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Subject: Survey of recreational boat users Rozelle Bay
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Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries

This email is being sent to the 15 dragon boat clubs and two rowing clubs which train out of the Bank Street Pyrmont area and from the end of Ferry Road Glebe.

I am a town planner assisting Sydney Superyacht Marina in seeking to lodge a modification application to amend the berthing configurations at their site in Rozelle Bay. The area set aside for berthing is not proposed to increase, nor will the proposed rearrangement of pontoons extend beyond the current limit of moorings. Berthing for 43 superyachts and associated tender vessels is being sought.

Although training times area accessible from your websites (at least for the dragon boat clubs), it would be helpful if your club could complete the attached survey requesting further information, including identifying the typical routes taken during training, and return the survey to me by **31 January 2014**.

Your assistance is much appreciated during this busy time leading up to Chinese New Year races in Darling Harbour. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Regards

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Survey for Sydney Superyacht Marina Rozelle Bay

Small Craft User Consultation

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1. What is your training schedule/schedule of use on the water?

Club name		
When	Peak season Dates & Times	Off-peak season Dates & times
How long for	?Hours	
How many craft per session?		
Special events in or around Rozelle Bay?		

2. What routes are generally used by your craft?

Training	
Racing	
Special Events	
Do you use Rozelle Bay?	

See attached map – feel free to draw on it

3. Is all launching at Bank Street (Dragon Boats) or the end of Ferry Road (Rowing clubs)?

Yes

No – where?

4. Describe your current interaction with other craft in and around Rozelle Bay.

Other small craft	
Larger craft	
Superyachts	

5. **What are your main requirements for safe using of the training area?**

6. **Do you have any suggestions to improve navigation issues in and around Rozelle Bay?**

7. **Have you any particular concerns arising from interactions between your club boats and superyachts in and around Rozelle Bay?**

Thank you for your time in completing this survey. It is much appreciated and will assist us in addressing any potential navigational and safety impacts of the proposal.

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Club name		
When	Peak season Dates & Times Sept-April Tues and Thurs – 6:30-8:30pm. Sat 9:30am-11:00am	Off-peak season Dates & times May-Aug
How long for	?Hours 1.5hrs 3 x per week during peak. Only once a week in off season.	
How many craft per session?	2	
Special events in or around Rozelle Bay?	Occasional 5am time trials at far end of Blackwattle Bay	

2. What routes are generally used by your craft?

Training	Anti Clockwise around Blackwattle and Rozelle Bay. Occasionally in to white bay.
Racing	
Special Events	
Do you use Rozelle Bay?	Yes.

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3. Is all launching at Bank Street (Dragon Boats) or the end of Ferry Road (Rowing clubs)?

Yes

4. Describe your current interaction with other craft in and around Rozelle Bay.

Other small craft	When seen, usually just hold current line and let the faster boats manoeuvre around us.
Larger craft	Given wide berth and monitored.
Superyachts	Given wide berth and then stop until they have cleared the area.

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5. What are your main requirements for safe using of the training area?

- *All boats operate by standard maritime laws i.e. direction around the bay.
- *All boats show mutual respect to each other.

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve navigation issues in and around Rozelle Bay?

- *Super Yachts give ample warning when launching or changing direction.
- We have only 20 centimetres of freeboard so keep their wash low, always sound horn before backing out of berths.

7. Have you any particular concerns arising from interactions between your club boats and superyachts in and around Rozelle Bay?

No.

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1. What is your training schedule/schedule of use on the water?

Club name	Blackwattle Bay Dragon Boat Club	
When	Peak season Dates & Times Monday, Wednesday, 6.15pm – 8pm; Sunday 10am – 12.15pm	Off-peak season Dates & times Wednesday, 6.15pm – 8pm; Sunday 10am – 12.15pm
How long for	Up to 2 ½ Hours each session	
How many craft per session?	2 boats	
Special events in or around Rozelle Bay?	2-3 times per year, events take place leaving from Blackwattle Bay under the old bridge to paddle to Darling Harbour. Additional care is required by all. If the number of boats increases additional care will be required by all.	

2. What routes are generally used by your craft?

Training	Blackwattle Bay & Rozelle Bay
Racing	-
Special Events	-
Do you use Rozelle Bay?	Yes. Also through the area to Darling Harbour.

