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Members' kids and grandkids ready to get started with the Kids Fishing Competition.



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Kids

From Jess Shears

We had a great day at the Club on Sunday April 3, with members' children and grand-children taking over Pollard pier and the Clubhouse. It was gloriously sunny and everyone was in high spirits ready for the annual Kids Fishing Competition to get underway.

The theme this year was 'nautical', and the first competitor of the day to arrive was Alex McKenzie, fully looking the part and earning the best dressed boy prize. Top effort! Grace Miller won the prize for best dressed girl, looking beautiful in her mermaid costume.

The day started with all kids fishing out

on Pollard pier for around an hour, followed by a quick re-fuel of sausages and steak sandwiches and time to attend to some colouring. It was then off onto the reserve for some action-packed games. The kids were split up into age categories to compete in egg and spoon races and sack races. There was certainly lots of cheating happening, nonetheless lots of fun and laughter in the mix. Chocolate fish were flying out to first, second and third place winners.

The afternoon concluded with the all-important prize-giving, for which all prizes

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Business as usual

The weather in April was a bit of a mixed bag. While both air and sea temperatures remained warm, we had a few days of stormy weather and also some stunning weekends. At the time of writing, cyclone Fili is about to cross New Zealand in the days before Easter, bringing rain and gales.

You may have noticed the publication of an application to create a marine reserve off the north western area of Waiheke, including the coastline from Oneroa to Maitatia and generally out towards Rakino. This is a popular recreational fishing area and there are differing views on the efficacy of the proposed reserve.

The reserve is being promoted by 'Friends of the Hauraki Gulf', who say the idea will create something tangible and meaningful to protect the Hauraki Gulf. It would allow snapper, crayfish, marine mammals and hundreds of other species to thrive. LegaSea on the other hand, agrees entirely with the preservation sentiment, but believes the Hauraki Gulf ecosystem as a whole is struggling, and focusing on just one area would move the pressure elsewhere without addressing the fundamental problems such as bottom trawling. Submissions closed on March 20, and it will be interesting to watch proceedings.

We had our annual Kids Fishing Competition in early April, and as usual it was well attended, the kids had lots

of fun and caught some surprisingly good-size fish. While the launching ramps have been busy all summer, it was good to see post-Covid activity around the Clubhouse.

While the business of the Club continues, with a number of ongoing projects – reported elsewhere in the Outboarder, it has been very much a month of business as usual, so a mercifully short report from the Commodore.

Good boating and stay safe out there.

- Phil Allen

HIGH SIGHT

Fantastic eye-in-the-sky view of the OBC Marina and beyond, taken by Evan Grant.



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IDEAS WANTED!

Winter's coming and your Club is looking for ideas for events to keep us all entertained over the cooler months when boating isn't always an option. It could be a repeat of an event you've enjoyed in the past, or something completely new. You might have the seed of the next big Club event germinating in your brain right now!

So let Jess know your suggestions for events you'd like to see coming up on the calendar. Email events@obc.co.nz, text (021)984 962, or pop into the office to chat with her.

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were kindly sponsored by Burnnand Marine. The winners all went home with a bag of goodies and those who were not lucky enough to win a prize went home with a sweetie bag, so no-one left empty handed.

The event would not be the huge success it is, if it was not for the great support of David Dorrington and Kevin Jackson, who help with everything fishing related before and on the day of the event. Thanks also to Derek Grieve, Graham Dick, Bianca Gibbs and our other kind volunteers who helped out on the day.

A great event that will remain firmly in the OBC's annual calendar.



Best dressed girl was Grace Miller in her mermaid outfit. All the prize winners received their prizes thanks to sponsor, Burnnand Marine.



Charlotte Ashman was excited to be fishing, and her 37cm parore was the second-longest fish caught.



Jacob Bland was the 'longest fish' winner with his 38cm parore.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRIZE WINNERS

Longest fish (all three were parore)

1st	Jacob Bland (4)	38cm
2nd	Charlotte Ashman (6)	37cm
3rd	Max Leohoari (6)	33cm

Best Dressed

Boy	Alex McKenzie (8)
Girl	Grace Miller (8)

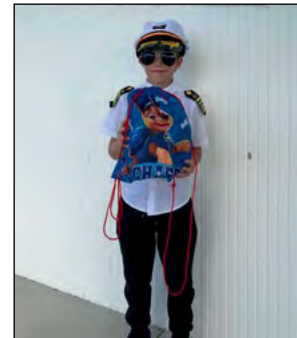
Colouring-in competition

Ages 2-5 years

Boy	George Austin (5)
Girl	Clara Bedwell (4)

Ages 6-10 years

Boy	Max Dorrington (7)
Girl	Samantha Theakston (7)



(Above) The 7-10 year old group competes in the sack racing.

(Left) Fully in the nautical theme, Alex McKenzie won the best dressed boy prize.



