



Newsletter February 2014

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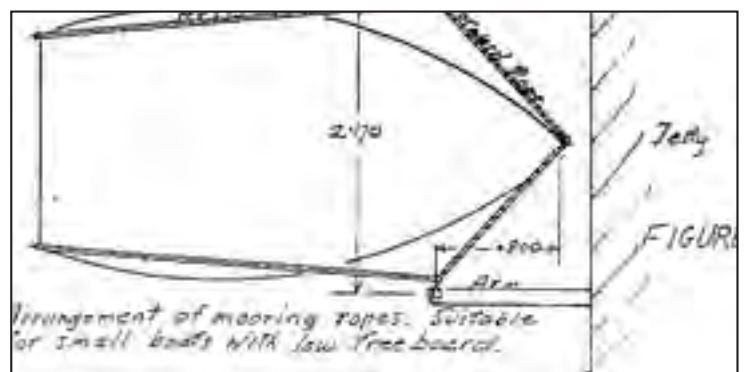
Key Change Day 23 February 8am - 1pm

At the Coop, McKell Park, Brooklyn. Hand over your keys and pay the levy of \$310 by cash or cheque, to receive new gate keys. Lost keys cost \$25 each.

The levy rises to \$330 after 28 Feb.

Between February 10 and the 22nd, we will aim to check ropes on all boats moored at the facility, and place a 2014 sticker on each approved boat. If you have two boats, make sure each one is inspected before KCD.

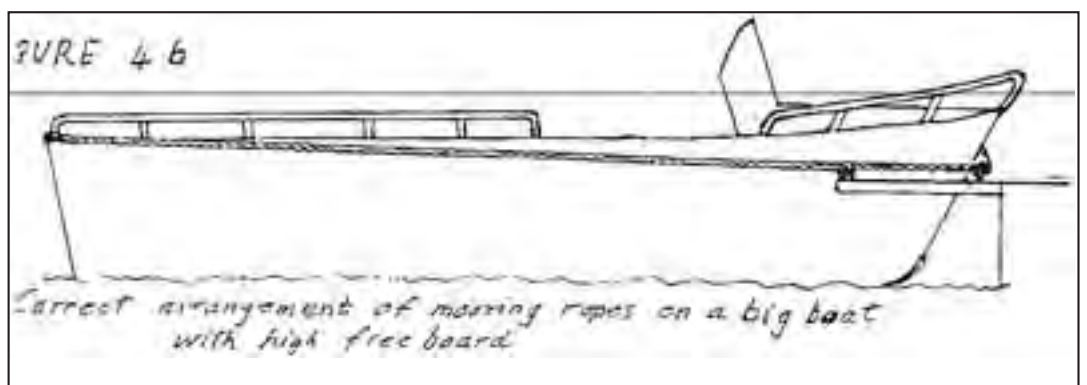
The inspectors will pay close attention to ropes. Over the past few months, we've noticed some worn ropes and loose boats. Wind, rain and wakes can damage the pontoons and mooring arms when the ropes aren't right.



Complete instructions and more illustrations are on the BMC website. Go to

<http://www.brooklynmooringcooperative.com.au/ropes-lights.html>

Bob Brownrig will assist you in setting your ropes correctly before KCD. Contact Bob on 0418 262 427. The charge will be cost price of ropes plus time. You'll need to supply the clips.



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AGM Motion Concerning Boat Length

At the 2013 AGM, a motion was put to amend the rule regarding boat length. The motion was that "the boat must not exceed (i) an overall length of 6.5 metres, including raised outboard motor and other fixed projections."

The motion was lost on a vote of 9 in favour, 10 opposed.

The rule that remains in place is 18A(c) (ii) that a boat not exceed an overall length of 5.5 metres.

Thefts and Security

The motion-sensitive CCTV cameras do not operate when the solar power system fails. Unfortunately, two 40hp motors were stolen off members' boats while the cameras were off. The maintenance team has made several attempts to rectify the fault, which entails climbing a tall ladder and changing the light controllers, sometimes only to blow out again.

If something happens that concerns you, report it to the police and advise the BMC secretary by email or phone, with date, approximate time, and berth number.

Be sure your boat is insured, as required by the Coop Rules, and securely locked to the pontoon when berthed. We advise you record the serial number of your motor, just in case.

Overstays

There are two circumstances when overstays arise: emergencies and non-emergencies. Emergencies may relate to health issues or accidents or they may relate to problems with the member's boat. Non-emergencies may arise when members need approval for overstaying, perhaps due to bad weather or personal circumstances.

In general, approval will only be granted for a maximum of 3 days (an additional 72 hours), with a limit of two non-emergency overstays per year.

Members must direct their request to the compliance officer, not to a Board member. The compliance officer is Anne Conway: anniebags12@gmail.com; ph 0467 375 315.
