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Invitation to Comment and Make Submissions

MARINE SAFETY ACT 1998

Proposed Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2008

THE MARITIME AUTHORITY OF NSW (NSW MARITIME) gives notice, in accordance with Section 5(2) of the Subordinate legislation Act 1989 that it is proposed to make the Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2008 under the Marine Safety Act 1998.

The proposed Regulation deals with safe navigation and will replace, with some changes in substance, the Water Traffic Regulations – NSW, the Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulation – NSW, the Navigation (Collision) Regulations 1983, the Marine Safety Regulation 2008 and some parts of the Management of Waters and Waterside Lands Regulations – NSW.

The primary object of the proposed Regulation is to improve boating safety and this will be achieved through initiatives such as:

- (a) adopting the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea with some modifications,
- (b) prescribing other requirements for the safe operation of vessels in navigable waters, including requirements relating to the conduct of persons on board vessels,
- (c) prescribing requirements in relation to the operation of vessels near persons or objects in the water and in relation to the use of personal watercraft (such as jet skis),
- (d) requiring certain recreational vessels to have builders plates displaying certain safety information,
- (e) dealing with matters relating to applications for certain marine safety licences and the issue, suspension and cancellation of those licences (such licences include boat driving licences, vessel registration certificates and licences for aquatic activities), and
- (f) prescribing the safety equipment to be carried on recreational vessels.

A copy of the proposed Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2008 and Regulatory Impact Statement can be obtained by phoning Reception on (02) 9563 8511 or making an E-mail request to NSW Maritime at policy@maritime.nsw.gov.au.

Written comments and submissions on the proposed Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2008 can be made up to Friday, 12 September 2008 and should be addressed to:

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