Two more prize winners were Max (left) who caught the third longest fish, and Clara, colouring-in champ of the girls 2-5 year category.

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COASTGUARD

PLEASE WATCH THE WAKE



A reminder from Coastguard New Zealand for skippers to watch their wake in and around marinas, following a number of incidents over the past few months.

In several cases, Coastguard volunteers have been towing vessels back into marinas, transitioning into a barging position, when they have encountered large launches coming out of marinas at high speeds producing large wakes. These have, in some incidents, caused damage to Coastguard vessels and injury to volunteers.

We are as keen as anyone to get out onto the water, but are asking skippers to

respect maritime rules and keep a safe distance and speeds around Coastguard vessels.

SKIPPERS SHOULD REMEMBER:

- The maximum speed permitted for all boats in New Zealand is 5 knots (about 9km/h) within 200 metres of shore or any boat with a dive flag, and within 50 metres of any other boat or swimmer.
- Look out for the yellow and blue Delta Flag which Coastguard vessels raise when engaged in towing or barging activities.
- Observe and respect any 'no wake zone' enforced by the marina.

Skyline at Sunrise



We have some talented photographers in the Club! This awesome shot of Auckland City at sunrise was taken by Frank Davis while heading out for an early morning fish.



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TRAILER BOAT MOVEMENTS

Just a friendly reminder to all that the Club rules prohibit people riding in boats while they are being towed in the car-park, and the practice of 'driving' or using your motor to load the boat on or off the trailer. Both these rules are for Club members' safety.

BIRDS

The bird problem has continued this month and it's not exclusive to the OBC. As can be seen from the accompanying photo, Motutapu landing has also had its fair share of birds. At present, bunting and flags seem to be having the best result in keeping birds at bay on the Marina. Members can also purchase LED lights like the ones installed on the ends



of the marina. Contact joe@obc.co.nz for the electrical contractors' details.

DOGS ON SITE

It is great to see the number of people keen on taking their four-legged friends away boating with them. Please, when you bring your dog on site, make sure it is kept on a lead for everybody's, including the dog's, safety.

GUESTS AT THE CLUB

A friendly reminder that members are not to swipe their guests in at the gate. Instead, guests simply need to push the intercom and follow directions from duty staff.

H PIER

H Pier gate suffered major structural failure in early April and repairs will have been made by the time you read this. Thank you for your patience while this work was carried out.

WINTER STORAGE

Winter storage this year has been very popular and was mostly filled by members on the hardstand waitlist. All spots are now taken, and storage will run from April 26 to October 9.

EWOF DATA

Thank you to all Marina occupants who have provided details of their vessel's current EWof and cable test tag. As your EWofs are renewed, please send a copy to anna@obc.co.nz, including cable test tag.

Otara/The Noises.
(Photo: The
Noises Trust)

Reviving and Revitalising THE HAURAKI GULF

Come along to the OBC Clubhouse on Wednesday May 18, for a special evening of Hauraki Gulf updates. The Club is delighted to welcome the following speakers, and has no doubt you will find them all to be both interesting and informative.

Alex Rogers, Executive Officer of the Hauraki Gulf Forum, will speak about central government's 'Revitalising the Gulf' strategy, and the current and future work of the Forum.

The Noises Trust will be represented by Sue Neureuter, who will talk about the Trust's vision for protecting and regenerating the unique environment around The Noises.

There will also be an update on the Revive Our Gulf project to 're-mussel the Gulf',

which will be delivered by Peter Miles of the Mussel Reef Restoration Trust. Doors open at the clubhouse at 7.00pm, presentation starts at 7.30pm. Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/XEV7LfhUCrCLkYgg7> or via the OBC website.

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OBC AT ORANGE

We are now at the Orange level of the Covid protection framework and so there have been a couple of changes to the requirements at the Club.

- You are not required to scan in and show your vaccination pass when entering the Clubhouse.
- Face masks are no longer compulsory, however it is still advisable to wear one when entering the Clubhouse.

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READING OUTBOARDER WHERE?

Heading off on holiday, or even just taking a drive somewhere? Take along your copy of the Outboarder, snap a pic, and you'll be in the running for a cool prize. What could be easier?

Okay, so there's a wee bit more to it, but not much - the pic should show you 'reading' the Outboarder, and you do need to submit your entry by sending pic/s via email to events@obc.co.nz, drop/mail prints to the club, and/or upload and correctly tag the OBC (#OBCAuckland) on your Facebook or Instagram pages. Photos will be posted on OBC social media, and selected images will also appear in the Outboarder magazine during the course of the competition. The competition closes on December 31, 2022.

