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# WCRLF Management Meetings

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# 2018 – 2019 Summary

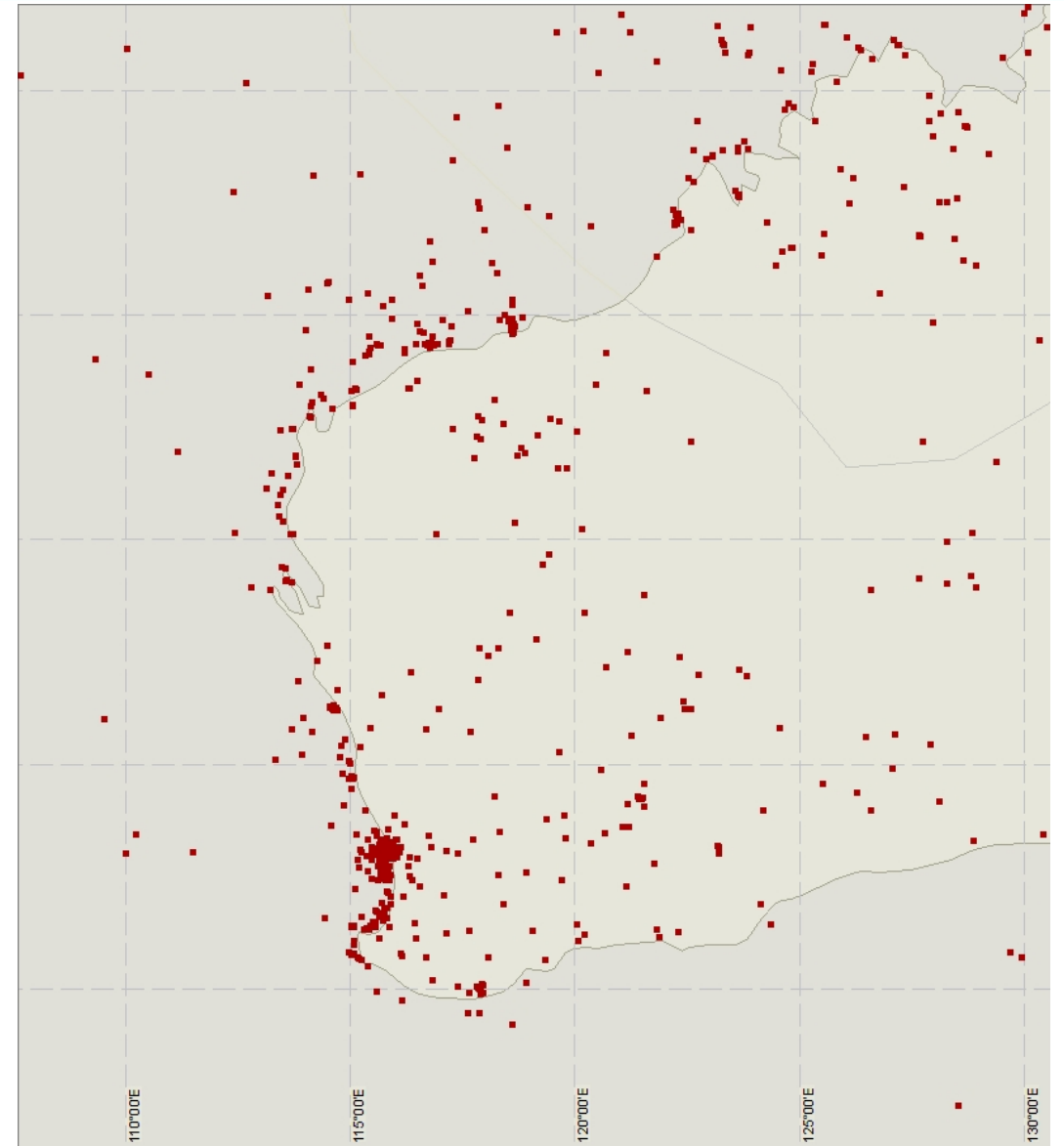
AMSA took full possession of the National System July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

- 3000 Vessel Permissions
- 4500 Operating Permissions
- 3100 Exemptions
- 10,300 Certificates of Competency
- 4000+ Inspections
- 200,000 Calls to AMSA Connect



# 2018 – 2019 EPIRB Activations

1. International Shipping
2. Recreational and Domestic Commercial Vessels
3. Inadvertent Activations (Approximately 30%)
4. Estimate 50% in remote areas



# Western Australian Fishing Vessels

1. Approximately 206 Fishing Vessels Inspected
2. 113 Lobster Vessel Inspected
1. Fishing vessel incidents include 3 x Collisions, 6 Groundings, 2 Fires, 5 Sinking, Multiple maintenance issues resulting in two vessels adrift no communications (2 x SAR events)

# Marine Inspector Feedback

## Areas requiring Improvement

1. Safety Management Systems – Inductions, Training, Emergency Response Plans (incl drills), Logbooks, Maintenance Plans. Template systems not applicable to the vessel.
2. Vessels must have a safe means of access and egress.
3. Valid Certificates of Competency (Dual Qualifications).
4. Lapsed Certificates (Particularly Operation).
5. Fire suppression and emergency steering not easily accessed.
6. Co-operation with AMSA.