See attached map – feel free to draw on it

3. Is all launching at Bank Street (Dragon Boats) or the end of Ferry Road (Rowing clubs)?

Yes

4. Describe your current interaction with other craft in and around Rozelle Bay.

We have minimal interaction (for all 3 type of watercrafts). We give way to each other and be courteous when passing by. For the most part.

Other small craft	
Larger craft	

Superyachts	

5. What are your main requirements for safe using of the training area?

All motorised craft maintain slow speed - no wake. This is very important for dragon boats and similar craft.

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve navigation issues in and around Rozelle Bay?

Some single craft that launch from Jubilee Park are not aware of the water traffic rules and come down the wrong side of the bay (ie down from Rozelle Bay to Blackwattle Bay on the ANZAC Bridge side of the bay). Some additional signs on basic waterway rules should be posted near the park / sand beaches to raise awareness.

DBNSW has a poster on our container on the traffic flow and all Steerspersons are aware of the rules and follow them.

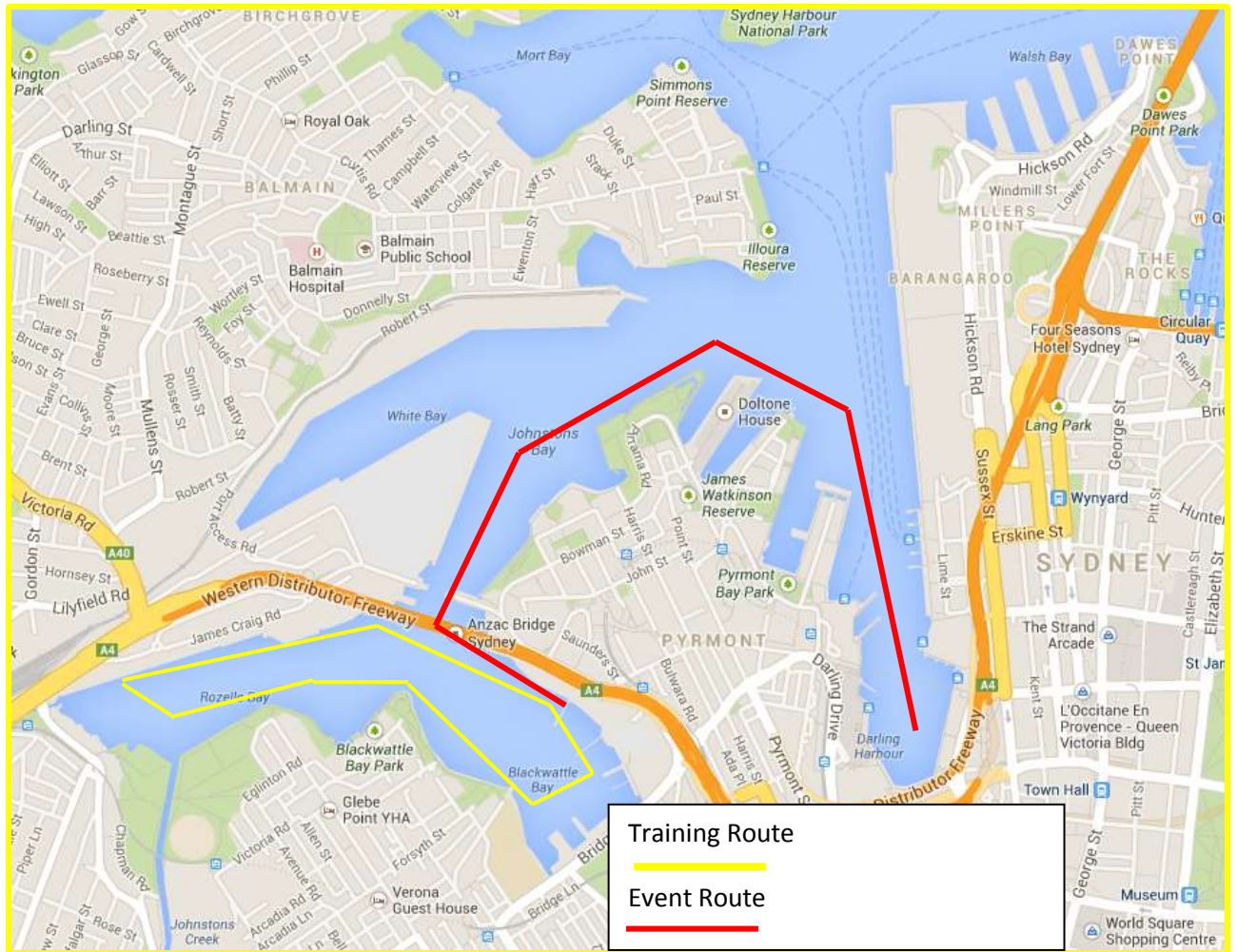
7. Have you any particular concerns arising from interactions between your club boats and superyachts in and around Rozelle Bay?

