



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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The Chief Executive Officer,  
Northern Beaches Council,  
PO Box 1336,  
Dee Why, NSW 2099

Dear Sir,

## **Re Newport Marina Safety**

You would be aware of another boat fire in a Newport which occurred on the 15 June and was attended by NSW Police Marine Area Command and Rural Fire Service West Pittwater Brigade. This fire and other recent ones have created concern about marina safety from our members.

Newport has six marinas that routinely moor boats of a similar size (and larger) to the one that burnt.

1. RPAYC,
2. RMYC,
3. Newport Anchorage Marina,
4. Sirsi Marina,
5. Princes Street Marina,
6. Rowell Maria.

We understand that the boat that caught fire is routinely moored at RMYC.

All of these marinas are within 50m or less to residential properties, thus a boat fire similar to one mentioned above could have a devastating impact on life and property if emergency and safety procedures are not world class at each of these marinas.

Therefore in light of this situation, with each of these marinas very close to residential properties, we would like to request whether Northern Beaches Council has detailed documentation on the following:

1. Safety measures that are in place at each marina.
  - a. How is this certified at each marina?
  - b. When was it last certified at each marina?

2. What is the Emergency action plan at each marina?
  - a. How often is this reviewed and by whom at each marina?
  - b. When was the last emergency practice taken place at each marina?
  - c. Has a simulation of a boat fire emergency ever been undertaken and when at each marina?
  
3. Last week's fire resulted in environmental impact.
  - a. What plans are in place to minimise the environmental impact of boat fires and major fuel spills at each marina?
  - b. How is this certified at each marina?
  - c. When was it last certified at each marina?
  
4. Emergency services preparedness
  - a. NSW Fire Brigade
  - b. NSW Ambulance
  - c. Other emergency services
  - d. Is this preparedness – 24/7 or more limited?
  - e. How quickly is it likely that emergency service would be on site and fighting a fire?

We would appreciate either a copy of the above information or be advised whether you can supply us with a link if it is available on the council website.

We looked forward to being able to ascertain by response or access to each item listed above at each of the six marinas. We feel that if any of the marinas cannot show they have the items noted above adequately covered then we would ask Northern Beaches Council to take the necessary steps to ensure work is undertaken in a timely manner to bring them in line with best procedures and practices.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



Gavin Butler  
President