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Use of Electricity Outlets in Hardstand

Introduction

The purpose and coverage of this document.

The terms and conditions of use of the Hardstand are detailed in Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc.'s (the Association) By-Laws. The By-Laws do not specifically address the issue of use of electricity outlets available in the Hardstand. The purpose of this SOP is to outline the Association's minimum requirements and expectations on the usage of the electricity outlets in the Hardstand area. Where there is conflict between this SOP and the By-Laws the By-Laws shall prevail.

References

Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc By-Laws, Australian Standards, Queensland Electrical Safety Act 2002 and Regulation 2013.

Detailed Information Policy

The Association must ensure that all electrical outlet points comply with the relevant Australian Standards and Queensland Electrical Safety Act and Regulation.

The Association takes no responsibility for the actions of the vessel owner in relation to the use of the electrical outlet points including, but not limited to, the correct installation, use, maintenance and repair of electrical equipment on the vessel and connecting the vessel to the electricity outlet.

The Association's Management Committee may at it's discretion:

- withdraw all or part of the access to the electrical outlets;
- seek reimbursement of costs from users of the Hardstand. eg cost of electricity; inspection(s) by a licensed electrical contractor. eg. inspect extension leads; and/or
- after an owner's persistent failure to comply with this Policy, withdraw the owner's hardstand right and the Association may then re-allocate the space concerned.

The owner of a vessel in the Hardstand and using an electrical outlet in the Hardstand has the responsibility to ensure that;

- all electrical equipment being used and its use comply with the relevant Australian Standards and Queensland Electrical Safety Regulation and Act (documents readily available on the internet – charges may apply). This includes, but is not limited to, cords, power points, adaptors, power boards, extension leads, switchboards and fuses, battery charges, and safety switches.
- any defective equipment must be immediately removed from service.
- hardstand electricity supply is only to be used to assist in completion of minor repairs (eg power tools), lighting (as necessary and not for security purposes), and short term (maximum of two (2) days prior to date of planned voyage) pre voyage vessel preparation i.e. charging of engine starting batteries and running of vessel refrigeration units. This excludes using Hardstand electricity supply to run other devices and appliances either directly or indirectly (via batteries being charged by a battery charger) eg refrigeration units (except as noted above), air conditioning units, televisions; and

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- a) when charging a battery the vessel is well ventilated and that the battery charger is suitable for the intended purpose.

The owner of the vessel is responsible for all costs incurred in complying with this Policy and the relevant Australian Standards and Queensland Electrical Safety Act and Regulation.

Summary

Compliance with this Hardstand policy should insure that the electricity supplied to the Hardstand area is used in a manner that provides safety to the vessel and the vessel's owner as well as other vessels and persons that may be nearby.