Water quality with visible oils (and smell) on surface of Rozelle Bay contributes poorly to the environment and the water experience. Increases in the number of boats are likely to increase the problem. After rain, the bay is full of rubbish. Whilst this is not specifically caused by superyachts it is a general environment quality issue. Additional "catcher" should be install near the storm drain to catch more than what is flowing through now or additional measures to improve the environment for all.

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1. What is your training schedule/schedule of use on the water?

Club name	City Dragons	
When	Peak season Dates & Times Every Tuesday and Thursday 18:30 – 20:30 Sundays 8:30 – 10:30	Off-peak season Dates & times Every Tuesday and Thursday 18:30 – 20:30 Sundays 8:30 – 10:30
How long for	2Hours	
How many craft per session?	2 dragon boats	
Special events in or around Rozelle Bay?	2 random early morning water trials per year – 5:30 – 7:30	

2. What routes are generally used by your craft?

Training	Counter clockwise starting at Bank Street ramp for our boats, heading towards Rozelle Bay, turn around the yellow buoy and then head all the way down to the rowing club in Blackwattle bay. Basically the entire bay loop.
Racing	no
Special Events	We use the pontoons at water trials
Do you use Rozelle Bay?	Yes as above

See attached map – feel free to draw on it

3. Is all launching at Bank Street (Dragon Boats) or the end of Ferry Road (Rowing clubs)?

Yes

We plan to move our club to the superyacht marina area (dealing with Justin James as soon as the new marina is built. We will be starting from the pontoon in front of Maritime

4. Describe your current interaction with other craft in and around Rozelle Bay.

Other small craft	
Larger craft	Possible outrigger

Superyachts	

5. What are your main requirements for safe using of the training area?

Common sense ☺ Never had any issue with any kind of yacht traffic

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve navigation issues in and around Rozelle Bay?

Yes, normally the jet cat ferries are speeding, way over 8knots or sometimes speeding boats going to fish market on Sunday morning. Never an issue with superyacht traffic

7. Have you any particular concerns arising from interactions between your club boats and superyachts in and around Rozelle Bay?

Not at al

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1. What is your training schedule/schedule of use on the water?

Club name		
When	Peak season Dates & Times Peak season: September to May Generally these times apply although people do use the club outside these times: Weekdays: 5:15-7:30am, 5:00-7:00pm Saturdays: 6:00-10:00 Sundays: 6:00-10:00	Off-peak season Dates & times June to August Same training times but fewer people
How long for	?Hours – See above	
How many craft per session?	1-10 depending on training at the time.	
Special events in or around Rozelle Bay?	Nil	

2. What routes are generally used by your craft?

Training	Counter clockwise around the combined Blackwattle and Rozelle bay area to all extremities
Racing	Nil
Special Events	Nil
Do you use Rozelle Bay?	Yes – see above

See attached map – feel free to draw on it

3. Is all launching at Bank Street (Dragon Boats) or the end of Ferry Road (Rowing clubs)?

Yes – from the Glebe Rowing Club pontoon

No – where?

4. Describe your current interaction with other craft in and around Rozelle Bay.

Other small	This question is not clear.
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craft	<p>Typically skippered by amateur people with varying experience. Typically going above the speed limit and not adhering to the standard rules of the navigation.</p> <p>The highest danger area.</p>
Larger craft	<p>Typically skippered by professionals and operate in a safe manner. However, sometimes they can be late and move faster than expected.</p> <p>However, their size means that they are a very significant danger if a proper lookout for rowing sculls is not kept. Sculls can only move so fast and getting out of the way of larger craft and their wakes is not a trivial task.</p>
Superyachts	<p>Typically skippered by professionals and operate in a safe manner.</p> <p>However, their size means that they are a very significant danger if a proper lookout for rowing sculls is not kept. Sculls can only move so fast and getting out of the way of larger craft and their wakes is not a trivial task.</p>

5. What are your main requirements for safe using of the training area?

To have other users move at or under the stated speed limits

To have other users move according to the maritime rules – predominantly keeping to the right side of the bay.

