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BSS Examiner News 24.04 & Urgent Technical Newsletter TN24.05

Dear Examiner

The topics covered in this newsletter are: -

- Urgent Technical newsletter attached **with an escalated Morco safety warning**
- Office Opening hours
- Great turn out on examiner rep vote!
- Introducing our new Technical & Quality Manager
- Our Annual Report

Special Urgent Technical Newsletter TN24.05 – Morco Important Safety Warning – new implications for BSS Examinations of affected boats

We have been contacted by Morco this week requesting further BSS support, with its escalated Important Safety Warning. This is an update and escalation of the Morco alert from earlier this year.

The Warning applies to a list of specific models of open-flued LPG water Heaters. Morco is asking anyone with a listed appliance installed on their boat, **to stop using it immediately and isolate or disconnect it from the gas supply.**

TN 24.05 (attached) includes additional information for Examiners who may be approached to undertake an Examination on boat with one of the affected appliances fitted, and/or encounter one of these appliances while undertaking an examination. It covers the scenarios of the water heater being connected and working or disconnected and not working.

A Heartfelt Thank You to All Our Examiners

As the year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to **express our sincere gratitude** to all BSS Examiners for your hard work, dedication, and professionalism throughout this year.

Your efforts ensure that boat owners and waterway users remain safe, **helping us achieve our shared mission** of promoting safer boating and protecting the waterways. Your commitment, especially in a year full of challenges and progress, has been invaluable.

Thank you for everything you do – **we couldn't do this without you**. Here's to a successful and safe year ahead!

Wishing you all a well-deserved rest and a fantastic start to the New Year.

BSS Office Holiday Details!

The BSS Office will re-open on Thursday 2 January 2024

Emergency and urgent cover by phone, text and WhatsApp (+44 7710 175478 - no emails) will be provided by Rob on Monday 30 - Tuesday 31 December

Thank You for Voting!

A big thank you to all of you who have already cast your vote for the Examiner Representative role – we've had a fantastic turnout, with **50% of examiners** taking part so far. That's **75 votes** and counting! If you haven't had the chance yet, there's still time – voting remains open for **another 2 weeks**. Please check your email from **Morale Solutions** to cast your vote and have your say.

Introducing our new Technical & Quality Manager



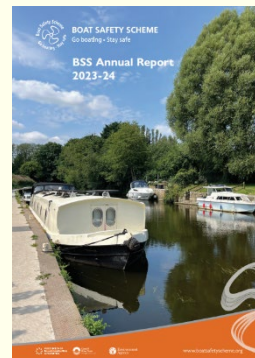
“Hello, I'm Harry Pickering, and I'm excited to join the Boat Safety Scheme as the new Technical & Quality Manager. **I bring with me 14 years of Army service as a Marine Engineer**, where I developed my trade working on small craft ranging from Workboats to Landing Craft. Later in my career, I took on various senior equipment management roles, gaining valuable experience in planning and maintaining high operational standards. My background also includes military diving and extensive work in subsea engineering, which further strengthened my commitment to precision and safety.

My military experience has shaped my approach to leadership, focusing on a blame-free culture and a **commitment to continuous improvement**. I strongly believe in collaboration and welcome your feedback, if something isn't right, let's address it and find ways to improve together. I'm looking forward to collaborating with you to uphold and enhance the high standards of the Boat Safety Scheme.”

Our Annual Report

We've published our latest **Annual Report**, and it's **now available** on the BSS website. It's a great opportunity to see the highlights of our work over the past year and the **progress we've made together**.

[Visit the website to take a look!](#)



Database Updates and Future Plans

During the latter part of 2024, we have been working on updating elements of the database to replace outdated technology. In January, we will roll out an update that incorporates these changes.

As part of this update, the 'Portal' (the burgundy-coloured page) will be discontinued, leaving only the Community (the orange-coloured page).

These updates are a necessary step toward enabling the development of the Examiner App, which is planned for release in 2025. More details about this project which will change your operation in the field, will be shared in early 2025.

Best regards and keep safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Tyson', written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Tyson

BSS General Manager

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