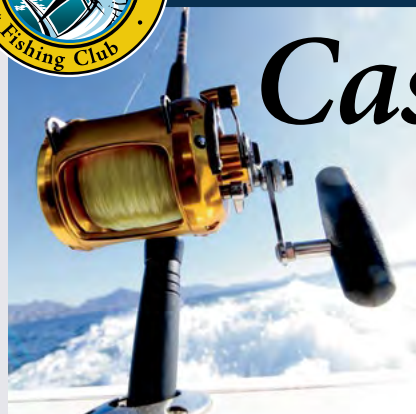


We've had some amazing and unusual entries in the Reading Outboarder competition over the past few years - such as this one from Keith Moran, which should probably carry a 'don't try this at home' warning!



WHAKATAKATA BAY SPORT FISHING CLUB

Cash for FISH



The \$1000 Billfish category in the WBSFC's Anglers' Eldorado has still not been struck. There's still time to get your hands on the prize - you just need the prize-winning fish! Billfish must be caught on a members boat by a WBSFC member and weighed at OBC Gantry. Eldorado closes June 30, 2022.

NZSFC MEMBERS' HEAVIEST FISH TO DATE, 2021-22 SEASON

Here's the current* NZSFC members' hit-list of heaviest fish caught to date, for the 2021-22 season. Some very nice catches in there, and big increases on some of the numbers last reported - Dylan Flyger's 246.85kg entry in Broadbill/Swordfish is nearly 100kg heavier than the previous heaviest, while the Yellowfin class is now lead by a 64.4kg fish. The big ones are still out there... good luck!

* At time of print: colour text indicates new catch since last reported, March 2022.

SPECIES	DATE	ANGLER	WEIGHT/TAGGED	AREA CAUGHT	ANGLER'S CLUB
Albacore	29/07/2021	Ben Pond	22.6kg	Alderman Knoll	Mercury Bay GFC
Bigeye Tuna	19/02/2022	Lori Tanner-Somers	102.2kg	Middlesex Bank	Whangaroa SFC
Black Marlin	20/01/2022	Andrew Hamilton	340.4kg	Main Rock	Whangarei DSAC
Blue Marlin	17/02/2022	Warren George	380kg	Off Mercury Bay	Mercury Bay SFC
Blue Shark					
Bluefin Tuna (Pacific)					
Bluefin Tuna (Southern)	04/07/2021	Ian Howe	142.2kg	Cape Runaway	Waihou Bay SFC
Broadbill/Swordfish	03/04/2022	Dylan Flyger	246.85kg	Tairua	Tairua Pauanui SFC
Bronze Whaler					
Bass/Sea Bass (NZ)	01/01/2022	Ruth Veall	58.10kg	Off Tatapouri	GTSCF
Hammerhead					
Hapuka	29/01/2022	Steve Watson	24.485kg	Off Tolaga Bay	GTSCF
Kahawai	25/02/2022	Ian Wildman	3.06kg	off Mercury Bay	MBGFC
Mahimahi	19/03/2022	James Higgs	12.40kg	Tairua	Tairua Pauanui SFC
Mako	22/02/2022	Tony Croft	150.5kg	off Mercury Bay	MBGFC
Porbeagle					
SB Spearfish	29/01/2022	Jason Lowe	32.5kg	Off Tolaga Bay	GTSCF
Skipjack Tuna	02/04/2022	Michael McCahill	7.4kg	off Mercury Bay	MBGFC
Slender Tuna	09/10/2021	Paul Hyde	5.110kg	off Tatapouri	GTSCF
Snapper	05/11/2021	Mark Beauchamp	12.45kg		BOISC
Snapper - small fry/Junior	27/10/2021	Kyla Rogers	10.6kg	Tapeka	BOISC
Striped Marlin	06/02/2022	Matt Crawford	199.2kg	Hawkes Bay	Counties SFC
Thresher					
Thresher - Bigeye					
Tope	10/07/2021	Carl Pullan	22.25kg	BOI	BOISC
Trevally	04/07/2021	Andy Eyre	3.40kg	Houhora	Counties SFC
Wahoo					
Yellowfin	22/02/2022	Scott Berry	64.4kg	Cape Runaway	Waihou Bay SFC
Yellowtail (Kingfish)	18/11/2021	Bryce Wigley	33.74kg	Kingbank	Ahipara GFC

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SAFETY in the SPOTLIGHT

From Jess Shears

Coming just days after a charter boat sinking, and a Club weekly newsletter that included an article regarding a member's son being injured due to improper use of a kill switch, the Water Safety Talk with Coastguard was a very time-appropriate event.

Jonny Bannister, AFNI Coastguard Regional Manager - North, was at the OBC on March 22, and presented to members an overview of how to be safer when out on the water and how to, hopefully, prevent incidents happening in the first place.

Jonny highlighted Coastguard's key principles - including the Boating Safety Code, information about which can be found at www.coastguard.nz/boating-safely, along with the web pages listed below.

