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## ROWERS MAKE A *splash*

A great night and a tight chase saw victory at the OBC's May Quiz Night come down to a tie-breaker. Eleven teams took up the challenge of the quiz, which is run under the popular interactive Believe It or Not format. After eight rounds of questions, plus bonus-point rounds, both team 'Row Hard or Row Home' and team 'Know It Ales' were sitting at the top with 92 points apiece. With some quick thinking, Row Hard or Row Home took the win and the spoils – a bottle of tasty liquid refreshment for each team member. Team 'Consistently Inconsistent' wasn't far off the top two, finishing the night with 89 points. The next Quiz Night will be held on



Team Row Hard or Row Home took out the May Quiz Night challenge.

Thursday August 24, and we look forward to seeing everyone back again. Please remember to register early to allow organisers to gauge numbers.

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

## SENDING OUT A CALL

While still over three months away, planning is underway for the Club's Annual General Meeting on September 11. While at first glance this planning seems early, there is a lot of preliminary information required to allow for printing of the Annual Report prior to mailing out in time for the meeting.

Some of our Executive Committee are not standing this year so we need enthusiastic members to offer themselves to serve on the Committee. As indicated in previous Commodore's Reports, the Club has a number of projects in planning that are important to the future of the Club. It is a good time to be involved in the administration.

There is a nomination form in this magazine. If you are interested and would like to discuss it further, by all means contact any of the current Committee members, whose contact details are published in the adjacent column, or the GM, Phil Davenport.

- Phil Allen



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# VIEW FROM THE TOP

Your eyes aren't deceiving you! Believe it or not that is OBC member Brendan Lohead and UK quiz series 'The Chase' chaser Shaun Wallace checking out the Outboarder while doing the Rooftop Tour at Eden Park! Brendan, founder of the popular Believe It or Not quiz series, was hosting Shaun for his visit here, which included a fundraising event for the John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation, at Eden Park on May 28.

While we don't expect you to go climbing around on roofs, you can get an entry in for the 'Reading Outboarder Where' competition. Send your photo/s reading the Outboarder by email to [events@obc.co.nz](mailto: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.

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Luke Davis of Yeehaa Fishing had his boat on display at the Club to help demonstrate a good tuna fishing set-up.

# TALKING TUNA

From Jess Shears

Originally intended as a one-night affair, the Bluefin Tuna Talk was so well subscribed, we needed to add a second night. Held on Wednesday 14 and Monday 19 June, the timing was immaculate: the first fish of the season caught on the day of the first talk!

Both evenings were hosted by Luke Davis, one of New Zealand's most accomplished game fishermen, and were info-packed about bluefin tuna fishing. Luke started with covering how to set up your boat, walking members through his own Marco boat set-up. Luke's boat, as seen in The Lateral Line, was on display both evenings to demonstrate best techniques for setting up to get the best result.

Everyone then moved inside where Luke explained some history behind tuna fishing and how it has evolved over the years. He went on to talk about the best spots - Waihou Bay, Whakatane, Tauranga, Whangamata, and Whitianga were a few, as well as time of year, time of day, and tidal and moon influences. Luke went through his gear, explaining all about his lures, how to catch the fish and how to take care of your catch.

The evening concluded with everyone feeling much more confident (or at least, hopeful) that their next mission would be a success!



Around 130 people attended the Bluefin Tuna Talk over the two nights.

The Bluefin Tuna Talks were supported by Daiwa and Yeehaa Fishing, with six Bonze lures up for grabs as spot prizes each night. There were also LD60 x Tournament Game rod and reel combos on offer for only \$1199.99.

A special thanks to Luke for his time and dedication to educating all that attended. Scott from Daiwa was the driving force behind the event going ahead, so a special thanks to Scott for his help with coordinating everything and for Daiwa's generous support. For more information visit <https://yeehaa.co.nz> and [www.daiwa.co.nz](http://www.daiwa.co.nz)

If you would like to see more fishing talks taking place, please pass on your comments - email [events@obc.co.nz](mailto:events@obc.co.nz), with the types of subjects you would like to learn more about.



# OPERATIONS REPORT

## ASPHALT REPAIR

Repairs to the asphalt at the entrance to the OBC and the eastern end of the site have been successfully completed by contractors this month. These repair works, which involved patching potholes, will enhance the durability of the adjacent roadway and ensure a seamless surface for both cars and trailer boats.

## BRIDGE CLEARANCE GAUGES AND WIND SOCK

Replacement bridge clearance gauges are in the process of being made. The replacements will be more durable in the elements and clearer to read from your vessel. The windsock off H pier is also being replaced. Both replacements will be reinstated over winter, ready for the next boating season.

