

# GREAT BARRIER MARINE RADIO INC.

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## Newsletter 2016

Hello and welcome once again to another boating season.

Starting with the fact that **YOU DO NOT** need to change frequency as was advised last season.

### **CHANNEL 01 REMAINS AS IT WAS. NO CHANGE**

Let's hope we get a better shot at summer this year. With all the hype of a dry season last year we sure did not have to worry about the water tanks!

We wish to acknowledge AKZO Noble International Paints for their continued sponsor ship.

Thank you also to those of you who made prompt subscription payments, and especially those who added a few extra dollars.

You may direct credit your subscription to our bank account

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Please include **your invoice number, boat name and call** sign as identification.

A good number of you have sent your email address. If you have not and would like to get your invoice by email could you please reply with your name and boat name to [gbmarineradio@gmail.com](mailto:gbmarineradio@gmail.com)

This being a transition year, we apologies for double ups or any other mistakes made.

Things to think about for your next trip to the Great Barrier:

**1 ; Fire is an ever present hazard.** As they say little sparks can make big fires. Please absolutely no open flames of any sort. Including flares, fireworks, or floating Chinese lanterns. The smoke house and hot water facilities at Smoke house Bay are okay but it is **still illegal to have an open fire. We have a complete Fire Ban** as has the rest of the Islands of the Hauraki Gulf.

**2 : Island Medical Facilities.** We have a first class Health Team on the island. If you need medical assistance in the North please contact the **Rural Nurse on 094290047**. For help On any other part of the island please contact **the Health Centre on 094290356**. For medical assistance after hours, the Health centre answer machine will provide the number of the doctor on call. If you leave a message,

at any time, on either phone, with a cell phone contact number please include the name of your boat with any relevant details.

**Note** if you move out of cell phone coverage the Health Team may not be able to get back to you. Great Barrier Marine radio could possibly then make contact if there is a boat name available. Do not hesitate to call us if and when a problem arises.

**3 ; Rubbish** is a continuing problem. All rubbish you drop off on the barges goes into our land fill which is rapidly filling up

If possible, please take your recycling and rubbish back to your home port. They have much better facilities on the mainland to handle rubbish: pack in pack out.

If you must leave rubbish items on the island please separate out the clean recyclables from the land fill rubbish. There are facilities at all the wharf sights.

Deposit fish scrapes back out in open waters.

**Please absolutely no oil or hazardous goods dumped on the barge.**

**4 : Unwanted Pests.** Great Barrier is part of the Hauraki Gulf Maritime Park and contains two reserves in the North. The same rules apply here as they do in the rest of the Gulf. Cats and Dogs are not permitted on these or any D.O.C. estate. **Please check your vessel for unwanted** pests such as rats, Opossums, Argentine Ants and Rainbow skinks.

#### **5 : Use of Channel 01**

A reminder that Emmy is on duty from 0700 hrs to 2200hrs daily, monitoring GBMR's own CH 01

**Although CH 01 may be monitored outside these hours, please keep calls for emergencies only. The operator thanks you for your consideration in this respect.**

Please remember that CH 01 is neither chit chat or a replacement for poor cell phone coverage. We realise that in some locations, use of a simplex boat to boat channel [ie 06 or 10] may not be possible. In that case "Short and to the point " Do not be offended if you are reminded that we are a ship to shore station

**7 : Weather Broadcasts. Weather details are broadcast at approximately 0745 and 1745 daily.**

**8 : Contact Details.** You are welcome to leave GBMR as an emergency contact for your stay.

Telephone. 094290281.

If you are bringing a cell phone, reception can be patchy and it pays to have both Vodafone and Spark.

#### **9 : AGM**

Our AGM was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

We are pleased to welcome a new Trustee Mark Durling. Other trustees remain the same: Nikki Watts, Max Howard, Nick Clark, Lindsay Wright and Emmy Pratt.

**Season's Greetings.** We wish you all a safe, happy and very healthy Christmas and New Year. Look forward to talking to you on the VHF.