CHECKLIST OF ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT

- Be prepared. Have a checklist you always go by, and check off each step. (www.maritimenz.govt.nz/recreational/documents/Safer-boating-guide.pdf)

LIFE JACKETS - Take them, wear them. (www.coastguard.nz/boating-safely/lifejackets)

CHECK - your batteries and get your engine serviced. Know your engine and equipment.

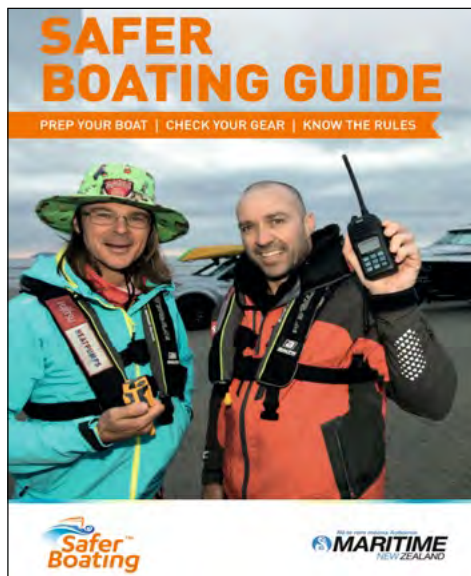
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CHECK WEATHER and tide.

Jonny also explained a three-step timeline of what can happen when there is an incident, and how best to react for the greatest chance of survival. Emphasis of course, is on step one, and preventing an incident



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happening at all.

Step 1: an incident, how to prevent it happening (see above key principles).

Step 2: an incident happening. Ways to survive including huddling together, and holding on to one another, taking all possible action to get help.

Step 3: the rescue and getting home safe, reviewing what went wrong and how to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Key points to remember are:

- Use your checklist
- Make sure your crew know how things work - such as how the VHF works should you fall overboard!
- Have a grab bag always ready to go when you go out on the boat.
- Let Coastguard know if you are having an issue, log it with them and report back to them once all okay.

At the end of Jonny's presentation members took advantage of the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the points he'd made during the evening.

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WELCOMING HOPE FOR Scallops



It's been a long time coming, but there are finally hopes for rebuilding scallop populations, as New Zealand's last commercially viable scallop beds are shut until further notice.

However, the Minister has chosen to keep beds around Little Barrier and Colville Channel open for five tonnes of commercial harvest annually. We're concerned continual dredging in these areas may deplete scallops completely for the rest of the Gulf, as these areas are source populations of scallop larvae that eventually disperse and settle elsewhere.

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council worked with LegaSea and other national representative organisations, including the New Zealand Angling & Casting Association and the New Zealand Underwater Association, to develop a submission in response to the scallop fishery review.

The submitters called for full closures of both Northland and Coromandel fisheries for a minimum of three years, and a ban of all commercial and non-commercial scallop dredging for all scallop harvest in New Zealand waters. A chance for scallop populations to rebuild could not have happened without public pressure. Kia kaha to

all the support and care shown by OBC members for scallops and the Gulf marine environment.

It's important we protect Little Barrier and Colville Channel from long term impacts of dredging. The Little Barrier area is already covered by a rāhui on all scallop harvesting, laid by Ngāti Manuhiri. Alongside local communities, they are currently anticipating public consultation around a two year temporary closure of the area.

We're calling for a ban on scallop dredging, to protect areas like Colville and Little Barrier - areas that are nurseries for future generations of scallops.

LegaSea and the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, alongside other organisations, have banded together to form the Hauraki Gulf Alliance - a coalition aiming for 100 percent protection of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park from scallop dredging and other mobile bottom-contact fishing methods.

The Alliance is an integral part of innovating Rescue Fish - a holistic approach to fisheries management where banning inshore trawling and dredging is one of many principles.

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Hope is rising for the rebuild of the Gulf scallop populations. (Pic: Sam Wild)



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From Adam Clancey

SPOOLING UP

Choosing the right fishing line, and putting it on to your reel the correct way, can not only make your fishing more enjoyable, it will also help you be a better angler.

Whether you are spooling up a brand new reel or re-spooling an existing reel there are a few steps that will serve you well in the performance of your set-up.

One of the first questions to answer is: how often should you change your line? The main reasons to change your line are, not having enough line on your spool, or the line is showing signs of fatigue and wear. This may be, in the case of mono, the line becoming stringy and stiff, or the line changing colour and the braid going furry and losing its sheen. This all depends on how much use it gets, as well. I would suggest an average angler should

be changing line every second year. Braid will last a bit longer than mono as it is less susceptible to UV damage from the sun.

When re-spooling a reel, firstly decide on the type of line and how much you require to fill your reel. There are lots of choices. Monofilament is the cheapest and most suited to general bait fishing and live baiting. When it comes to any form of lure fishing, the non stretch braided line will be your best choice.