## NEW OPERATIONS STAFF

We are currently interviewing for new operations staff to join the team. If you or anyone you know would like to apply, please reach out to the Operations Manager, Joe O'Sullivan: joe@obc.co.nz or phone (021)199 8514.

## MARINA REFURBISHMENT

The marina refurbishment is well underway. The next piers to have new corner brackets and pile guides installed are B and G piers, scheduled to take place later this year. The pontoon through rods are being replaced on E and F piers followed by B and G piers. Please note, vessels will need to be moved around in their berths to access these rods. Face fixed fenders must be removed by the berth occupants.

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# FISHERIES FAIL TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY

In a poor attempt to bolster New Zealand's seafood sector, Fisheries New Zealand's (FNZ) latest plan only serves to increase damage to our marine environment by using public money to fund new and bigger trawlers.

The draft Fisheries Industry Transformation Plan outlines a range of changes to enhance the commercial seafood sector over the next decade. But the plan fails to address the core issues that matter most to New Zealanders.

Fundamental issues such as bulk harvesting in inshore waters and declining fish populations, are not even acknowledged. There are no proposals to transition away from bottom trawling. FNZ recently consulted on an industry-led proposal that would require more than 45 million dollars of hard-earned public money to be spent on buying up old boats and subsidising the building of new fishing vessels.

Meanwhile, New Zealand is in the middle of the worst cost-of-living crisis in recent memory. Over 90 percent of fish landed are exported. Using taxpayer money to subsidise the capture and export of New Zealand's fish does nothing to help everyday kiwis struggling with food insecurity issues. This is unacceptable.

While our team continues to advocate for a ban on bottom trawling and other industrial fishing methods devaluing our fish, the Kai Ika Project addresses



More than 340,000kg of fish parts have been distributed by the Kai Ika Project since 2016. (Damien Hikora pic)

food insecurity issues faced by many families.

The Kai Ika Project is a collaboration by the Outboard Boating Club, Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae, and LegaSea. Kai Ika collects the unwanted heads, tails, and frames from recreational and commercial fishers and transports them to the marae to provide a nutritious protein source for those in need.

Since 2016, Kai Ika has distributed more than 340,000 kilograms of unwanted fish parts to grateful communities. This collaboration shows food security is strengthened when many fishers are able to supply the local demand for seafood.

So, instead of paying for new fishing vessels to encourage more industrial fishing, we think the Government needs to first implement policies seeking to restore fish abundance and marine productivity so there are more fish in the water for the benefit of everyone.



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# VALE GRAHAM LINCOLN

From *Michael Chopping*

Life Member and Past Commodore Graham Lincoln passed away recently aged 94 years, after a very full life during which time he was heavily involved with the OBC.

Graham was Commodore from 1970 to 1973, and made a Life Member in 1977 for services to the Club over many years. Graham was supported by his wife Solita and his family, who helped out with club functions and meetings, and Solita was editor of the *Outboarder* for many years.

Graham and family will be remembered for the ever-changing family boats,



The late Graham Lincoln was a Past Commodore and Life Member of the OBC.

all called Capri. Capri V was the last one: a beautiful Mason Clipper which sat on a special six-wheeled trailer, in a separate cradle which was lowered into the water to launch the boat, thus keeping the trailer's wheels and axles dry.

Graham participated in many of the Club's outings, which included trips in the Gulf where the members would travel together, convoying in their trailer boats to the outer reaches – circumnavigation around Great Barrier Island was one such trip. There were also outings on the Waikato River. Two recent *Outboarder* magazines (October and November 2021) had articles prepared by Graham's son Bart, who is also a Club member, and featured some wonderful stories and photos.

Graham was a regular attendee at the Wednesday lunches in the clubhouse, where Past Commodores and other members would bring their sandwiches down and meet to discuss our Club and its development over the years. Rest in peace, Graham.

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# ONE FISH, TWO WINS

Readers may recall Harrison Vaughan's 87cm snapper catch won the 13-year old the Family Boats Summer Fishing Tournament earlier this year. The enviable fish also qualified for entry in the OBC and Seaboss Boats Longest



Snapper Competition 2022-23. Despite the efforts of older and more experienced fishos, Harrison's snapper stood firm at the top of the leaderboard for several months. When the comp wrapped up on May 31, it handily scooped the \$200 prize-money, 6cm longer than second-placed Manuel Greenland's 81cm fish. Karl Unverricht and Verdon Kelliher came in third-equal, both landing 80cm snapper.

Random draw \$400 winner was Simon Adamson, who said he was "surprised and delighted to have won", and asked the Outboarder to include a "thank you from me to Seaboss." Simon has been in touch with Seaboss personally, and is now enjoying his winnings.

The OBC also extends its thanks to Seaboss and OBC Club members for their involvement. The OBC and Seaboss Boats Longest Snapper Competition is back for 2023-24, so check out the details on page 24 of this issue of the Outboarder and get uploading your catches.