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve navigation issues in and around Rozelle Bay?

If larger craft could signal (via their horn) that they are about to move off from the jetty it would be very useful. Currently they only signal when they are reversing (3 blasts) which is standard. However it can be difficult to see boats start to move in low light conditions and an audible warning that a boat is about to move into the bay would be very helpful.

7. Have you any particular concerns arising from interactions between your club boats and superyachts in and around Rozelle Bay?

Only as noted above

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Club name		
When	Peak season Dates & Times Oct to Apr Tuesdays 1830-2000 Thursdays 1830-200 Saturdays 0800-1000	Off-peak season Dates & times May to Sep Saturdays 0900-1100
How long for	Tue/Thu 1.5 Hours; Sat 2 hours	
How many craft per session?	1 – 2 dragon boats	
Special events in or around Rozelle Bay?	n/a	

2. What routes are generally used by your craft?

Training	Anti-clockwise from Bank Street. See map
Racing	Race practise uses same route as training. We don't have actual sanctioned races in the bays
Special Events	n/a
Do you use Rozelle Bay?	Yes, we use both Rozelle Bay and Blackwattle Bay

See attached map – feel free to draw on it

3. Is all launching at Bank Street (Dragon Boats) or the end of Ferry Road (Rowing clubs)?

Yes, [Bank Street](#)

No – where?

4. Describe your current interaction with other craft in and around Rozelle Bay.

Other small craft	Minimal, perhaps a wave of acknowledgement
Larger craft	Minimal, perhaps a wave of acknowledgement
Superyachts	Minimal, perhaps a wave of acknowledgement

5. What are your main requirements for safe using of the training area?

That all craft follow maritime rules of keeping right.

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve navigation issues in and around Rozelle Bay?

Ensure all craft leaving Rozelle Bay keep right. Often I see craft leaving Rozelle Bay use the most direct route to the channel from the berthing facilities. This means they pushing other craft heading up into Rozelle Bay very close to the moored boats in order for them to “keep right”. They should be departing by staying close to the path on the west side and cutting across the channel when directly in front.

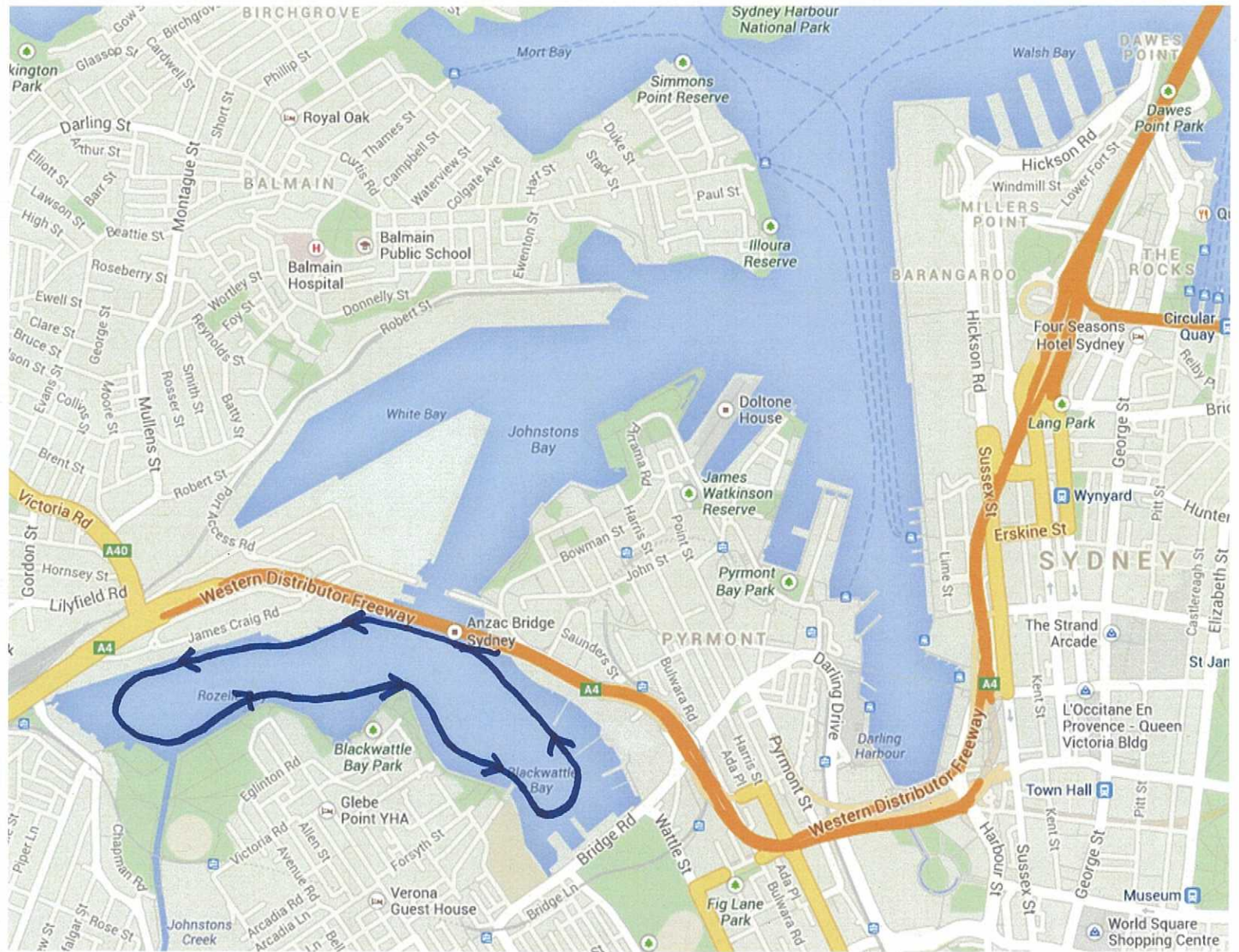
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No, none.

