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Marine driver licence

A valid licence is required to operate all recreational boats powered by a motor of more than 4.5kW (over 6hp).

Valid licences include:

- recreational marine driver licence
- recreational ship master's licence
- speed boat driver's licence
- current commercial marine licences – for example coxswain
- current interstate boating licences issued in other states (excludes junior licences)
- PWC licence.

To obtain a recreational marine driver licence you must:

- be aged 16 years or older
- demonstrate you are competent to navigate and manage a recreational boat by successfully completing an approved BoatSafe licence training course
- complete the Medical Fitness Disclosure Statement and present it to the BoatSafe training provider at enrolment for the BoatSafe course
- provide satisfactory evidence of identity — a

photographic Queensland driver licence (current or expired less than two years) is acceptable.

Licences are issued for a lifetime. A paper licence is not issued as details are attached to a person's details in the driver's licence database. Confirmation reports can be obtained for a fee and should be carried when boating interstate.

Unlicensed drivers may drive a boat (where a licence is needed) provided a licensed driver is on board and is able to take immediate control. Unlicensed drivers are not allowed to tow a person (such as a water skier).

Interstate visitors must comply with Queensland's licensing regulations. Queensland recognises other states' licences. If your home state does not have any licensing requirements, you should obtain a recreational marine driver licence before boating in Queensland.

BoatSafe – How to obtain a licence

BoatSafe is a competency-based, uniform licence training and assessment scheme for recreational boat licences aimed to improve boating safety in Queensland.

Under BoatSafe, a candidate for a recreational marine driver licence must satisfactorily complete either an approved BoatSafe

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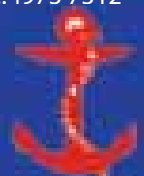
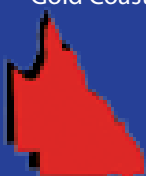
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competency-based training and assessment program or a recognition of prior learning (RPL) with an approved BoatSafe training provider. This means that people applying for a licence must meet the minimum satisfactory level of skills and knowledge before they are successful in obtaining a licence.

For a list of training providers in your local area go to the Maritime Safety Queensland website.

New Queensland driver licence cards

The Queensland Government is introducing more secure, more durable and more reliable licences,

authorities and proof of age cards to replace the laminated cards and marine licence confirmation reports that have been used for the past 20 years.

Unlike the current laminated cards, the new cards use smartcard technology and are extremely hard to tamper with or duplicate. The Department of Transport and Main Roads began transitioning to the new cards in late 2010.

As the cards are introduced, a marine licence indicator will be put on the back of your driver licence if you hold one. A blue marine licence indicator will be given to applicants who do not

