

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

An Aquatic Licence is issued on the basis that the Licensee expressly and unreservedly indemnifies NSW Maritime from all liability associated with the Aquatic Licence Event and releases NSW Maritime from any actions, of whatsoever nature, that may be instituted in relation to the Event. Acceptance of the Licence constitutes irrevocable acceptance of this condition.

It is a condition of the Licence that the Licensee must clearly advise all participants in the Aquatic Event associated with the Licence whether or not they are covered by the Licensee's insurance should they sustain injury or loss as a result of participating in the Event and provide details of the coverage. This advice must be provided prior to participation in the Event.

It is also a condition of the licence that a written warning must be given to all participants by the Licensee in relation to the particular risks associated with participating in the Event and a written acknowledgement of these risks must be obtained from the participant. The warning and acknowledgement can be included on the Application Form completed by the participant.

## PENALTIES

Conducting an activity without an aquatic licence when one is required could render the organiser liable to a penalty of up to \$1500 under the Water Traffic Regulations – NSW as well as being subject to litigation.

## FEES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For details on fees and further information contact NSW Maritime as follows:

- Info Line on **13 12 56** (open 7 days a week, 8.30am to 4.30pm)
- Your local NSW Maritime operations centre
- Visit our website [www.maritime.nsw.gov.au](http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au)

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# Aquatic Licences

A guide for  
organising, promoting  
or conducting activities  
on NSW waterways.

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## WHAT IS AN AQUATIC LICENCE?

The State's waterways are a community resource which are often subject to conflicting demands for access. In order to balance organised activities on the waterways with the rights of other people, NSW Maritime issues aquatic licences, under the Water Traffic Regulations – NSW.

## WHEN IS AN AQUATIC LICENCE REQUIRED?

An aquatic licence is required by any person or organisation conducting, promoting or organising an aquatic activity, such as a race, display, regatta, exhibition or other activity, which affects the availability of navigable waters for normal use.

Typical activities, for which an aquatic licence is required, include:

- Surf-lifesaving events
- Sailing events
- Waterski events
- Powerboat events
- Festivals, regattas and displays, including fireworks displays.

Please contact 13 12 56 if you are unsure whether your activity requires an aquatic licence.

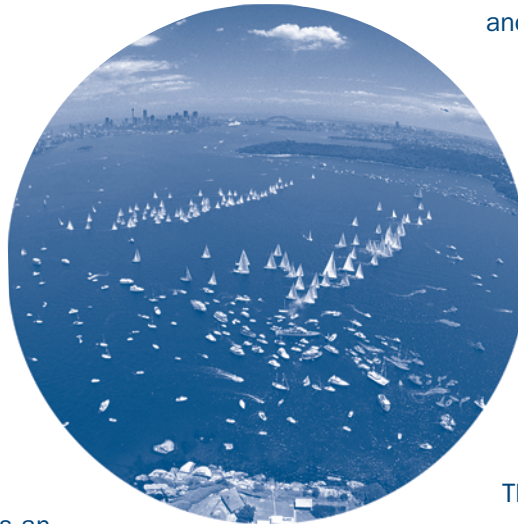
## HOW IS AN AQUATIC LICENCE OBTAINED?

Application forms are available from any NSW Maritime operations centre or from our website. An application needs to be completed, signed and lodged, together with all supporting documentation (such as land owner's consent and/or council approval), a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the date

proposed for commencement of the activity. Late applications will incur a late fee or the application may be refused.

NSW Maritime assesses all aquatic licence applications having regard to a range of factors including:

- All risks associated with the event;
- Potential impact on normal use of the area, in particular the safety of other vessels, swimmers and other water users, speed, congestion, commercial vessel activity, fishing etc; and
- Environmental impacts such as noise and wash.



When NSW Maritime approves an application it issues an aquatic licence which is subject to conditions appropriate to the activity. These conditions may include the provision of adequate signage/buoyage or the attendance of NSW Maritime staff at the event.

## PUBLICITY

The need for publicity depends on the nature of the activity. Aquatic activities which require exclusive use of navigable waters must be advertised at the aquatic licensee's expense. Typically this is achieved by placing an advertisement in a newspaper. It may also be necessary for the aquatic licensee to liaise with organisations who may be affected by the proposed activity.