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1. What is your training schedule/schedule of use on the water?

Club name	Sloths	
When	Peak season Dates & Times Mon 7-8:30pm Wed 7-8:30pm Sun 8-10am	Off-peak season Dates & times
How long for	1.5 – 2hrs	
How many craft per session?	2	
Special events in or around Rozelle Bay?	Time trials twice a year.	

2. What routes are generally used by your craft?

Training	Yes. It forms part of our training. We also use the bouys as markers & for turns practice.
Racing	
Special Events	Yes – time trials
Do you use Rozelle Bay?	Yes – in training

See attached map – feel free to draw on it

3. Is all launching at Bank Street (Dragon Boats) or the end of Ferry Road (Rowing clubs)?

Yes

No – where?

4. Describe your current interaction with other craft in and around Rozelle Bay.

Other small craft	Dragon boats, rowers, SUP's, kayaks, canoes – respect each others training/fun paddling and stay a safe distance away.
Larger craft	Speedboats / dinghies, ferries, maritime vessels – keep a good distance and brace ourselves for the wash!

Superyachts	Stay out of their way! Although they seem to ignore us so we have to be careful.
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5. What are your main requirements for safe using of the training area?

Open space to turn/practice racing. Lights front and back of boat. As little wash as possible.

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve navigation issues in and around Rozelle Bay?

Some form of lighting that doesn't cause glare. More awareness from larger vessels ie it's a no wash zone, and "power gives way to sail"

7. Have you any particular concerns arising from interactions between your club boats and superyachts in and around Rozelle Bay?

No, it's quite rare that they move during our training sessions.

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1. What is your training schedule/schedule of use on the water?

Club name	Sydney University Women's Rowing Club	
When daily	Peak season Dates & Times Every day. 5 – 9 am Occasionally afternoons 4-7pm	Off-peak season Dates & times n/a
How long for	4 hours	
How many craft per session?	Many craft form single sculls to eights. Normally lots of small boats (sometimes up to 10 on the water at the same time. In addition some other small boats eg double sculls, pairs.	
Special events in or around Rozelle Bay?		

2. What routes are generally used by your craft?

Training	Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays in an anticlockwise direction from the boat house across to the fish markets and then down to the bottom of Rozelle Bay and back up to the cement works and across to the fish markets to recommence circuit.
Racing	
Special Events	
Do you use Rozelle Bay?	yes

See attached map – feel free to draw on it

3. Is all launching at the end of Ferry Road (Rowing clubs)?

Yes

4. Describe your current interaction with other craft in and around Rozelle Bay.

Other small craft	Glebe RC has many craft esp small boats; Both clubs are aware of each other's movements and make an effort to use the Bay together and avoid collisions.
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Larger craft	Dragon boats; working vessels incl fishing fleet, ferries. The working vessels in Rozelle bay are also aware of the smaller craft and work well together.
Superyachts	They do extend into our rowing space and make navigation difficult esp with the mooring lines and unlit buoys.