Things like stiffness, abrasion resistance, diameter, and knot strength are other factors to take into account, and decisions will be based on the type of fishing you do. For example, if you fish big baits around rocks and foul, a good abrasion-resistant line will be great. Alternatively, if casting distance and low

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visibility is important, choose a suitable line for that.

With braided lines, some braid will spool better on spinning reels and also cast better, being less likely to get wind knots and excessive twist. A good tackle store should have a handle on the different lines, their features and benefits.

Remove your old line and discard it thoughtfully. Give your spool a wipe down and a thin smear of grease around the spool and arbor. This helps prevent corrosion from sea water that soaks into the line.

If you are spooling with mono put a few wraps of electrical tape around the arbor of the reel. This acts to prevent the pressure from the mono becoming enough to warp your spool. To give you some idea of the forces involved - because mono stretches it is like wrapping a rubber band around your finger 1000 times.



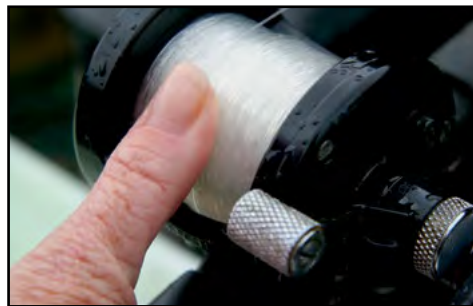
Old line and way too little of it on the spool is just asking for trouble.

If you are spooling with braid, you need to tie about 10 metres of a similar thickness mono onto the spool and then tie the braid to the mono.

Most tackle stores offer a spooling service but if you are doing it at home you will need to rig up your rod and reel and thread the line onto the reel. Use a screwdriver through the spool of line and get someone to hold it under some tension, with a cloth or gloves, as you wind it on the reel. The spools will get hot from the friction.

On most reels for general fishing, it pays to have 200-300 metres of an appropriate breaking strain or diameter line. If you are targeting larger specimens like kingfish and tuna, having 600 metres is a good amount to stay safe, and will handle most marlin as well.

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BIOSECURITY BITES



Marine biosecurity is an essential part of a healthy marine ecosystem and something we should, as boaties, all be aware of and actively participating in - such as keeping our boat hull's anti-fouling treatments fresh. 'Clean Below? Good to go' is an excellent source of marine biosecurity information. The following are excerpts from its latest newsletter. Discover more at www.marinepests.nz

SEMINAR SERIES

A free to attend (via Zoom), online series of seminars presented by industry experts and scientists leading the marine biosecurity field in New Zealand. Seminars include topics such as: 'the important role of marinas' and 'the next big biosecurity threat'. Check out what's coming up at www.marinepests.nz/events.html and don't worry if you've missed one that you're particularly interested in - they're also available on Youtube.

REPORT THAT PEST

Biosecurity New Zealand has released a new web tool so people can report suspected exotic pests and diseases online. "Alerts from the public about things that appear out of the ordinary to them, along with reports from our primary sector partners make up an important part of New Zealand's strong biosecurity system," says Biosecurity New Zealand's deputy director-general, Stuart Anderson. If you see anything untoward in the pest department, head to <https://report.mpi.govt.nz/pest/> to do it in! Of course, if it's something requiring urgent action; animal diseases; or a mass mortality event, then phone Biosecurity New Zealand on 0800 80 99 66.

WELL DONE COROMANDEL BOATIES

A sneak peak at results from Waikato Regional Council's summer surveys of

vessels in the Coromandel Peninsula shows that boat owners are doing a terrific job with keeping their vessels clean. Of the 1104 vessels surveyed, a remarkable 85 percent achieved a Level of Foul (LoF) scale of 2 or below. This LoF is defined as 'light' fouling.

FAN-TASTIC TUTUKAKA

Five years after Mediterranean fanworm was last spotted at Tutukaka, the bay has officially been declared 'fanworm free'. Unfortunately, the Mediterranean fanworm, classified as both an Unwanted Organism and a Notifiable Organism under the Biosecurity Act, 1991, still inhabits other New Zealand waters. Councils and Biosecurity New Zealand are working together to slow and, where feasible, eliminate the spread. You can help by reporting it, if you see it.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held March 31, 2022, at the Club, with nine Committee members present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED: Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held 27 February 2022 as presented and circulated be adopted.

ALLEN/URBAN CARRIED

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Commodore's report had been circulated. The Commodore presented the Committee with an update of current projects, including Family Fishing Comp, Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei liaison, Hakumau Reserve, hardstand redevelopment and infrastructure upgrade, Marina refurbishment, Club Strategic Plan, Club Constitution review and Council consent renewals. In regard to Hakumau Reserve, Bill Berry expects more progress in May. The Marina refurbishment has been out to tender for Pier E as a trial one. Phil Davenport hopes to have Stage 1 finalised soon.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No incidents or accidents to report. A campaign of Compliance of Electrical Equipment (EWoF and cables) has started for Marina vessels.

