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BSS EXAMINER NEWS

Dear Examiner

Welcome to a new registration year. In this edition we introduce a new team member taking up some of Phil's responsibilities. We want to clarify the position for BSS Examiners regarding Beko cookers following a recent circular from British Marine and there's a head's-up about BSS audits that are about to start.

New name, new face



The BSS team has a new member. Andrea Burrow joined us this month as Business and Technical Manager and is quickly getting her feet under the table.

She has spent the last 15 years in varying forms of the marine industry including working as a marine engineer in the yacht charter industry for 10 years, and then later in Project and Commercial management for a supplier of bespoke equipment to the Superyacht sector.

Being a regular recreational visitor to UK inland waterways, she says "I am very enthusiastic about being involved with the Boat Safety Scheme, and supporting the initiative to improve safety and minimise risk to all that use our waterways."

Andrea will be working with and supporting examiners as well as taking on a major project concerning examiner development. Gradually as Phil winds down to retirement, she will be taking on more of his responsibilities.

Beko Cookers Update

BSS Examiners may have received or been made aware that British Marine has circulated widely a letter received from the Beko Quality Manager in response to a letter from British Marine, clarifying the Beko position that its cooker products should not be installed in boats.

The letter also expressed a general view, provided to Beko by Gas Safe Register, that gas engineers would be obliged to disconnect LPG appliances in circumstances where the installation instructions disallow installation in boats.

Publishing this information out of context has raised concerns and the BSS has been asked by ABSE to advise BSS Examiners how to react to the published letter.

In discussion with the Beko Quality Manager it is clear that the letter exchange with British Marine was in the context of Beko recently changing the installation instructions on its cooker products to align with the position always adopted to customers who make telephone enquiries, namely that Beko cooker products should not be installed in boats.

The manager went on to say that the reason for this position was that the products had only been approved to standards supporting the domestic home environment and that currently, no assessment has been made

against the standards for Beko cooking appliances in the marine environment. So that is why boat owners are advised to not install current Beko cookers in boats.

To be clear, there is no immediately dangerous safety issue underlying the changed installation instructions.

With this assurance, BSS Examiners coming across Beko cookers on boats are guided to apply the BSS requirements as they would do for any other make of cooker. There are no additional checking or reporting actions to perform.

Boat owners are guided to select LPG cooker appliances that are suitable for use with LPG in the marine environment and fitted by competent persons to the manufacturer's instructions for boat installation.

Annual audits - the annual audit round has started

Insurance: the audit of professional indemnity and public liability cover is now underway and it is imperative that your insurance details on Salesforce are accurate and up to date. All BSS Examiners, including those on the Michael Hall Associates Limited, Mercia Marine Underwriting Limited and Winter & Co (Marine) Ltd 'block' policies need to ensure their information is accurate and current.

Examiners insured outside of the three 'block' policies, may expect to be contacted and asked to provide evidence of cover to verify the accuracy of the details entered online on the 'Current Details' tab on Salesforce.

The Scheme's need for the assurance that any examiner's work is underwritten is so important we will immediately suspend access to Salesforce where there is any doubt about an examiner's cover and his continued authorisation may be at risk.

Gas Safe: this topic has been covered in previous newsletters. We will be checking all examiners who have entered details of Gas Safe registration into their profiles for display on the public website, i.e. showing them as being on the Gas Safe Register. Now is the time to ensure your details are complete and up to date. Please remember that to be listed on our website, your Gas Safe registration must include a competence listing for LPG for boats specifically.

The Gas Safe reference number you enter **must be** your individual 7-digit 'engineers' ID card number so that customers can check the same information on the Gas Safe Register website http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/about/how_to_check_the_id_card.aspx.

Anyone representing themselves as registered when they are not are risking potential legal action from Gas Safe and are threatening the reputation of the BSS so this is another important reason to ensure such information is complete, accurate and up to date.

Certificate timing: prompted by complaints from navigation authorities we will audit last year's certificate timing and individual examiners regularly exceeding the expectations set out in the Conditions of Registration supporting guidance may expect to be contacted to discuss potential improvement measures.

ID cards update

These are currently being printed and should be despatched on or before 13 May 2016

Best regards,



Graham Watts, **BSS Manager**