

**Tricia Beatty, Executive Officer:**

## **Reform Program**

Estuary General Netting Share Linkage Working Group is having its third meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the revised options. If you have any points that you wished raised for the group to discuss than please contact PFA, or those fishers who have been appointed to the Working Groups (check the DPI website for names) or contact Darren Reynolds directly.

Welcome Chad Lunow, the new Industry Liaison Manager who starts on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Chad will be thrown into it straight away by attending the EG Netting Share Linkage Working Group on his first day. Chad has experience in working with commercial fishers as both a WAFIC officer and fisheries researcher. We have been advised that Chad will be getting out and about as soon as possible to meet with fishers along the coastline. I will pass on his contact details to members as soon as we have them.

## **Certificate of Survey**

All domestic commercial vessels currently in NSW survey will receive a national 'Certificate of Survey and Operation' on renewal. In most cases, this national certificate is required to be displayed on the vessel. A commercial vessel must not be operated for any purpose if its certificates are not current.

A national system certificate can be issued for up to five years. As a one-off measure, RMS plans to stagger the duration of the certificate based on a vessel's current survey schedule as listed below. This will help transition NSW vessels to the changed survey schedule requirements of the new 'National Standard for the Administration of Marine Safety' (NSAMS). At the time of second renewal, all certificates will be issued for five-year duration.

### **Duration of Certificates**

- Vessels with a current survey schedule of 4, 8 or 12 will be issued a 5 year certificate
- Vessels with a current survey schedule of 1, 5 or 9 will be issued a 4 year certificate
- Vessels with a current survey schedule of 2, 6 or 10 will be issued a 3 year certificate
- Vessels with a current survey schedule of 3, 7 or 11 will be issued a 2 year certificate

Irrespective of the certificate duration, you will continue to pay fees at the time of survey inspection. Remember, it is a legal requirement to pay your fees on time; otherwise you risk suspension of the certificate. If you have any questions, please contact the Commercial Vessels Section, Roads & Maritime Services on 02 9563 8557 | F 02 95638788 | E [vesselsurvey@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vesselsurvey@rms.nsw.gov.au) |

## **Vessel Registration Certificate**

For commercial vessels, a national Certificate of Operation has been replaced with the current NSW Vessel Registration Certificate and the 'Registration Label'. All commercial vessels that are not in survey and have a current 'Vessel Registration Certificate' will be issued with a 'Certificate of Operation' on renewal. In most cases, this national certificate is required to be displayed on the vessel. A commercial vessel must not be operated for any purpose if its certificates are not current.

Although a 'Certificate of Operation' will be issued for five years, applicable fees will be charged annually. Remember, it is a legal requirement to pay your fees on time; otherwise you risk suspension of the certificate. If you have any questions, please contact Roads & Maritime Services on 02 9563 8557 | F 02 95638788 | E [vesselsurvey@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vesselsurvey@rms.nsw.gov.au) | [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)

### **Reminder: PFA general meeting at Yamba Bowling Club**

The next PFA Committee of Management meeting will be held on the Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Yamba Bowling Club. All PFA members are welcome to join the meeting from 12pm onwards. Speakers will include Chad Lunow, the new Industry Liaison Manager and Mr Steve Sibley, Rural Financial Counsellor for the Northern Region will also be providing an update of the services that his organisation may be able to provide PFA members.

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