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SIZEABLE SNAPPER



Three-year old George with his scooter prize for longest fish.

From *Jess Shears*

We were lucky to have yet another day of beautiful weather for this year's Kids' Fishing Competition sponsored by Burnnand Marine. A much smaller group this year, however some excellent results - even some legal-sized snapper being caught off the pier! (Now don't get excited and rush off for your fishing rod, the Kids' Fishing Competition is the only day anyone - and then only the kids - is permitted to fish within the OBC marina.)

This is always a lovely event, with the little ones getting into their fishing,

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2023 Kids Fishing Competition participants held still long enough for a group photo on the clubhouse deck.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Easter has just passed at the time of my writing, with another mixed bag of weather – so changeable that the forecasters could not keep up.

It has been a pretty quiet month at the Club, busy most weekends but never overcrowded at the launching ramps. Organised activities have had disappointing turn-outs, causing quite some soul searching amongst the Executive as to what members expect from the Club in the future. A new survey will soon be circulated to get a feel for what members would like from the Club – full suite of activities; club nights, quiz nights, competitions, organised cruises, or just a first class launching and storage facility with minimal activities. This, of course, impacts significantly on the scope of the new clubhouse planning.

Whatever the future shape of the Club, I must convey an enormous debt of gratitude to the many, many tireless volunteers who contribute so much to the smooth operation of the Club. I am sure the number of people who give countless hours of their time to the Club is not understood by most members who are able to arrive at the launch ramp, launch, park, wash boats without delay or fuss. This is all thanks to efficient management by the Club staff and, in large part, the work of the volunteers behind the scenes.

As you know, every Club boat must be inspected for safety before being able to use the Club's facilities. To ensure these inspections run seamlessly, there is a roster of 22 volunteers who make themselves available Wednesdays and Saturdays to inspect vessels, with seldom a wait of more than a few days.

When we have a function - be it a fishing competition, the Kid's Christmas Party, quiz nights or club nights, I am sure it's not

realised how many members put up their hand to run the barbeques, serve refreshments, compère the functions, bait hooks for the kids' fishing competition, play Santa, transport Santa, auctioneers, help members with recalcitrant engines, teach newbies how to handle their boat – the list of tasks and the number of volunteers is endless.

And of course, there are the committees that keep the Club moving: the Executive, Finance and Administration, Property, Marina Management, Marina Trustees.

I would like to list the volunteers by name but hesitate because, a) the list would be so long, and b) while I think I have a comprehensive list I would feel awful if I were to miss one of our generous contributors of time and effort.

Suffice to say the input of the volunteer army is recognised and appreciated. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We are disappointed that Jess has decided to move on. Jess came to the Club just as covid set in, so had a particularly disjointed introduction to the Club and the requirements of the Events and Promotions Manager. She nevertheless quickly embraced the Club culture, and events and promotions proceeded seamlessly. It has been a difficult period since then, with little enthusiasm from members for Club functions despite energetic promotion by Jess. Anyone who has worked with Jess will have, I am sure, been impressed by her energy and approachability. We wish her well for the future.

- Phil Allen

HARD CASH FROM HARDSTAND



Well, it's a big cheque rather than 'hard cash' but much appreciated all the same. Commodore Phil Allen (left), along with hardstand auction winner Igor Stychinsky, recently presented the \$7700 cheque, being funds raised from the 2023 OBC hardstand auction, to Coastguard Philanthropy Manager Samara Somerville-Petch.

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EGGSCCELLENT FUN

From *Jess Shears*

The kids' Easter egg hunt was a new event for the Club, and intended to build up the anticipation for Easter's arrival on the following weekend. Jess and Bianca enjoyed entertaining all 30 kids for a few hours, whilst the parents or grandparents were able to relax and watch their children mix with other kids of the OBC.

The weather was not quite on side with the day's plans for an outdoor activity, which resulted in a rather confined indoor egg hunt within the clubhouse. Consequently, it took all of five minutes for the kids to find all the eggs!



Weather forced the kids Easter egg hunt indoors, but didn't stop the fun and games.

Then it was on to an assortment of games, from musical statues to some lively egg 'n' spoon races. It wasn't all the chocolate making the kids hyper, we promise. A fun day was had by all, and great to see so much energy and excitement coming from everyone. It can't have been too chaotic, as the Saturday morning coffee meeting still went ahead in the corner despite the unexpected crowd around them.