5. What are your main requirements for safe using of the training area?

To have enough water available to accommodate the large number of small craft using the Bays and to provide a safe environment for all the users of the Bays.

6. Do you have any suggestions to improve navigation issues in and around Rozelle Bay?

I think if there were more superyachts in the Bay we would have more problems navigating down Rozelle Bay from Blackwattle Bay and esp as they enter and exit the Bays via GI Bridge. A brighter light on the buoy near the marina would help craft (esp as it is getting darker in the mornings)

Alerting all superyacht users to be very mindful of the small craft that are often below their line of sight when they are manoeuvring their boats

7. Have you any particular concerns arising from interactions between your club boats and superyachts in and around Rozelle Bay?

I can't see how the marina can accommodate more yachts without encroaching beyond current boundary. Whilst the pontoons may not extend beyond the current boundaries the yachts themselves will extend into our training waters. Berthing for 43 yachts and associated tender vessels seem a very great number to be accommodated.

To avoid accidents rowers, dragon boaters and canoeists need to have a reasonable distance between the traffic flows up and down the bays

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12 March 2014

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Attention Rosalind Read

Dear Rosalind,

Thank you for meeting with us at Rozelle Bay, Tuesday 11 March, to discuss the Super Yacht Marina Proposal and how we can all work together to ensure the on water safety of all water users, especially dragon boat paddlers.

As discussed we take heart in that all refuelling and disposal of grey and black water off the boats are controlled by Sydney Super Yacht Marina through HAZMAT risk management plans. As discussed all our paddlers come into direct body contact with the water and we want to minimise and prevent any situations that may arise where pollutants come into contact with them.

At our meeting we discussed the boat size mismatch, dragon boats –V- large vessels, and that after sunset and before sunrise water safety, in particular, sighting of moving and stationary boats, is critical. During daylight hours our boats are more visible as are the movements of the larger vessels.

In order to ensure the safety of our paddlers, when on the water and in close proximity to the marina and the larger vessels, Dragon Boats NSW (DBNSW) will ensure that all Sweeps/Steerers are familiar with the NSW Boating Transport Maritime Handbook section, Sound Signals, as follow:-

Special sound signals exist for vessels to indicate their manoeuvring intentions when they are in sight of one another.

1 short blast - *I am altering course to starboard (the right).*

2 short blasts - *I am altering course to port (the left).*

3 short blasts - *I am operating engines astern (stopping/slowng or reversing).*

5 short blasts - *I am unsure of your intentions and I doubt whether you are taking sufficient action to avoid collision.*

To improve visibility DBNSW will also ensure that all dragon boats using the waterways after sunset and before sunrise will have:-

1. 2 white lights on the boat (1 at the bow and 1 at the stern) as per waterway requirements,
2. All sweeps/steerers will wear a fluorescent vest,

3. All sweeps/steerers and coaches will be made aware that they proceed with caution when paddling in a westerly direction on the starboard side of Rozelle Bay, from our launch area to the western side of the marina, as currently is the case.

In return DBNSW asks that:-

1. a permanent sign be placed on the northern side of the Anzac Bridge, clearly visible to boat captains and drivers, warning that small non-powered crafts use Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays and to proceed with caution.
2. A new lens be placed on the buoy, to the east of the marina, to improve its flux emission during sunset and sunrise.
3. When DBNSW is holding an event, other than normal training, we will inform Sydney Super Yacht Marina and it will broadcast details of the event to the boat captains that use its facility via email.
4. That all users of your facility be made aware the dragon boats along with other rowing and paddling crafts use this area and that all boats must proceed with caution when returning or leaving their mooring.

Again we thank you for your time and co-operation to ensure all water users, big and small, can work together to ensure on water safety.

As the marina develops, in accordance with its approval, we ask that our lines of communications remain open so that we can monitor the situation and if any issues arise we sit down to discuss how they can be improved.

Regards,

Ernie Panucci

Director DBNSW