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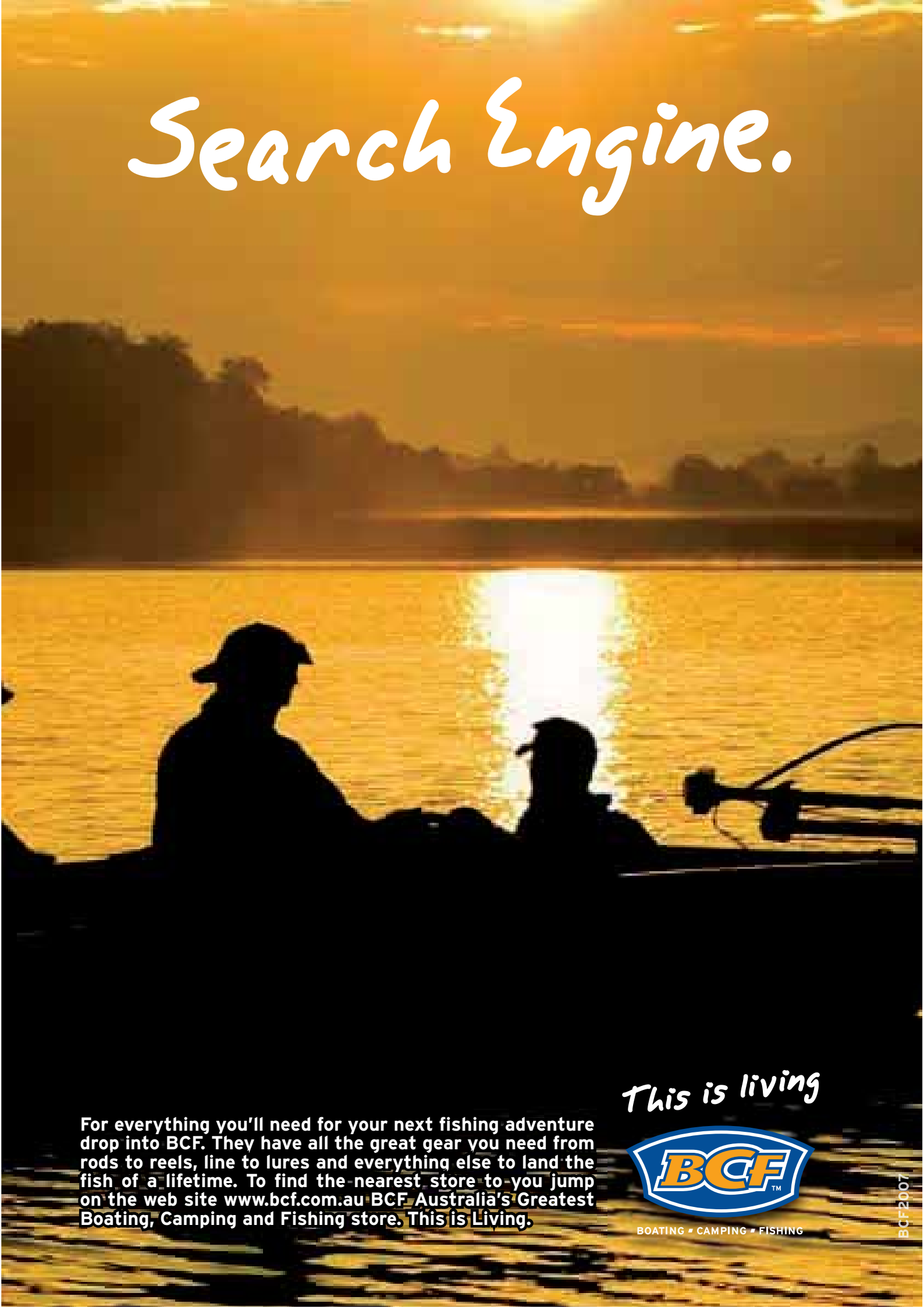
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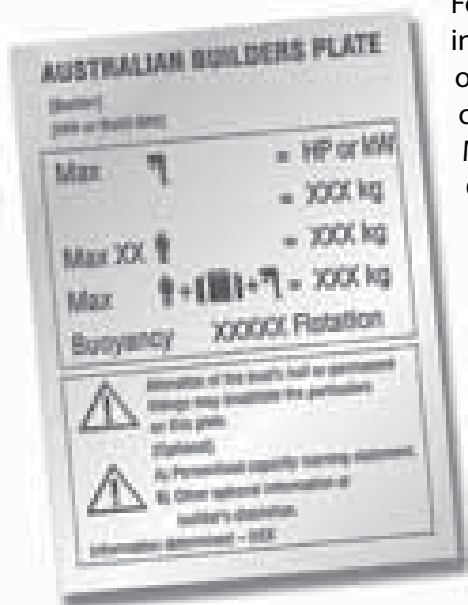
hold a vehicle driver licence.

The cards are being introduced in a rolling program, with cardholders transitioning to the new cards when their existing licence or authority expires. Queensland driver licences are issued for a period of up to five years, so it will take approximately five years for all cardholders to replace their laminated licences or authorities with the new cards. During that time, both laminated cards and the new cards will be recognised licences, authorities and proof of age cards (provided they are current).