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KAHAWAI CLAIMS PRIZE



Congratulations to Darren Lohead (in grey t-shirt), winner of the Twilight Fishing Series with a 55cm kahawai.

MARTIN on the MOUNTAIN

OBC member Martin Pringle went to great heights to read his copy of the Outboarder - all the way to 930m above sea level at the top of the Hump Ridge Track in Fiordland National Park, in fact!

If you've no head for heights don't worry, you don't have to climb a mountain to enter the reading Outboarder competition. It does help to be somewhere interesting however, so next time you're off on an adventure - anything from a fishing trip to Kawau (see this month's Fishing Report) or an overseas jaunt - make sure you've packed an Outboarder magazine.

Get a photo taken of you reading the Outboarder while on this adventure, and send your pic (high resolution please) by 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, 2023.



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eagerly encouraged by mum, dad and grandparents. Dave, Jacko, Derek and Bianca were all on hand this year to make sure that the catches were measured and recorded correctly.

Once kids finished with the fishing, they headed straight to a sausage sizzle, followed by games on the reserve, before prize-giving.

Everyone left the event a winner, with plenty of chocolate dished out as well as prizes.

COMPETITION RESULTS

LONGEST FISH

- 1st George, 39cm parore
- 2nd Dante, 35.5cm snapper
- 3rd Tom, 35cm parore

LONGEST SNAPPER

- 1st Dante, 35.5cm
- 2nd Fergus C, 33.5cm
- 3rd Jaxon C, 27cm

MOST SPECIES CAUGHT

Emily

COLOURING COMPETITION

Girls: Chloe
Boys: Max

BEST FANCY DRESS COSTUME

Jaxon W
Ben



Jaxon W's dino costume was pretty scary - fortunately it didn't scare the fish, but it did win a prize.



Above > Ben channeled Thomas the Tank Engine for his prize-winning fancy dress costume.

Left > Games on the reserve, including sack races, were also part of the fun.





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HAKUMAU RESERVE

The resolution for the Hakumau Reserve took a step closer this month, with the OLB and AC accepting in principle the proposal put forward by the OBC. Details are being addressed now, and we hope to have the final approval by mid-way through June.

WINTER HARDSTAND

The winter hardstand is now filled for this year and commences on April 26.

NGAPIPI ESTUARY BRIDGE

Work continues with the new pedestrian footbridge at Ngapiipi Road. There have been a number of closures of the lanes under the bridge and care needs to be taken when transiting through the area. Please pay attention to the weekly emails for up-to-date information on this.



Even Rodrigues is happy about the new pedestrian crossing between the reserve and clubhouse.



Want to save on fuel? Lighten your boat's load by clearing out any unnecessary and unwanted 'stuff'.

MAN O' MAN *what a day*

From Jess Shears

Having spent the week prior nervously watching the weather and wind predictions, it was so pleasing when the day of the Man O' War lunch turned out to be a perfect, still day in the bay.

The result was a lovely, relaxed lunch at Man O' War Vineyard on Waiheke Island. A small crowd of OBC members and their friends enjoyed the great food and delicious wines the vineyard has on offer. The long lunch was rounded up with a group gathering on one of the OBC boats, as those who were overnighing enjoyed fellow Club members' company.

A great trip out to Waiheke and one that will be popping up on the calendar again next year for sure!



A simply stunning day at Man O' War Vineyard.

RIVERHEAD, FINALLY

From Jess Shears

After the Auckland floods back in February forced a delay, the Riverhead cruise and lunch finally went ahead on Saturday March 25. A small crowd headed over to enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the Riverhead Tavern.

This is an annual trip organised by the Club, loved by many and normally very heavily subscribed. It will be back on the February calendar for 2024.



Paul leads a short convoy up-harbour to the Riverhead.

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FISHING REPORT

From Adam Clancey

ISLAND ADVENTURE

Kawau Island is located in the Hauraki Gulf and is an ideal spot for a fishing adventure whether you fish from a small tinny or a larger vessel suited to overnight trips.

Kawau is a popular destination for fishing enthusiasts due to its diverse range of fish species and stunning natural scenery. Fishing around the island is a unique experience that offers plenty of opportunities to catch different types of fish using various techniques. Kawau is also a great next step spot for boaties looking to gain on-water experience, outside of harbours, including launching spots, navigation, overnight anchorages and fishing different terrain.

