



**Landelijke Bond voor Waterrecreatie Beoefening VZW**

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## **LBWB-MY FLASH 06**

Dear members, clubs and friends,  
This Flash edition contains 3 subjects.

### **Waterway tourism 2008.**

The list of problems will be handed over to the water authorities during the next meeting of the recreation platform meeting.

For this issue we clearly have an important role to play and therefore, we decided to ask members to report problems on the waterways at anytime not just after the boating season.

Reporting problems on waterways can from now on be done to the secretariat of LBWB-MY or via email to [info@lbwb.be](mailto:info@lbwb.be) in order to become listed in our yearly report for the waterway authorities.

### **Forum for pleasure boating.**

Wednesday 10 December 2008 became an important day for the pleasure boating in Belgium.

The Cabinet of the Secretary of State E. Schouppe took the initiative to organise an exchange of views with the pleasure craft sector.

In his speech the Secretary of State Schouppe underlined the importance he gives pleasure boating by including it in his policy statement note 2008-2012.

The Secretary of State formally underlined that the forum of 10 December was a start to ensure a federal platform for the communication with the sector.

This platform will be a new organisation composed of the government and federations in order to continue the work started on 10 December in Flanders Expo at Gent

The new platform has to be set up before 12 February 2009 as the government wishes to report to the media and the public the work done by the forum on 10 December.

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The new organisation (without profit) will have to perform in an advisory function as a platform for the policy of the government.

It's clear that external organisations such as federations will have to play a role between the government and the boat owners and users.

LBWB-MY is extremely pleased for the comment "we wish to make it work" as not only the Secretary of State mentioned this but the staff of the Cabinet and the administration made clear during the day that they don't want to just stay with promises but to get results.

Our day couldn't have been better as within the workgroups the issue of the requirement for two VHF radios was put on the agenda and we could make clear our points within the workgroups.

After our writing to the Cabinet of Schouppe we are grateful that the VHF radio issue was on the agenda, especially as we could set out our point of view to the representative of the Secretary of State, to those responsible that wrote the policy note and to those responsible for the administration. The more so because those attending stated that the justification was made on the VHF radio issue.

## **2e mariphone law.**

Based on our interventions and talks we suggest not asking for a VHF radio under the Christmas tree. We are convinced that our government will do the necessary in order to stop the implementation of this law.

Our advice is to wait a while as we hope the law requiring a second VHF radio for inland water pleasure craft over 7 meters will be withdrawn.

Best regards

The LBWB-MOTORYACHTING board