For more information go to www.tmr.qld.gov.au.

Australian Builders Plate

To enhance the safety of new recreational boats, the Australian Builders Plate is required for new and imported recreational boats built from 1 July 2006. It provides essential safety information on the uses and limitations of most new and imported recreational boats. It will assist people in the purchase and responsible use of a boat and enhance safety by providing information on the maximum number of people and load of a boat, as well as buoyancy performance and engine weight and rating. An Australian Builders Plate confirming compliance with the level of flotation (basic or level) requirements will be permanently fixed and readily visible to the boat's operator.



For further information, or copies of the Standard, log onto the National Marine Safety Committee's (NMSC) website www.nmsc.gov.au.

The Australian Builders Plate is not a statement of positive flotation. This must be obtained from a manufacturer or accredited surveyor.

Owners who are upsizing motors on recreational boats and/or altering the performance by design may not be meeting their general safety obligation if the engine power is greater than the manufacturers recommendation on the compliance plate.

Capacity labels

Note: If the vessel has an Australian Builders Plate fitted where it can be seen clearly from the steering position, a capacity label is not required.

Overloading your boat is one of the easiest ways to capsize it. By allowing more people onboard a boat than its maximum capacity, the risk of capsizing significantly increases. Overloading compromises the safety of everyone on board. Capacity labels have been designed to show operators how many people they can have safely on board. All registrable boats, except yachts with auxiliary motors, are required to have capacity label(s). Placing a capacity label adjacent to a boat's control areas means operators are constantly reminded of their boat's recommended loading capacity. Capacity labels must be fitted where they can be seen clearly from each steering position.



There are three different capacity labels available:

- Powered boats under six metres.
- Powered boats six metres and over.
- Powered boats with a flybridge.

The label indicates the number of people the boat can safely carry in good conditions (fair weather conditions in smooth waters). The onus of safety rests with the operator at all times.

When using the boat in exposed waters or in rough conditions, the operator should consider reducing the number of persons taken on the trip.

Labels are available from Department of Transport and Main Roads customer service centres or can be ordered from your local Maritime Safety Queensland office or website.

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Penalties apply for not having a label.

Know how to safely load your boat by:

- storing heavy items low and central in a place where they cannot move around
- distributing the weight, including passengers, evenly around the boat
- compensating for the weight of extra fuel.

Alcohol

Drink right – drink light

If the skipper is found operating with a blood alcohol limit of .05 or over, penalties will apply, including licence cancellation and a fine. The skipper is also responsible for the safety of passengers and should be responsible for their alcohol consumption. Remember that the effects of alcohol are exacerbated while on the water due to the sun, wind, and constant motion. Reflexes and response times to emergencies are slowed and swimming ability deteriorates considerably.

When on the water, your coordination, judgement, vision, balance and reaction time can decline up to three times faster when using alcohol. Waves, motion, vibration, engine noise, weather, wind and spray – can multiply the effects of alcohol.

People onboard need to take care because studies have shown that boat passengers are just as likely as operators to be involved in incidents such as capsizing the vessel or falling overboard as a result of drinking alcohol.

Don't multiply the risks – go easy on the drink

Insurance for vessels over 15 m

Legislation requires all ships over 15 metres (for example 15.01 metres) in length to have insurance sufficient to pay for potential pollution clean up, salvage and wreck removal. The insurance policy must meet the following requirements:

- All recreational ships more than 15 metres but less than 35 metres in length must have an insurance policy that provides \$250,000 for pollution clean up and \$10 million for salvage and wreck removal.
- All commercial ships more than 15 metres but less than 35 metres in length must have an insurance policy that provides \$500,000 for pollution clean up costs and \$10 million for salvage and wreck removal.
- All ships 35 metres or more in length must have a policy that provides \$10 million for pollution clean up costs, salvage and wreck removal.



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