Kawau Island offers a range of fish species, including snapper, kingfish, trevally, kahawai, and john dory. Snapper is by far the most popular fish species in the area, and it can be

caught all year 'round. Kingfish is another highly sought-after species, especially during the summer months when they are more abundant. Trevally and kahawai are also common, and they can be caught using a variety of techniques.

When it comes to tackle, the type of fishing you want to do will determine the kind of gear you need. For snapper, a standard boat fishing or bait feeder spinning reel with 20-30lb braided line and a 20-30lb fluorocarbon leader is sufficient. For kingfish, a heavier set-up with a 40-60lb braided line and a 60-100lb fluorocarbon leader is necessary. For trevally and kahawai, a lighter set-up with a 10-20lb braided line and a 10-20lb fluorocarbon leader is suitable. Soft bait and bait fishing are both popular techniques for catching fish around Kawau Island. When it comes to soft bait, the most effective method is to



Kawau Island is home to trophy-sized snapper



use a 1/4-1oz jig head with a soft plastic lure in natural colours such as brown, green, or orange. Some popular soft bait lures for snapper include the 5-inch jerk shads and 5-inch paddle tails. For bait fishing, pilchards and squid are the most common baits used for snapper and kingfish. Trevally and kahawai can be caught using small chunks of pilchard or squid on a small hook.

Kawau Island has a few different options for launching your boat. Sandspit, located on the mainland, is the closest and most popular launching spot. There is a small fee to launch from here, and it can get quite busy during peak season. Alternatively, you can launch from Omaha or Mahurangi, which are both a bit further away but tend to be less busy.

There are several anchorages around Kawau Island that are perfect for overnight stays. Mansion House Bay is the most popular anchorage, offering stunning scenery and good protection from the wind. Bon Accord Harbour is another great option, with several anchorages to choose from and plenty

Squid are common over winter and spring in the bays around Kawau




A mid-sized boat reel will cover most bait and live bait options.

of fish in the area. Vivian Bay is a bit more secluded and offers a quieter experience, although it can get a bit rough in bad weather.

Fishing around Kawau Island is a fantastic experience that offers a range of fish species and techniques to suit different preferences. Whether you're a seasoned angler or just starting out, there's something for everyone in this beautiful part of New Zealand.

Remember to check local weather and tides before heading out.

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A white and black motorboat is docked in the foreground on a calm lake. In the background, a sandy beach is visible with several people sitting under blue umbrellas, enjoying the outdoors. The scene is set against a backdrop of lush green trees under a clear blue sky.

Have trailer boat, can travel; the family relaxing and enjoying a stunning day at the Western Bays, Taupo.

ALL FOR *Family*

By Debbie Jarvis, pics supplied

Jeremy Davis is a second-generation OBC member who has many fond memories of the Club his father joined back in the '70s. An impressionable youngster then, now Jeremy's introducing his own family to the delights of the OBC and boating, and they've taken to it like, well, the proverbial ducks to water.

Jeremy has experienced the joys of launching at public ramps, and all that involves. Waiting to launch or retrieve, trying to hold the boat against the moving seas while the car and trailer is backed in, so many other people all trying to do the same things at the same time; the OBC is an oasis of calm in comparison!

"The OBC's amazing, they do so much for the members," said Jeremy, who enjoys being able to wash down the boat then and there, have fish filleted for him ("if we've caught any"), not having to struggle to find parking, or sit in long queues. The advantages of Club membership are almost endless.

But the ease and convenience of the OBC is not all that Jeremy and his family appreciates. "It's that sense of belonging, of community," he says.

The family is also very active event participants - in fact Jeremy tells us that

the kids always grab the Outboarder when it arrives in the post, and scour the pages for events they can attend. From movie nights to fishing competitions, you'll likely find the family and Swallow, their Buccaneer 565, in there boots (or rods) and all.

For Jeremy, boating has been a part of his life as long as he can remember, and he was about 10-years old when his dad joined the OBC. There followed around seven or eight years of enjoyable family boating based from the Club. Ultimately, however, Jeremy's dad moved on to a sailboat, and the family's days of solely motorised boating were done.

"My dad was a Pom, he'd never done any sailing or boating. When he came to New Zealand there was this whole harbour to explore on a boat. And I think he realised, as a lot of people do, that if he wanted something we could stay on, a sailing boat was going to be a cheaper option," Jeremy explained.

