RECOGNITION FOR BOATING COMMUNITY WITH MARITIME MEDAL AWARDS

The outstanding contributions made by individuals to the boating community have been recognised at the Maritime Medal Awards today.

Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay was on hand to present the 2014 medals on board the historic tall ship ‘James Craig’ on Sydney Harbour.

“Maritime Medal recipients are those who have enriched our community through their selfless commitment. The Awards are a way for the NSW Government to recognise special individuals or groups who through their dedication, passion and hard work are delivering benefits to countless numbers of boaters,” Maritime Manager Centre General Manager Howard Glenn said.

Bob Basham has been recognised in the Community category, Clive Wilson in the Safety category and Greg McNeill for his commitment to boating education.

“Clive Wilson’s contributions to the community are notable for their diversity; he has managed the use of Lord Howe Island as a Port, assisted visiting vessels to plan voyages, to access moorings and make safe anchorage, and provided safe passage to and from Lord Howe,” Mr Glenn said.

“Bob Basham has gone out of his way to assist the less fortunate, notably he has promoted and been involved with Sailability, an organisation providing sailing opportunities to people with disabilities,” Mr Glenn said.

“Greg McNeill has been a major driver behind the creation of the state wide BoatSmart education hubs and overseen numerous community events which promote and champion the wearing of lifejackets particularly to children and young adults,” Mr Glenn said.

The Maritime Medal was created by the Maritime Advisory Council in 2006 as a way of acknowledging and celebrating the efforts and commitment of people who have made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the boating community of New South Wales.

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