# Cont....

- FFEPIRBS become mandatory in January 2021. These can take up to 6-12 months on order. AMSA will be enforcing carriage of these.
- Headcounts for those doing charters are a must and proof of passenger management (briefings, safety drills etc) will be requested.
- Incident reporting is still very much second hand. This is a mandatory requirement under the National Law for the Master and Owner to submit
- Compliance with the requirements in their stability book – pot stacking, deck tanks etc

# WRL Encouraging

1. Most operators aware of their obligations and have an SMS AMSA can work with to improve alongside the operator to improve
2. Vessels are generally in good condition and safety equipment up to date.
3. Patronage at SMS workshops and looking for continuous improvement opportunities possibly best in Australia
4. WAFIC and WRLC very pro-active in promoting any changes or upcoming campaigns.

# AMSA Connect

We've increased the hours of our customer service team, AMSA Connect, so that they will be open from 8 am to 5 pm in AWST. You can access these services over the phone or in person at one of the AMSA locations in Fremantle, Geraldton, Karratha and Port Hedland.

You can contact AMSA Connect for services including:

- Help filling out applications
- Taking payments
- Bookings assessments
- Answer questions relating to the regulation of DCVs
- Assist with more complex enquiries and escalate to technical officers when required
- Book meetings face-to-face meetings at your local AMSA office or book a meeting with your local Liaison Officer
- Direct you to self-help tools on [amsa.gov.au](https://amsa.gov.au).

You can contact AMSA Connect from 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday by calling 1800 627 484 or filling in our online form at [www.amso.gov.au/contact-us](https://www.amso.gov.au/contact-us)

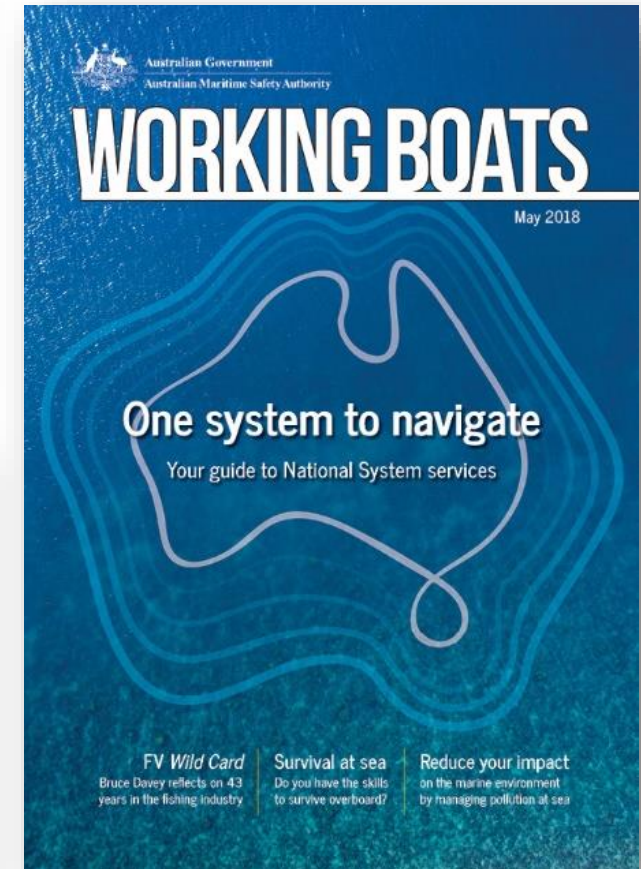
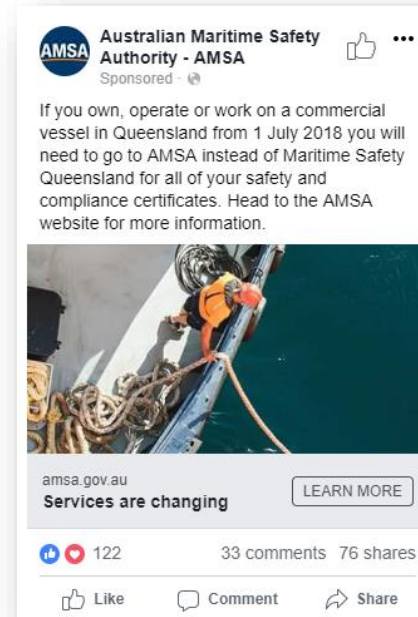
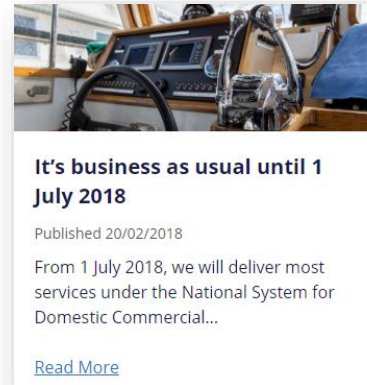


# Methods of communication

AMSA utilises different methods of communication to keep stakeholders up to date on news and issues relating to the domestic commercial vessel industry.

To support the transition to the transfer of services to AMSA we are using the following to communicate key changes:

- AMSA publications like AMSA Update and Working Boats
- Press releases and news items on the website
- External industry publications and newsletters
- Advertising campaigns
  - Social media
  - Newspapers (general and industry)
  - Radio
  - Search engines/Online search
- Regional industry events
- Direct mail



# THANK YOU

For further information:

[www.amsa.gov.au](http://www.amsa.gov.au)

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