Jeremy himself has also spent time under sail, going so far as to compete overseas in Hobie Cats. As part of a two-man team with a guy who'd lost both legs below the knee when he was electrocuted while sailing (the mast hit overhead lines), they

raced in San Diego.

Jeremy spent four years in various countries while on his OE. He taught water-skiing and sailing at a Summer Camp in Pennsylvania, USA, while taking advantage of the winters to indulge his other passion - snow skiing, and taught sailing and water skiing in Turkey. A travelling highlight was working on a commercial salmon boat out of Dillingham, Alaska, for three months.

He's owned various sail boats, as well as ski boats, but those were all prior to having kids. Jeremy and Britt, who've been together 14 years, met through an "orchestrated introduction" (sounds much better than 'blind date!') and share the love of boating, and the desire to pass on that love to kids Luke (10) and Poppy (8). Teenager Aiden is of the age when he's far too distracted by rugby and girls to want to go family boating, but there's hope he'll show more interest once he's past that 'stage'. They've only had the boat three years, purchased three weeks before the first lockdown, so there's plenty of time.

It was during a holiday up north, that Jeremy and Britt discussed getting a boat. The kids had always been around the water, albeit land-based, and were now old enough, and the couple was keen to open them up to some new experiences. "For us it was, let's introduce the kids to a whole new aspect of delight, and that's being on the water, and in the water, and at some places that we wouldn't necessarily be able to get to without having a boat. And they absolutely love it," said Jeremy.

Summer or winter, when the weather's good - and Jeremy admits they're mostly fairweather boaties - Swallow's bow is pointed towards Sandy Bay at Motuihe, near the Rakino Channel and nice and accessible. They spend quite a bit of time on Waiheke: Garden Cove and places down the east coast - Oneroa and Onetangi. Due to Swallow's size, that's about as far as they've ventured at this point.

Fishing is also a family affair, and they'll head to the Noises or Ahaaha rocks. The kids are



Luke and Jeremy share driving duties.



Like her brother, eight-year old Poppy is no stranger to a fishing rod.

getting more into fishing now they're getting older and catching a few more fish. They don't have a lot of patience if there's no bites (who does??), but when there are, it's great fun. Plus, "They don't mind catching them and putting them back in, and of course on the light gear they probably feel like they're bringing in a whale," laughed Jeremy.

"We spent a lot of time at Woody Bay, Rakino, as kids," he said. "I took mum out on the boat a while ago, and when I asked where she'd like to go, she said Rakino. She's 85, and loved the trip down memory lane."

It's all about making memories really, and the OBC is a big part of it. "All the stuff we did as kids. We loved bringing the boat in and out, going under the bridge.

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The memories I've got of going under the bridge as a kid, it's the same buzz... every time we bring the boat in the kids are like 'woahhhh', while I'm thinking, oh heck, did I bring the rods down out of the rocket launchers!"

Fortunately, he's not forgotten to do that yet, although there was one occasion of forgetfulness. Jeremy was retrieving the boat on a ramp near the clubhouse, when he forgot to raise the outboard. Embarrassing enough, but it happened in front of a group of former Club commodores who'd gathered for a morning tea. One of those former commodores was kind enough to point out the error, although he did also say not to worry, Jeremy wasn't the first one to forget. He likely won't be the last, either.

As passionate about boating as he is, Jeremy's 'day job' doesn't involve boats or the water. With a background in marketing/advertising and sales, Jeremy and a good mate initially established their own agency. Then about six years ago, Jeremy headed off to the Home Show with the intention of finding someone to help him tidy up his garage. He was surprised to discover that, while there was plenty on offer to do so, there was no one company that could bring it all together. He wasn't slow to recognise the gap in the market, and after discussing it with his existing business partner, the two shifted gears and formed 'Pimp My Garage'. Jeremy reckons his OCD is the perfect match for designing garage spaces with a place for everything and everything in its place!

And in the boating future? Well, a bigger boat is floating out there somewhere, as overnighting is something the family would all like to be able to do. "It's the next level really," said Jeremy. "We'll often go home from Waiheke and the kids will go 'I don't want to go home, when are we going to get something like that' - and they point



The Buccaneer 565 gets up and goes courtesy of a four-stroke Yamaha 130 outboard.