FINANCIALS

The February 2022 financials have been circulated and are taken as read. The accounts are for nine months trading of the current financial year.

MOVED: That the OBC Financial Reports for the month ended 28 February 2022 as presented and circulated be approved.

TONG/ALLEN CARRIED

MOVED: That the Whakatakataka Bay Marina Financial Reports for the month ended 28 February as presented and

circulated be approved.

TONG/McGARRY CARRIED

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Phil Davenport's report was taken as read.

- 2023 Budget in final stages of preparation.
- A new Health and Safety Committee has been formed.
- Clubhouse has been washed in preparation for maintenance.
- New Yamaha buggy going well. Old buggy sold for just over \$2000.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property: Bill McGarry advised that the Property Committee had succeeded in getting final rainfall samples and is now awaiting the test results.

Marketing and Promotions: FFC had 31 boats and 92 anglers. Very smooth day,

well organised by Jess Shears our new Events Manager.

MEMBERSHIP

New members: 5 Resignations: 4

Total net: 1910

MOVED: That the new membership list as circulated be approved.

MILLER/BATKIN CARRIED

MARINA TRANSFERS

No Marina transfers.

HARDSTAND MOVEMENTS

Waitlist: 207 members

New grass hardstand spaces filled: 1

Hardstand occupiers transferred from grass to tarseal: 0

Jetski spaces: 0

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The proposed Marina Budget has been approved by the Executive Committee

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and sent to the Marina Management Committee for review and comment. Refurbishment Levy is increased by CPI Index (4.9%).

- Kevin Best introduced a paper proposing OBC enter into an alliance with Auckland Foundation Hauraki Gulf Regeneration Fund. General support for this.

MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of MMC meeting held March 8, 2022 were tabled.

Meeting concluded 9.10 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY MAY 26

OBC members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings and may address the Committee on any one specific topic from 7.15pm. Outside of this time, members may be present as observers and cannot speak to any subjects raised.

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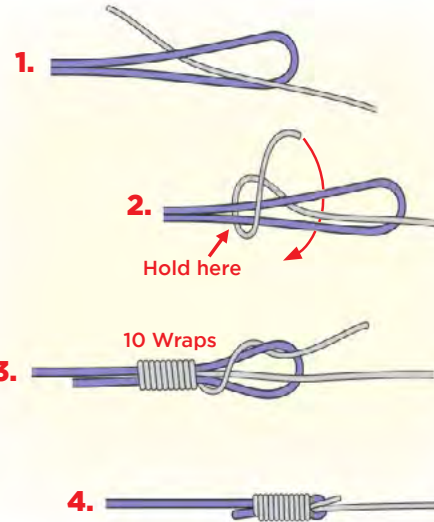
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COOK THE CATCH

Crab BISQUE

Serves 4-6, prep 10 mins, total time 55 mins

INGREDIENTS

- 3 tbs butter
- 1 med onion, finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp all-purpose seasoning
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbs tomato paste



- 3 tbs flour
- 4 cups fish stock (or low-sodium vegetable broth)
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 450g crab meat
- Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. Melt butter in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. Add onion and celery and cook until soft. Add salt, pepper and seasoning. Stir in garlic and tomato paste. Cook until garlic is fragrant and tomato paste coats vegetables (approx 2 mins). Sprinkle flour over and cook until absorbed (1 min).

2. Pour in fish stock and wine, then stir in bay leaf. Reduce heat and simmer until liquid is reduced and flavours meld (30 mins), stirring occasionally.

3. Remove bay leaf and puree soup until very smooth. Return to medium-low heat and stir in heavy cream and half of the crab meat. Cook until just warmed through.

4. Divide into bowls and garnish with remaining crab meat and parsley.

FISHY FAMILY

Well known angler, and host of Fishy Business TV show, Adam Clancey has teamed up with New Zealand-based tackle company Composite Developments (NZ) Limited. Adam has a long history with the company, as a past employee and also having used its well known fishing rods on his many adventures. "I'm excited to be working with the team at Composites," said Adam, "and was really impressed with the way it has grown its many well known brands like Okuma, CD Rods, Trycd, Pakula, Pro Cure, TT Lures, Platypus and Flambeau. There is a real fit with these products and the type of fishing we do on the show."

The new season of Fishy Business will be screening on Prime TV towards the

end of 2022 and will feature a wide range of fishing trips around New Zealand targeting all the popular species. Nick Binks, on behalf of Composite Developments (NZ) Ltd, commented, "We are happy to be working with Adam, as he is well respected in the industry and has a good following in all areas of the fishing community. Adam will be using a good cross section of our product range from blue water sport fishing gear to inshore bait and lure fishing tackle. Seeing our tackle being put through its paces in hardcore fishing situations is a great way to show the development that has gone into our brands."



