessels once complete."

Recreational boat registrations in Perth have almost doubled from 48,468 in 2007 to 81,202 in 2010 and Ms Donaldson said there is no doubt more boats would be registered if more pens were available.

Set to become the centrepiece of a world-class residential marina development just five minutes from Fremantle, Port Coogee's public marina is expected to eventually accommodate up to 300 power and sail craft up to 20 metres.

It will feature state-of-the-art refuelling and sullage facilities and a range of marine services for both penned and visiting recreational boats.

Australand WA General Manager, Tony Perrin, said construction of the contemporary floating pens will commence in the next few months with the first boats expected to take-up residence in the

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### TIMELY REMINDERS

#### Time Trialling

The time trialling season has started again on the Swan and Canning Rivers.

The season nominally runs from 1st May through to the end of September each year.

Time trialling is not racing and competitors compete at their own nominated speed of between 5 and 15 knots. The objective is for the competitors to find their way around a different course each week having been given a precise starting time from which they have to reach the various check points on the course at the times calculated from their instructions. Boats usually start at one minute intervals. These events and courses are organised by a number of the river based clubs and have been approved by the Aquatic Council well in advance of the dates of the events.

Competing boats must fly a yellow power yacht competition flag below their club pennant. These boats are also easily recognised by having a yellow board with large competition numbers displayed near the bow of the vessel.

marina in January 2012.

"Perth is desperately in need of more boat pens so to be able to finally start building the pens at Port Coogee is a significant step forward for this world-class project," he said.

Mr Perrin said Port Coogee's location was likely to be a major incentive for boat owners with the calm waters of Cockburn Sound and the range of support facilities to be offered in being unrivalled in the metropolitan area.

"Port Coogee is being developed as a new regional heart for Cockburn and the marina will be there to be enjoyed by the whole community," he said.

"In addition to the pens there will be day berths to ensure Port Coogee becomes a true visitor destination in the southern corridor."

Mr Perrin said the Port Coogee marina EOI process for the first release will close on Friday 17 June 2011 with preference given to longer term sub-licences and current land owners within the residential estate.

Mr Perrin said 2011 will be the year when the long awaited vision for Port Coogee really comes into its own.

"The hard work that has been undertaken over the past few years and the increasing level of home building activity within the residential component means Port Coogee is truly coming into its own as a true coastal community."

To pick up a copy of the Port Coogee boat pen EOI pack visit the Port Coogee Sales office on Orsino Boulevard (off Cockburn Road) between 2pm and 5pm on Wednesdays and 1pm and 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information log onto [www.portcoogee.com.au](http://www.portcoogee.com.au) or call 13 38 38.

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## ROTTNEST ISLAND MARINE NEWS

### Process for Potential Upgrading of Moorings at Rottneest Island

BWA letter to RIA's CEO, Paolo Amaranti. Dated: 16/03/2011

[Link to letter](#)

Response from RIA's CEO, Paolo Amaranti. Received: 30/03/2011

[Link to letter](#)

### Rottneest upgrade a welcome change in the time for Easter

Release Date: 24/04/2011

[Link to article](#)

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## STERN LINES

### Squeaky wheels will not be oiled with spin

If the wheels of industry turned as slowly as the wheels of state, the state would not have the where with all to philander and luxuriate in the lack of progress.

Industry always has a sense of urgency. It appears that some state departments have trouble relating to urgent signals within their own jurisdictions.

The problem is that many with the responsibility of looking after the big picture in this state obviously have such limited vision that they cannot see the connection between industry and their budgets. Such is the questionable value of a system lacking accountability. When budgets are threatened the first priority is to protect the establishment and then reduce services. Such a system is unsustainable as we are finding out. However it takes some particularly masculine attributes to begin to address this problem. It is clear though that the boating community is un-

*Please, if you are cruising on one of these rivers and you see one or more of these boats on an obvious course to a mark in front of them be sure to obey the "collision rules" as they are obliged to do, but as a matter of courtesy and of little real inconvenience to yourself, please give them plenty of room so as not to interfere with their competition. These events are very competitive and a wonderful way to "exercise" your boat in the winter as well as to improve your boat handling skills. Did you know that the best performers may only loose 2 or 3 seconds over 15 check points?*

*Your courtesy and consideration will be greatly appreciated by the competitors.*

### Boats Dont Always Float

*With winter storms and rains about and with moored vessels being less used, it is a good time to check that the float switches on your bilge pumps are in good and responsive order.*

*Please also bear in mind that keeping your boat afloat may only depend on the condition of the through the hull hose connections, these connections being double clipped and the good condition of the stop cocks. These stop cocks should be operated regularly to keep them free from seizing. It is preferable for the stop cocks to be turned off when the vessel is unattended. At least by making this practice a habit, if a hose should fail water will still be prevented from entering the hull.*

*Even then some boats are prone to collecting storm water or even taking water over the stern in exposed locations with fixed mooring positions. This can be enough to sink a boat, but the risk is greatly reduced with adequate cockpit drainage and sufficient bilge pump capacity.*

*It would be a worthwhile exercise to check the "real" capacity of your bilge pumps to lift and expel the quantity of water that your skin fittings would allow into your hull should they fail. If you had to upgrade your pumps it would still be a better option than the dismal calculation of how long you have before the pumps are overwhelmed.*

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problem. It is clear though that the boating community is up against a voracious state management structure that is keeping a very tight grip on their Ministers rather than the other way around.

It is because of this that anything to do with boats, boating or the necessary supporting infrastructure has had scant attention over the last 20 years.

Regardless of the comparatively small marina projects, or works on the horizon at present, there is a legacy of a disastrous shortfall in output from those responsible.

These collective failures are now directly responsible for a slowing of new boats sales, slowing second hand boat sales, greater depreciation of personal assets and extortionate increases in pen fees and costs. It is a timely reminder that the greatest beneficiaries of this "managed" shortage is the same Ministry as the one charged with managing state owned harbours and planning new facilities. An interesting position of controlling supply and benefiting from the shortages.

We are told that we have a two speed economy. In the case of boating it is either "dead slow" or "stop". Sadly today there are two levels of entrepreneurs. Those that dig big holes and the rest who prefer to build or innovate. Sadly the latter seem to be unheard over the Premier's music of digging. We have to join the growing chorus that it is time to remove the blinkers and let the rest of industry get on with their business, which also has its important value in helping to underwrite the state.

When one has a job for life it is a bit easier to accept your failures and watch others loose their jobs. There is no question that Ministers depend on the information and "advice" that they are given by their departments. It would appear that there has been a gulf between the value and quality of advice relating to the full spectrum of responsibilities which is passed up to the Ministers. There are countless examples of this in the public domain.

Again we say about marinas – "Get on with the zonings and let private enterprise do the work that government has failed to achieve".

There appears to be a glimmer of hope that the new Minister for Transport has a more pro-active and enquiring mind. We have some hope that he will be pro-active enough to lift a few logs, raise some blinds and allow more light to be shed on his department's inability to address community requirements. It is after all their "raison d'etre" and with punishingly high increases in registration fees, for the second time in 10 years, the boating community has a right to expect a more cost effective and prompt delivery of services.

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