The boat is named 'Swallow' not just for its graceful lines, but because it's hoped the fish will be inspired to swallow their baited hooks! Luke's catch is proof it works, mostly.

out some big 120ft gin palace!" While that size is unlikely without a big Lotto win, Luke and Poppy do have a couple of more realistic favourites they see when motoring past on the way in or out of the OBC marina - they call them their 'next to' boats, and Jeremy also has a few options in his sights when it comes to that next step. In the meantime, it's all about bringing the family together on Swallow and having loads of fun. As Britt has said, "The two best things we've ever bought are the spa pool, and the boat."



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with them and help amplify the need to protect and restore our marine ecosystem for future generations of kiwis to enjoy. This summer, Live Ocean and Manta Watch New Zealand have been encouraging everyone to be on the lookout for majestic te whai rahi oceanic manta rays. Globally, oceanic manta are listed as endangered, but we simply don't know enough about the manta in New Zealand waters to inform protection at the moment. If you're out on the water - keep an eye out and

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Some of our Hauraki Gulf-based Coastguard Units will be supporting Jono out on the water during his attempt. We're incredibly excited to be part of this important mahi to bring attention to the state of the Hauraki Gulf and how we can play our part in preserving it for future generations.

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Last month Stuart Nash, the then Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, decided to do the right thing and fully shut the Coromandel scallop fishery, as there are no longer enough scallops to support harvesting.

This means there will be no commercial or recreational scalloping between Leigh, north of Auckland, and Maketū in the Bay of Plenty. Customary harvest is still allowed, but in most areas respective iwi/hapū have agreed they will not issue



Full closure of the Coromandel scallop fishery means scallop numbers finally have a chance to recover. (Pic: Etoile Smulders)

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customary permits. All efforts are aimed at contributing to the rebuild of scallops. This full closure has been highly anticipated for a while. Most of the Coromandel scallop fishery was shut to harvesting in 2022. Only two areas remained open: one around Little Barrier and the other in the Colville Channel.

Last December Minister David Parker announced an emergency closure of the fishery until a more permanent solution was consulted on. This was due to extremely low scallop numbers in the remaining open fishing areas.

In February this year, we submitted in support of the full closure of the fishery, which finally now has Ministerial approval.

This positive news means scallops finally have a chance to recover, and we can focus on what's next. Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) must review the fishery within the next three years.


But, scallop dredging is still not being addressed by FNZ. Its latest plan for the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park will permit dredging in certain areas if the scallop fishery reopens.

More than 30,000 New Zealanders want scallop dredging banned from the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. LegaSea and the OBC agree with these kiwis.

Towing large, weighted dredges back and forth, damaging the seafloor and its creatures is no longer acceptable. We'd like to see a shift away from scallop dredging in favour of more selective methods such as hand gathering.

With OBC right alongside us, we have a chance to get dredging out of the Hauraki Gulf altogether. If you support a ban on scallop dredging and other destructive fishing methods such as bottom trawling, sign our petition here:

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No boat may be left on the below piers for a period of more than four days without further authority of the Club GM or OBC Operations Manager (operationsteam@obc.co.nz)

- **CLUB PIER** - directly in front of the clubhouse. Must moor bow first.
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- **POLLARD PIER** - public launching and general members' short term mooring only.
- For members wishing to leave their boat/trailer on the grass the same notification requirements apply.

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Some great shots of kids participating in the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council 2023 Youth Nationals.



Brock Johnston with a pending New Zealand junior record tope/school shark. (Shane Johnston pic)



Corban Douglass, Counties SFC.



Jed Jackson from Akitio Boating Club. (Paul Jackson pic)



Maddison Slobbe, Wellington Surfcasting and Angling Club. (Luke Slobbe pic)

GOOD OIL GOING BAD

From *Maritime New Zealand*

It's not only large shipping incidents that can result in oil making its way into our oceans and harbours. Oily water sometimes ends up in the ocean from small vessels, too, and can take a toll on the environment. Even clean bilges can unexpectedly have oil and water mixtures in them.

By taking simple steps, we can protect our precious freshwater and the marine environments by minimising any oil being discharged overboard:

- Maintain your engine to minimise leaks and have a drip pan to catch any drips.
- Use absorbent pads in your bilge to protect the environment by ensuring any surface oil is 'mopped up'.
- Install a float switch located to stop discharge before any floating oil can be sucked up by a bilge pump. This will help



keep our waters clean!

We depend on our oceans and rivers for our livelihoods and wellbeing. The 2022 State of the Environment report (<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/environment-aotearoa-2022/waita-ocean-and-marine-conditions>) outlines how New Zealand's marine and freshwater environments are being affected by pollution, climate change, and resource depletion.