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BOAT REVIEW

DNA 450 CC



MAKING a Statement

DNA's 450 series is fast becoming a favourite throughout the country. Barry Thompson checks out the centre console version to see why these entry level pontoon boats are so popular...

A few years ago, I reviewed a DNA 450 C, one of the builder's most popular boats and a great entry level pontoon cuddy. Released in 2014 the DNA 450 series is now available in three versions and all utilise the same hull structure, with DNA's signature tapered pontoons. The 450 HSD is the tiller steer model with twin bench seats and a full flat floor that keeps the internal spaces clutter free. The 450 CC is the centre console version and the 450 C the cuddy design.

The 450 series is the perfect step up from a big open dinghy to a small trailer boat, be it open or a cuddy. What you intend to use the boat for, will determine what style you choose. I loved the little cuddy, it has to be one of the better ones on the market. This is a genuine fishing boat, and while you can tow the kids on water toys, it's unashamedly targeted towards fishermen.

The 450 CC is rated for a single outboard, 40-60hp. We ran a 60hp Yamaha, which gave a top speed of 22 knots (40.7kph) at 5900rpm. The boat was lightly set up with a single tote tank, two people and hardly any extra gear. Personally, I think the 60hp is the right power option, especially if you see yourself loading

the boat with plenty of diving and fishing gear and maybe a couple of mates. The 40hp would be fine, but it's worth investing in the extra 20hp for peace of mind. The 4.60m, DNA 450 series is based on a 16 degree hull, with a 1.84m beam, 4mm hull and 2.5mm tube thickness. Beneath the floor is an integral hull framing system using CNC cut interlocking full depth full length frames, creating a rigid system adopted throughout DNA's alloy boat range. The underwater sections are based on tapering down-turned chines to the hull, which means the pontoons could be stepped out further to increase the internal beam. This also means the pontoons are slightly lifted so as not to cause any drag in the water once planing.

I said in the review of the 450 C, that the pontoon design had an added benefit in the ride, as the chines act as a shock absorber, trapping a cushion of air under them as they land, and reducing the impact to the buoyant nature of the pontoon chambers. The 450 CC is no different.

Where the 450 C provided a nice cuddy with plenty of undercover storage, the 450 CC is all exposed. The open bow area on our boat was fitted with the optional raised casting platform, which gives you extra storage spaces. There is a deep anchor locker in the fore-peak that is big enough to handle a small drum winch. I liked the extra wide fairlead,

which allows you to run a heavier anchor and chain. Twin hatches give easy access to the cavernous space which is ideal for lifejackets and dry storage. It is also where the battery for the Minn Kota Riptide is stowed. All floor and coamings areas are covered in U-Dek.

With a coaming height of 650mm, the cockpit is at a safe height for young children but also perfect for bracing against when fishing. The fishing area is ideal for two or three, with a 1.37m internal beam with a flat floor chine to chine.

Storage trays under the coamings are wide and long so you can stow 2m-plus rods easily. However, with the coaming rod holders, two on the bait board and four more ahead of the console, you have plenty of places for the rods already. There is no underfloor storage as it is all used for buoyancy.

The centre console comes complete with a screen, which provides protection for the Garmin 9-inch MFD. The fascia offers plenty of space for switches and instruments. We had a Yamaha engine management display, a switch panel and USB port. A GME G-Phone was mounted below the console, where there are also a couple of deep storage trays.



A 72 litre Icy-Tek bin provides both seating for two and storage, plus comes with a fish measure set into the faux teak.

There are a variety of seating options, however, given the limited space available, the Icy-Tek bin seat would seem the best way to go.

Under the rear deck is a raised storage shelf, with provision for twin 25 litre tote tanks below. A deep sump is fitted with a bilge pump to expel any excess water that comes aboard. Twin boarding platforms are designed with very stylish flat handrails, and you have the choice of a drop-down ladder on the port side. Other options include a custom-made bait board and live bait tank.

Overall a well built and appointed entry level pontoon boat that takes a lot of beating.

While DNA may not be as well-known as some of its competitors, it is certainly making its name in the very competitive alloy boat market. You can't fault the finish and build quality and the handling is exceptional.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	DNA 450 CC
Type:	Centre Console
Construction:	Alloy 4mm/2.5mm
LOA:	4.60m
Beam:	1.84m
Internal beam:	1.37m
Deadrise:	16 deg
Hull weight:	275kgs (dry)
Towing weight:	495kgs

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WEDNESDAY MAY 4

OBC Members Morning Tea

Enjoy a relaxed cuppa and nibbles at the Club, while chatting to fellow members. Always on the first Wednesday of each month, from 10.00am.

SUNDAY MAY 8

Mother's Day Breakfast

Looking for something to treat mum to this Mother's Day? Bring her along to the Club for breakfast! A choice of breakfast fare, each accompanied by a drink, means there's options for all appetites! See page 15 for more information.

