

## Marine Information Bulletin

### Registration numbers on powered surfboards and kayaks

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#### Background

Powered surfboards, surf skis and kayaks rated at 3 kW or greater are required to be registered before operating in Queensland. Maritime Safety Queensland has found that such craft may have a depth that limits the legible application of registration numbers on the side of the vessel.

#### Exemption

An exemption has been granted for powered surfboards, surf skis and kayaks from the requirement for registration numbers to be displayed as required under the legislation.

Under the conditions of exemption registration numbers for these craft should now be displayed in characters 100 mm high, on the top of the craft, in the forward half, on each side and orientated to be read from the closer side.

Commercial operators operating craft under this exemption must keep a copy of the notification of exemption with the operating documents required to be kept in accordance with section 134 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004*.

A copy of the notification of exemption is attached.

#### Information

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**NOTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION**  
*Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994*  
*Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004*

Maritime Safety Agency of Queensland  
Brisbane, 7 October 2010

**I, Patrick Quirk, General Manager, Maritime Safety Queensland**, pursuant to section 18A of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* exempt ships detailed in the Schedule from the provisions of Part 3, Division 7, section 74 (3) of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004*, relating to the requirement to display registration numbers in a way required under this section, subject to the following conditions:

**SCHEDULE**

Powered craft of a depth that limits the legible application of registration numbers on the side of the vessel, for example:

- Powered surfboard;
- Powered surf skis; and
- Powered kayaks.

**CONDITIONS**

- a) Registration numbers in characters 100 mm high are displayed on the top of the craft, in the forward half, on each side and orientated to be read from the closer side.
- b) Commercial operators operating craft under this exemption must keep a copy of this Notification of Exemption with the operating documents required to be kept in accordance with section 134 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004*.

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