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2) READ THE RULES [HTTPS://OBC.FISHINGCOMP.CO.NZ/RULES/](https://OBC.FISHINGCOMP.CO.NZ/RULES/) 3) MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ONE OF THE OFFICIAL MEASURES ON YOUR VESSEL (AS SHOWN IN THE RULES). AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN OBC OFFICE FOR \$20.
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COOK THE CATCH

Tanigue Fish

STEAK ala BISTEK

The fish version of Filipino Bistek Tagalog, it's a simple yet yummy dish for lunch or dinner.

INGREDIENTS

- 1.5kg kingfish steaks
- 3 medium onions, sliced into rings
- 1 lemon
- 6 tbs soy sauce
- 5 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2-1/2 tbs salt
- 1 tsp granulated white sugar
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup cooking oil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rub salt all over the fish steaks. Let sit for 20 minutes.
2. Heat 1/2 cup oil in a pan. Fry the fish for 3 to 5 minutes per side or until golden brown. Set aside.
3. Heat 3 to 4 tablespoons oil in a cooking pot. Saute garlic until light brown.
4. Add 1/3 of the total onions, continue to saute until soft.
5. Add soy sauce and juice of the lemon into the cooking pot.
6. Add water and bring to boil.
7. Add sugar and ground black pepper. Stir.
8. Put the fried fish steaks into the pot. Cover and cook over medium heat for 3 minutes.



9. Turn the fish over in a way that the opposite side faces the bottom of the pot. Add the remaining onion. Cover and continue to cook for 3 to 5 minutes.
10. Transfer to a serving plate. Serve with rice.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held March 29, 2023, with nine Committee members and General Manager Phil Davenport present.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No incidents or accidents to report; 223 days since any accidents or incidents on site. GM's Health and Safety report accepted as read.

FINANCIALS

The OBC and Whakatakataka Bay financial reports for the month ended February 28, 2023 as presented and circulated were approved.

OPERATIONS REPORT

The report was circulated, and taken as read. Meeting discussion:

- Advised that Jess Shears had tendered her resignation as Marketing and Promotions Coordinator. She was extremely well liked by both staff and members, but the lack of support for organised events proved a bridge too far. We wish her well.
- Auckland Council (AC) has advised that the Orakei Local Board has not raised any issues in regard to our proposed new fencing of the Hakumau Reserve. Final details to be established with AC.
- HEB came to a meeting regarding damage to the seal caused by its trucks with up to 40-tonne loads of rocks for the Ngapipi bridge project. They have agreed that there is deterioration and will remediate shortly, once the job is complete and the crane gone.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY AND PLANNING: Bill McGarry advised that progress had been made with Soil & Rock and CKL to move to building consent documentation stage, which will also enable us to get a set of tender documents to facilitate firm pricing. Aim is to have some clear pricing for consideration at the SGM in

late May/early June.

MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS:

- Jess's report accepted as read.
- OBC & Marine Works FFC event ran very well despite only 24 boats and 81 anglers. (Previously 60-plus boats and 245 anglers.) Great shout out to the volunteers and particularly to Steve Whitford of Marine Works, and Jess Shears.
 - Man O' War lunch. Only 22 people made it, despite 50-plus booked. Lovely day.
 - Riverhead trip only 17 attendees. Weather was good.
 - Kids fishing comp: Only 26 kids attended this year, far fewer than usual. Thanks to Burnnand Marine for its continued sponsorship.
 - Fish & Chips Fridays. Approx 45 people attended each evening held. Good feedback.
 - Wednesday night Twilight Fishing Competition. The last two evenings cancelled due to lack of attendees.

MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: No March meeting held.

MEMBERSHIP

New members: 4
Resignations: 8
Total membership 24/03/23: 1807 actual members.

MARINA BERTH TRANSFERS

B13, 10.5m, O'Sullivan to Yates
E08, 12m, Den Boogert to Lindsay

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **STRATEGIC PLANS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:** The GM sent eight invitations out. So far there have been five responses, all unable to participate. GM to chase balance.
- **HAKUMAU RESERVE NEW FENCE PROPOSAL:** Auckland Council has

approved in principle the Club's proposal to fence Hakumau Reserve. The proposal requires the approval of the OLB, we already have Ngati Whatua approval. We are hopeful OLB will approve the proposal.