WEDNESDAY MAY 18

Reviving the Hauraki Gulf

Join fellow members and fascinating guest speakers to hear updates regarding efforts to revive our precious Hauraki Gulf. See page 9 to learn more about this interesting and informative evening. Doors open 7.00pm, presentation starts 7.30pm. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/XEV7LfhUCrCLKYgg7>

THURSDAY JUNE 2

OBC Quiz Night

It's back!! The complications of working around Covid and its effects had put the popular quiz night on the back-burner,

but it's making its return on June 2. So gather up a team and take on the fun challenge of a 'Believe it or Not' quiz night. More on page 9.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

Rigging up for success

Join Adam Clancey, host of Fishy Business TV, at the OBC to learn about top rigs, knots and terminal tackle. Bar opens 6.30pm, talk 7.00pm.

FRIDAY JULY 29

OBC Mid-winter Dinner

Shake out your glad rags and join fellow members, family and friends at the OBC's mid-winter dinner, including delicious festive-inspired fare, a complimentary glass of mulled wine, and live entertainment. Book quickly to secure your seat/s, email events@obc.co.nz by Friday July 15. Turn to page 20 for full details.

ROAD CLOSURE

SUNDAY MAY 1 AND SUNDAY MAY 29: The People's Triathlon Mission Bay

On both days - closure of Tamaki Drive between Ngapipi Road and Long Drive, 7.30am to 11.30am. No impact on OBC access but increased traffic on Tamaki Drive likely so please take extra care when entering and exiting the Club grounds.

Dates and events are subject to COVID-19 Level conditions. Please read fortnightly email newsletter in case of last minute event cancellation... or alternatively phone the OBC to confirm.

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15 HT*0612/1852 Orakei Basin flushing out 6.00pm	16 HT*0704/1942	17 HT*0756/2031 Orakei Basin flushing in 8.56am 3.4m	18 HT*0848/2122 NOISES/HAURAKI GULF DISCUSSION 1900HRS	19 HT*0941/2213	20 HT*1035/2307	21 HT*1130
22 HT*0003/1226	23 HT*0102/1325	24 HT*0201/1425	25 HT*0300/1527	26 HT*0356/1627 OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1915HRS	27 HT*0450/1723	28 HT*0540/1814
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LAUGH LINES

Q: What happened to the fish that became famous?

A: He turned into a sea star.




For young people, 12 to 18 years old, the Ocean Youth programme aims to inspire those with an interest in marine conservation to develop valuable skills and meet like-minded people. Through a variety of excursions, workshops and volunteer opportunities, young ocean-lovers will have the opportunity to create and collaborate on projects that will help our oceans survive and thrive into the future. Ocean Youth is a global programme run by the SEA LIFE Trust and supported in New Zealand by SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's. This hands-on programme gets youth out in nature, experiencing the ocean, and learning new skills that will start them on their conservation journey. Whale and dolphin watching, snorkeling, citizen science, work experience at SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's, and much more are included. To find out more about Ocean Youth Auckland, email learn@kellytarltons.co.nz, or visit www.oceanyouth.org to register your interest for the next intake.

Sprat Chat

DECORATOR CRABS

'Decorator crab' is a descriptive term for various species of crabs that camouflage themselves. Rather than change colour, as a chameleon might, decorator crabs attach items to themselves in order to blend into their environment and hide from predators. To attach their camouflage, decorator crabs have stiff hairs (called hook setae) on the upper side of their body and legs. They'll gather shells, seaweed, coral, sponges and other small items, and 'hook' them on, just like you'd attach something with Velcro! The most common decorator crab in New Zealand is the hairy seaweed crab. Covering itself in seaweed, it will hide under boulders in a patch of brown seaweed. It's so convincing, you can even find small crustaceans, worms or sponges living in the seaweed on the crab's back.



ABOVE - A camouflaged hairy seaweed crab. (Pic: Sebastian Doak inaturalist.nz)

LEFT - Decorator crabs have stiff hairs on their upper bodies to attach camouflage. (Pic: Karen Pratt inaturalist.nz)

CAMOUFLAGE WORD SEARCH



Can you find the hidden words in this word search puzzle? Just like searching for a camouflaged sea creature, you'll need to look carefully!

- AMBUSH
- ANGEL SHARK
- BLEND IN
- CAMOUFLAGE
- CHROMATOPHORE
- COLOUR
- COUNTERSHADING
- CUTTLEFISH
- DECORATOR CRAB
- DISGUISE
- DISTRACTION
- FALSE EYE SPOT
- HAIRY FROGFISH
- INK
- IRIDOPHORE
- MIMICRY
- OCTOPUS
- PYGMY SEAHORSE
- SQUID
- STONEFISH

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