

# **Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association**

## **INDUSTRY CODE OF PRACTICE (Dec.2008) FOR SUGARLOAF, COROMANDEL.**

### **1.0 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this CoroMFA Sugarloaf Code of Practice is to define good Industry practices and achieve the full support of all Industry for them, so as to achieve maximum benefit from the Sugarloaf. Key values to maximise are;

- Safety
- Mutual consideration, tolerance, politeness
- Tidiness

### **2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Sugarloaf Wharf in Coromandel Harbour was established 15 years ago to provide for Coromandel's important and growing Mussel Industry as well as recreational trailer vessel access. There is some Spatial separation now as Recreational boaties primarily use the outer Ramp and Industry use the inner Ramp and Wharf although sharing is also important. Already the facility is often fully utilised and Industry usage may expand by 50 to 100%, within the next 5 to 10 years. It is most important that all users avoid conflict.

### **3.0 DEFINITIONS**

3.1 Sugarloaf Wharf means the wharf (including all reclamation) and both ramps and the haul-out/hard-stand at Sugarloaf, on Te Kouma Road, south side of Coromandel Harbour.

3.2 Industry Ramp means the inner, more southern, of the two ramps at Sugarloaf.

3.3 Recreational Ramp means the outer, more northern, of the two ramps at Sugarloaf.

3.4 Wharf Manager means, until further notice from CoroMFA Executive, the current TCDC Wharf Manager at Sugarloaf.

## **CODE OF PRACTICE TO OPTIMISE USE OF SUGARLOAF**

### **4.1 Safety:**

- **Be Safe Always**

### **4.2 Consider Others:**

- Please always at Sugarloaf be; Considerate, Tolerant and Polite.

### **4.3 Tidy**

- Please always keep Sugarloaf; Tidy, Clean and Store Gear elsewhere.

### **4.4 Please Honour Your Industry COP:**

- A laminated copy of the CoroMFA Sugarloaf COP will be displayed in a prominent position on all marine farm vessels. The COP will be communicated and available to all Industry users including vessel crews, truck and forklift and service vehicle operators.

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#### **4.5 Queues and Priority Order:**

- Vessels unloading food products take priority over other vessels (only if Vessel's truck is also at wharf).
- Next Vessel has priority for next use, provided its truck is at Sugarloaf otherwise that vessel moves one place down the queue.
- If another vessel is waiting then finish and move out ASAP.
- Maintenance is OK only if not immobilising and respect 15minute deadline if a queue. No immobilising maintenance to be done at wharf or ramp.

#### **4.6 Vessel Uses for < 15 Minutes:**

- As a general guide, Industry usage of the facility should be completed within 15 minutes, depending on vessel load size. This includes Vessels loading gear and personnel, and Vessels unloading Mussels or gear and associated trucks loading Mussels or gear.
- If your Vessel's wharf usage is likely to take more than 15 minutes, then (except for large transfers for large loads/vessels) go to the back of an Industry Vessel queue.

#### **4.7 Gear Not to Be Stored:**

- Do not leave any gear (rope, floats or other material) on any unloading or working area.
- Do not leave gear overnight except within your own carpark.
- Never store overnight anywhere any potentially smelly gear (eg harvest ropes).

#### **4.8 Keep Hygienic and Tidy:**

- Once unloading is completed, that vessel is to hose down unloading area.
- Remove and subsequently dispose of litter

#### **4.9 Minimise Noise:**

- From after 2200 through to 0700 hours;
  - no stereos/radios at wharf
  - vessels and trucks to operate quietly including minimal Revs
- Minimise Noise at all other times.

#### **4.10 Minimise Speed and Wake:**

- Minimise Vehicle and Vessel speeds and minimise wake.

#### **4.11 Parking:**

- Respect others' carparks.

#### **4.12 Hardstand Uses For < 12 hours:**

- Do not occupy the hardstand with a vessel unless you gain the approval of the TCDC Wharf Manager. Use should be less than 12 hours, unless no other vessels in queue.
- The hardstand is for vessel maintenance, not including wash-down of antifoul.

#### **4.13 Reporting problems:**

- Report any problems firstly to the TCDC Wharf Manager.

### **5.0 ENFORCEMENT and REVIEW**

5.1 Enforcement of this Code of Practice is hereby delegated until further notice, from the CoroMFA Executive to the TCDC Wharf Manager, for his enforcement and reporting-back to the CoroMFA Executive.

5.2 This Code of Practice will be reviewed by the CoroMFA Executive as required.

5.3 Industry comments on this Code of Practice will be welcomed by CoroMFA.

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