- **BUDGET 2023/24:** Phil Davenport presented the 2023/2024 budgets for both the Whakatakataka Bay Marina and the OBC. He went through each thoroughly. The only outstanding item is to agree the Marina Levy which will impact the budget. In principle, members were happy. To be adopted at the April Exec Committee meeting.
- **MARINA BERTH LICENCE RENEWAL 2027/28:** The Club is increasingly being asked about what is happening with the Marina Berth Licence renewal, by parties contemplating purchasing a Marina. There are a number of matters to be addressed and we need to obtain legal advice on the subject. Wilson McKay has recently undertaken a review

and rewrite of the Hardstand Licence and we are going to ask it to review the Marina Berth Licence.

- **CONSTITUTION:** Kevin Best circulated a comprehensive document addressing the Club's Constitution and the suggested amendments required to make the document fit for purpose and in compliance with the recently passed revised Incorporated Societies Act 2022. At first glance it is a very good document. To be tabled at SGM late May/early June and then put to the vote at the AGM.

Meeting concluded 9.20pm.

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY MAY 24**

OBC members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings at 7.00pm, and may address the Committee on any one specific topic until 7.15pm. Outside of this time, members may be present as observers but cannot speak to any subjects raised.



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BOAT REVIEW

Finseeker 260 DC



LET'S GO *fishing*

Text by *Barry Thompson*

The Finseeker 260 DC is unequivocally pitched at the serious fisherman, but it is also designed to attract the family cruising oriented buyer.

No matter your bent, this boat has 'Let's Go Fishing' written all over it; however, being kiwis, we will also tow water toys, dive and go family cruising. That aside, this is still a no-holds-barred fishing boat.

Finseeker is built in the USA by Crownline Boats as its fishing orientated series. These comprise a range of four centre consoles from 6.25m to 6.93m, and two dual console hardtops.

The smaller of the latter two, the 260 DC (Dual Console) is 7.87m LOA, while the 280 DC is 8.18m. If you are looking at keeping the 260 DC in a marina or a dry berth, the overall length, including the engines up, is around 9.0m, so it will easily fit into a 10m marina. Both hulls share the 2.86m beam and have

the same floor plan and specs, with the 280 DC being 191kgs heavier.

When Crownline first conceived the idea of the 260 DC and 280 DC models, it wanted to blend two mediums, family boating and serious fishing. To achieve this, it needed to incorporate safety, comfort, performance, entertainment and convenience, with the needs of hardcore fishing. The 260 DC has achieved that and more.

In keeping with the blending of the cruising family boating and serious fishing modes, the rear of the cockpit incorporates a drop-down bench seat, complete with a soft backrest.

The massive forward screens are split by a central door which gives access to the open bow area and provides ventilation into the enclosed wheel-house area.

To starboard is the feature-packed helm. Twin 12-inch Garmin MFDs on the test boat were optional, and you have

several choices regarding the electronics package. To port is the surprisingly large head compartment, complete with a granite vanity, electric head and raised bowl.

The Finseeker 260 DC is supplied ready for fishing action. You just need to bring along your tackle and bait. The transom features a 98-litre live bait well complete with LED lighting, plus aeration and recycle systems.

Once you have your fish aboard, there are two deep underfloor self-draining fish bins, also with LED lighting, in the rear of the cockpit and a 360-litre bin built under the starboard seating module. The side-hinged lid makes it easy to load a big fish in and is also perfect for keeping your drinks and food cool or maybe your bait and some dry ice.

One of the most popular options on the boat for those into their fishing is the twin outriggers which mount on the cabin roof and are fully adjustable from the inside.

There are dual tackle storage drawers under the helm and passenger seats, plus another deep storage locker between. If you are into diving, then this is the perfect wet locker for your gear.

This is the second Finseeker I have



Designed to delight the serious fisherman, the Finseeker 260 DC also offers plenty of features to satisfy those who enjoy family cruising.

reviewed, and while the 260 DC and the 280 DC are almost clones, that extra length makes the distinction between the two. Both offer the versatility that Crownline wanted to achieve, and with the Finseeker 260 DC, it is plain to see and works well. Although this boat is more akin to the serious fisherman, it offers enough to be suitable as a combo cruiser-fisher.

