

# Maritime Safety Queensland

## Marine Information Bulletin

### Appropriate registration of school ships in Queensland

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#### Purpose

This Marine Information Bulletin is about ships used in connection with the activities of schools in Queensland.

#### Legislation

Under marine safety legislation the term 'Queensland regulated ship' covers all ships registered in Queensland. This term includes 'recreational ships' and 'other Queensland regulated ships'.

#### What is an 'other Queensland regulated ship'?

An other Queensland regulated ship is—

- (a) a ship that is not a recreational ship or domestic commercial vessel; or
- (b) a tender to a ship to which paragraph (a) applies.

The most common examples of other Queensland regulated ships are Surf Lifesaving, school and community group owned ships.

A small number 'other Queensland regulated ships' are known as 'prescribed other Queensland regulated ships'. These ships are defined as an other Queensland regulated ship that is:

- 6 metres or more in length; **or**
- carry more than 12 persons; **or**
- operate more than 15 (nm) from land.

**Note:** Registration applications for 'prescribed other Queensland regulated ships' are to be sent to [Maritime.Operations@msg.qld.gov.au](mailto:Maritime.Operations@msg.qld.gov.au) for assessment. MSQ may approve the application and add conditions. If conditions have been applied to the ship, the list of conditions must be kept on board.

#### Licence

The master of an *other Queensland regulated ship* is required to hold at least a Recreational Marine Drivers Licence or another equivalent licence issued in another state or under the National Law.

#### Safety Equipment

An *other Queensland Regulated Ship* is required to carry the safety equipment that a recreational ship is required to carry.

## Safety Management System

Queensland state schools are required to address student and teacher risks in line with the Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment (CARA) system. MSQ has approved the use of the CARA system as an alternative to having a Safety Management System as prescribed to be in accordance with Marine Order 504.

Queensland privately owned schools must comply with the requirements of Marine Order 504 for the safe management of their ships or another approved system such as CARA.

These are not overwhelming processes and are a matter of formally recording the safe ship management practices and risk assessing that schools are already completing in their day to day operations.

MSQ officers are available to review and work with your school in the development of these systems.

## Fee exemption

A school ship when registered as an *other Queensland Regulated Ship* is exempt from the fee for registration.

## Further information

For further information contact your local Maritime Safety Queensland office:

Airlie Beach	4841 4500
Bundaberg	4132 6600
Cairns	4052 7400
Gladstone	4971 5200
Hervey Bay	4194 9600
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