

## Anita gets her RST CONTINUED...

...and I'm sure your RST instructor or assessor will make sure you are aware of all of these and you will be grateful to know (if you didn't already). It is exciting to note even people who possibly don't have that natural ability to understand the water - or have never had any boating experience before, are required to learn and be assessed on this task.

Task 6 and 10 - Departing a berth, securing alongside. This was good new knowledge for me - to actually know that there was a protocol for doing this right every time. My boating has always seen me going from a ramp to the beach and never really too often alongside a jetty.

I was absolutely terrified of using Nikkulas' boat to do this and was expecting the boat might not look so good after I completed either the departure or the securing alongside and I think the rest of the pending crew were freaking out also as their turn was next.

Of course, there was nothing to be scared about at all - I completed the procedure and if Nikkulas was nervous for his boat, he certainly didn't show it. Logging off (Task 11) finished the practical assessment for me, and I only had to relax (and shiver) whilst Michael, Nicky and Natasha now complete theirs.

Hooray - Anita (yes me) has her skippers license, and more boating knowledge than I ever had before doing the RST.

So a big thumbs up to the RST (I certainly was a sceptic prior to sitting my RST, but like all good citizens upon going through the process, I am much the wiser to how it can help keep the boating community safe at large).

And to all you who are yet to hold a skippers license in your wallet, you have only til 1st April 2008 (unless you are under 25 and require it right now), so it is probably a good idea to make it happen soon. Come in and get your Workbook today (free for you compliments of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure).

Nikkulas from Skippers School has a choice of courses, Skippers 1, Skippers 2 and Skippers 3 depending on your boating background and needs. For December and January only, Nikkulas will look after all our receipt bearing customers purchasing \$50 or more with a discount of \$30 off Skippers 1 course and \$50 off Skippers 2 and 3 courses.

Nikkulas can be contacted on 9430 4522 or [nikkulas@skippersschool.com.au](mailto:nikkulas@skippersschool.com.au).

Anita's reference for this article - A guide to obtaining the Recreational Skippers Ticket WORKBOOK Third Edition (Department of Planning and Infrastructure)

## OPEN NIGHT SALE

Roadmaster Boat Trailers and All Boating Equipment are joining the Christmas cheer by holding a massive Christmas sale.

We are starting off the event by inviting our loyal customers to our CHRISTMAS OPEN NIGHT which will be held on Tuesday 11 December from 4.30pm until 6.00pm.

This night will start off the sale, with bargains up for grabs, prizes every half hour, and the end of night door prize a Garmin Geko Handheld GPS 201 valued at \$299.00. There is a sausage sizzle and drinks for all.

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