SPECIFICATIONS

Boat design name:	Finseeker 260 DC
LOA:	7.87m
Beam:	2.86m
Deadrise (transom):	22 deg
Max speed:	50 knots
Engine:	2x Mercury 300

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WEDNESDAY MAY 3

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WEDNESDAY MAY 3

OBC Flare Demo

Learn the ins and outs of flares from Coastguard, and have the opportunity to set off a flare yourself - without causing an emergency services call-out! Visit www.obc.co.nz/social/events/flare-demo-with-coastguard-may.aspx for the link to register.

THURSDAY MAY 18

OBC Quiz Night

Round up some family and friends for a great night of fun, food and prizes! Register your team now, see page 9 for details.

FRIDAY MAY 26

OBC Fish 'n' Chips Friday

Fish & Chip Fridays continue to be very popular, and it has been great seeing so many members supporting the evenings, bringing along family and friends to the clubhouse. Keep an eye on the weekly email newsletters for upcoming dates and come on down to the Club for a tasty feed of fish 'n' chips - it's a kiwi tradition! Food available from 5.30pm-7.30pm.



Thank you to our chef and operations team member Marcus for cooking up some great hoki and chips.

OBC & SEABOSS BOATS 2022-23 LONGEST SNAPPER COMPETITION

Closing soon! The OBC & Seaboss Boats 2022-23 Longest Snapper Competition closes on May 31. Have you got your longest snapper catch entered? Don't delay, upload your catch details now at <https://obc.fishingcomp.co.nz/enter-catch/> Not only is there \$200 up for grabs for the longest snapper, but with a random draw of \$400 from all entries, everyone's in with a shot at the cash!

OTHER EVENTS/ ROAD CLOSURES

Sunday 7 May - People's Triathlon, Tamaki Drive closed between Ngapiapi Road and Long Drive, 7.30am-11.30am.

Sunday 7 May - Bean Rock Swim. Swimmers in the water from 7.40am to noon between Mission Bay beach and Bean Rock lighthouse.

Thursday 18 - Sunday 21 May - Hutchwilco Auckland Boat Show, Auckland Showgrounds, Greenlane.

Dates and events are subject to change. Please read weekly email newsletter in case of last minute event cancellation... or alternatively phone the OBC to confirm. If you are able to assist with any OBC event, please contact the office on 522 0774, email events@obc.co.nz



MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 0349/1618	2 0438/1712	3 0524/1800 OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS OBC FLARE DEMO	4 0608/1845	5 0652/1928	6 0736/2011
7 0821/2054 Orakei Basin flushing out 6.30pm	8 0908/2140	9 0957/2227 OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS Orakei Basin flushing in 10.57am 3.2m	10 1047/2319	11 1139 OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	12 0014/1235	13 0112/1334
14 0213/1436	15 0314/15/41	16 0412/1643 OBC MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 1600HRS	17 0507/1741	18 0600/1834 OBC QUIZ NIGHT 1830HRS	19 0651/1923	20 0741/2010
21 0828/2054 Orakei Basin flushing out 6.30pm	22 0914/2136	23 0958/2218 Orakei Basin flushing in 10.58am 3.1m	24 1042/2300 OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1915HRS	25 1124/2344	26 1208 FISH 'N' CHIPS FRIDAY 1730-1930HRS	27 0030/1254
28 0118/1343	29 0208/1436	30 0258/1531	31 0348/1626 OBC/SEABOSS BOATS LONGEST SNAPPER COMP CLOSES			

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- More wildlife lives around coral reefs than in any other part of the ocean.
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- Coral have growth rings, just like trees.
- The first coral reefs formed on Earth 240 million years ago. That's before the dinosaurs were alive!

Sprat Chat

- Most coral reefs today are between 5000 and 10,000 years old.
- There are more than 800 different types of hard coral around the world.
- The Great Barrier Reef is the largest reef system on Earth. You can even see it from space!
- Plants also live on reefs. Algae live inside soft coral, using sunlight to provide food and help the coral grow. Sea grass provides food for sea animals like dugongs and turtles.

Source: natgeokids.com



It's time for the baby fish to head home. But which fish will find its way to mum?

FISHY FACT

Sea lions have rhythm. They are the only animal able to clap to a beat.





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A: Pleased to eat you!

QUICK QUIZ



1. What is the fastest aquatic animal?
2. Which type of fish is Nemo?
3. How many legs does a lobster have?
4. Which is the world's largest ocean?
5. What famous ship sank in 1912?
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