



Browns Bay Boating Club
P.O. Box 35 352
Browns Bay

The new tractor by-laws, effective from 9 February 2007 are as follows:

Tractor By-laws

1. To drive a Club Tractor you must:
 - be a “tractor user” member or a member of Coastguard North Shore Incorporated who has been authorised by a Club Committee Member to drive Club tractors or such other person who has been authorised by a Club Committee Member to drive Club tractors; and
 - have been trained in the use of that tractor by an approved Club Member; and
 - hold a **full** class 1 or as applicable class 2 driver’s licence having regard to the Gross Combined Weight of the Club tractor and the trailer being towed; and
 - Abide by all rules of the road.
2. All tractor drivers must **sign the log recording their use of a tractor.**
3. Unless authorised by a Club Committee Member, Club tractors may be used only for the launching and retrieval of boats.
4. No passengers shall travel on a Club tractor or on any towed trailer unless they are inside the tractor safety cage (maximum two persons) or are inside the vessel being towed.
5. The only vessels eligible for free launching/retrieval using the Club tractors are:

- Vessels displaying a current club sticker with a super-imposed “T” on it (a “tractor user” sticker);
 - Coastguard North Shore vessels;
 - Vessels of invited guests when participating in a Club organised event;
 - Vessels of a person or organisation that the Club Committee have approved.
6. In an emergency, or if authorised by a Club Committee member, persons who may drive the Club tractors (Tractor By-law 1) may use Club tractors to launch and/or retrieve non “tractor user” member’s vessels for a fee of \$20.00 per launch/retrieval, to a maximum of three times.

Explanatory Notes to Tractor By-laws

7. Note that the beach is classified as a road under the Land Transport Act 1998.
1. Fully trained “tractor user” members are the only Club members allowed to drive the Club tractors. A “tractor user” member is not allowed to give their tractor keys to a person who is not a trained, fully licensed “tractor user” member unless that person has been authorised to drive Club tractors by a Club Committee Member.
2. With respect to “tractor user” members and authorised drivers (refer By-law 1):
- The Tractor By-laws **do not** allow holders of class 1 or class 2 learner or restricted licences to drive Club tractors.
 - The holder of a **full** class 1 or **full** class 2 licence can drive either of the Club tractors provided the driver complies with the exemption rules and does not drive anywhere but from the rigging area to the beach and back to the rigging area.
 - The holder of a **full** class 2 license can drive a Club tractor and tow a trailer provided the Gross Combined Weight does not exceed 12,000 kilograms.

3. The Club tractor's Gross Laden Weights are:
 - C'Mantis 3,900 kilograms; and
 - C'Squirt 3,070 kilograms.
4. To work out which licence you need to hold to drive a Club tractor towing your boat and trailer you need to determine the Gross Combined Weight of the relevant Club tractor and the Gross Laden Weight of your boat and trailer.
5. Note that in calculating the Gross Laden Weight of your boat and trailer it is **not** the unladen or tare weight it is the weight of the fully laden (petrol, gear etc) boat and trailer.

IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING TRACTOR BY-LAWS

6. Any breach of the Tractor By-laws may result in a member's tractor key being forfeited or disciplinary action being taken against that member as the Club Committee deems fit.
7. If under the Tractor By-Laws any person has an accident while driving a Club tractor when they are not allowed to drive the Club tractor or, if allowed to drive the Club tractor, do so in a manner that infringes the Tractor By-Laws then:
 - the Club's insurance may be voided; and
 - irrespective of whether the Club's insurance is voided, the Club's insurer or the Club may seek to recover the costs of repair and/or loss arising, from that person."

The Committee will advise as soon as we have any information in regards to the general exemption.

Committee
Browns Bay Boating Club