

YARINGA BOAT HARBOUR

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Dear Yaringa Members,

Spring / Summer 2007/08 Members Update – November 2007

Yes the Spring/Summer season is here again be it the first Snapper or flat batteries; including wind and rain! At the Harbour its business as usual seven days a week including nights, the only difference is we are getting busier so please book your boat movements in advance.

We now have fresh water on the fuel dock and in the next few weeks we will also have ULP!

As the pressure/costs rise we are all going more electronic everyday so could everyone please try and give their email addresses to Miranda or Sheryl in the Office or directly to info@yaringa.com.au. It won't be long before all our correspondence to members/clients/suppliers will be totally via the computer; but it can't happen if we don't have your contact details.

The following comments relate to the various different activities around the Marina.

Restaurant.

As you all know we have created a few different systems of discount/membership over time etc and they have all become too complicated to administer etc. Consequently from the first of November 2007 there will be no further discounts applicable at the bar or meals etc. However we will try and come up with a new system that is less complicated, any suggestion (but "Free") are most welcome.

Hardstand

There will be the usual major Spring clean up around all the boats in Hard standing; please make an effort to clean up around your boat. Cut the grass and pick up rubbish. Where we have to do it for you don't be surprised that it generates a cost to your account!

Prices for next year will increase to the following; boats under 9.0 metres will become \$200 per month and those over 9 metres will become \$250 per month. For full details please visit our website.

Our long term hard standing rates are still dramatically below any other Marina rates.

Wet Berths.

As from the first of January 2008 our standard yearly rate of \$320 per metre per annum will become \$350 which is still well below our neighbours at over \$400 per metre per annum and dramatically below Melbourne's commercial rates. For full details please visit our website.

Dry Berths

The major improvement in our facility this winter was the widening of the boat ramp to handle three boats at once and the addition of a floating pontoon down the south side. The nett result should be a more efficient retrieval system in peak times. We have also doubled the area of concrete for wash down and/or repair area for all Dry berth operations.

As from the first of January 2008 the standard yearly rate of \$220 per metre per annum will become \$240 per metre per annum. The surcharge for undercover will not change. For full details please visit our website.

Contractors

Factory rentals will be individually assessed in line with market values next year. But no one can expect to conduct or lease a premise/site at Yaringa for under \$100 per week (or at half the going market rate). Conditions/pressures relating to insurance, workcare, environment, etc will continue to intensify and everyone involved will need to make a greater effort in this area to avoid litigation.

Outside Contractors/Mates.

Owners of boats need to be aware that any one employed by them to work on their boats in the Harbour must be suitable qualified and carry all the appropriate insurances etc. Please have all people working on your boat cleared by the office. All contractors must present their current public liability insurance before entry to site. For example you cannot just organize your own sandblaster/spray painter to come in at any time and amuse themselves! The Government restrictions we all operate under are quite extensive and are not just limited to noise and pollution etc.

As usual anyone wishing to take advantage of our current low fees can lock them in by paying up to one year in advance. Have a relaxing drama free boating season 2007/08 and my thanks to the members for making it so.

Stefan S Borzecki.