



# SSMA UPDATE

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## From the Executive

Welcome to our new look newsletter. Your committee continues to work on a variety of issues, details of which are contained later in this update.

We have had a couple of good news items including industry support to school marine programs and approval of new facilities at Tom Ugly's Bridge Marina. Both provide valuable resources, the school programs encourage kids to get involved in boating and the marina upgrade will provide much needed facilities.

We are sponsoring Sutherland Council's Business Expo with the theme of supporting our local marine industry " Buy Local, Service Local, Build Local and Repair Local" If you have not provided flyers or cards for this event please do so as soon as possible.

One of the items of feed back received was the need for appropriate training courses for our members. In conjunction with TAFE we are arranging accredited Fork lift training to be run at Gynea. We will run a number of courses depending on interest. Let us know your requirements.

If you have any ideas for other training or ways in which the SSMA can assist your business or the local industry, please contact one of the committee members with your comments. Without your support and input we cannot continue to represent you.

The ongoing story of Flare Disposal continues. An issue paper presented to NSW Maritime is available on the Website Key reports page <http://www.shiremarine.com.au/pressroom/keyreports.aspx> This gives a view of the status of flares and some of the difficulties associated with their disposal. It is also a topic of discussion at the next Port Hacking Management Panel. Our point of view is that state and local government need to work together to provide a solution and we will continue to press this point of view at every opportunity. Your comments on this topic are welcome.

## Member Profile - Bob Oomen, SSMA Secretary



Bob Oomen has owned M&W marine repairs since 1985. His business, which is located in Parraweena Rd, Caringbah, specialises in outboard motor spare parts and repairs. Bob has been the secretary of the SSMA for the past 3 years and joined the association with the view that having an industry association like the SSMA to develop and unite the local marine industry can only have positive outcomes for all the businesses involved. Personally Bob also hopes to gain a wider view of the industry through the SSMA than what would be available to him otherwise. If you

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## Call For News Items

If you have news items or photos you would like to share please send the details by email to [lindsay@cronullahouseboats.com.au](mailto:lindsay@cronullahouseboats.com.au) or phone (02) 9523 6919

would like to talk to Bob about the SSMA or about spare parts for outboards please contact him on (02) 9525 9635 or by email at [admin@mandwmarine.com.au](mailto:admin@mandwmarine.com.au)

## Member News



**Hunts Marine**, in association with Yamaha is sponsoring the donation of a 5.1m Quintrex Runabout with a 60hp outboard to the Menai High School. The boat is to be housed at Menai High school and used for the practical boating education of Marine Studies and Marine and Aquaculture Technology students in years 9 -12 from 8 participating high schools in the Sutherland Shire. Students will be taught not only to handle boats safely, but to appreciate the rules of waterways and the need to protect the natural and developed facilities so that they are maintained for future enjoyable and productive use. The SSMA would like to congratulate Jonathan Hunt and Hunts Marine on their efforts to help with local boating education and would also like to encourage other SSMA members to help out with the program by contacting Greg McNeill at Menai High on 0402 250 970.

**Frank Bragias** at Tom Ugly's Bridge Marina is happy to announce that the development application to extend the marina and facilities has been approved by the Sutherland Shire Council. The new development will contain 65 berths for vessels up to 25 metres in length as well as shore based facilities including offices, car parking and caretakers' residence.

**Flare disposal update.** Brett Moore, General Manager Recreational Boating reports that NSW Maritime is getting closer to a solution for flare disposal that satisfies work cover and environmental issues, however this is taking longer than expected and he apologises for the delay.

## Education Opportunities

**Fork Lift Training.** The SSMA is organising fork lift driver training through TAFE NSW. If you or your staff need training please contact Trevor Walding 0418 492 301 to book a course.

## Upcoming Events

### Sutherland Shire Business Conference

*18 September 2009, Starts at 7am, Club Menai, Allison Cres Menai.* The SSMA is a sponsor of this event and would love to see you there. We will also have a stand promoting the use of local marine businesses where you can promote your business so please get your brochures or promotional materials to Lindsay at Cronulla Houseboats by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Don't forget your brochure/card holders! We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day so if you are available for an hour or so please let us know. This is your chance to get the word out for your business and the SSMA. To attend please register online at [www.shirebusiness.com.au](http://www.shirebusiness.com.au) or for more information call 9710 0607.

### Committee Meeting

*Wednesday 23 September 2009, 6pm, Caringbah Businessmens Club*

All members welcome to attend, come and see what you committee members are doing for you.

### Members event

*Wednesday 30 September 2009, 6pm Caringbah Businessmens Club*

This is a networking event for members. Come and meet your fellow SSMA members for relaxed night out. Guest speaker and finger food. Drinks at Club Prices.