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# FISHING REPORT

From Adam Clancey

## COOLER CONDITIONS

When it comes to fishing in Auckland, most enthusiasts tend to associate it with the warm summer months. However, winter fishing in this stunning city can be just as rewarding. With the right tackle and knowledge of the targeted species, anglers can enjoy a successful and exhilarating fishing experience during the cooler months.

Relying on light tackle in winter is a big step to success as fish tend to be less active due to the colder water. It's important to use light tackle that allows for a more subtle presentation with smaller hooks and lighter rigs. During winter, fish species often inhabit deeper waters, seeking constant water

temperatures. Fish are less inclined to chase down fast-moving lures in cold water.

Natural bait such as fresh squid, which is also a target species in calm weedy bays in winter, can be highly effective. Consider using scent attractants to increase your chances of enticing fish. Slowing down your fishing technique is crucial in winter, especially with soft baits. Fish are generally less active and prefer a leisurely meal.

Snapper is a popular species year-round. They tend to gather in deeper waters around reefs and structures. Use baits like squid, pilchards, or fresh mullet and target areas such as channels,



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drop-offs, and rocky outcrops. Auckland is known for its impressive kingfish population, and they can be caught throughout the year. Winter fishing for kingfish often involves targeting them near offshore reefs, underwater structures, and around bait schools. Live bait, such as jack mackerel, is commonly used to entice these hard-fighting fish. The better-known spots are Anchorite Rock and the reefs around the top of the Coromandel Peninsula.

Kahawai are plentiful in Auckland's waters during winter. These fast and aggressive fish can be found in large schools chasing baitfish. They respond well to lures such as metal spinners or soft plastics, which can be cast and retrieved at varying speeds.

Winter is an excellent time to target gurnard and trevally. They often inhabit sandy or muddy areas, so focus your efforts near coastal beaches, sandbanks, or shellfish beds. These species are prolific in the west coast harbours like the Manukau and Kaipara. Oily salted bonito, squid, or pilchard fillet baits work well when presented on a flasher or dropper rig. Gurnard and trevally are attracted to scent and burley. Create a burley trail by periodically dropping small amounts of chopped pilchards or shellfish into the water near your fishing spot, to



Squid fishing is good in winter and squid make great fresh bait or delicious dinner.



Hard fighting trevally can be found around structure in winter.

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increase your chances of success.

Remember, these are just a few examples of tackle tips, rigs, and baits for winter fishing in Auckland. It's always a good idea to experiment with different techniques and adapt to the specific conditions and preferences of the fish you're targeting.

Winter fishing in Auckland offers a unique and exciting angling experience. Auckland's winter weather can be chilly, so it's essential to dress appropriately in layers to keep warm and comfortable. Wear waterproof clothing to protect yourself from rain or sea spray. It's also advisable to have a thermos with hot beverage, and snacks to maintain your energy levels during extended fishing trips.

By adjusting your tackle and adopting the right techniques, you can increase your chances of success. Whatever you're targeting, Auckland's waters hold plenty of opportunities for a memorable winter fishing adventure.

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# COASTGUARD TITIRANGI'S FRESH START

## A NEW HOME AND RESCUE VESSEL READY TO GO!

Following the devastating landslide at French Bay over Auckland Anniversary weekend, the extensive refit of Coastguard Titirangi's vessel 'LensesOnline Rescue' is nearing completion. Here's a full update from Coastguard Titirangi President Maarten Van Der Zeyden:

The dedicated team at Fishing Boats NZ has successfully rebuilt the crushed roof and mast, along with addressing other minor issues. With everything going well, we anticipate that the rescue vessel will have returned to the water in early June, and been back in Coastguard action soon after.

In addition to the vessel's refurbishment, Coastguard Titirangi has signed a lease with Auckland Council for a temporary base in Onehunga. The plan is to have relocated the vessel and crew back to the Manukau Harbour by mid-June. At the time of writing, we are eagerly awaiting the delivery of a tow vehicle, which is expected towards the end of June. This will complete the essential equipment needed for a return to normal operations and training. A special thank you to our volunteers, Coastguard New Zealand, the marine surveyor, and the insurance loss adjuster, for the fast-paced collaboration and logistical work to get us into this position as quickly as they have.

The past few months have been demanding for our small unit, but the outpouring of support from the community has been truly heart-warming. We are grateful for all the assistance we have received, which has played a crucial role in getting us back on the water and serving our community once again.



Five months after it was damaged by a landslide, Coastguard's LensesOnline Rescue is nearly ready to go back in the water.

We would like to thank our wide range of supporters and community partners who have chipped in with donations plus messages of solidarity and offers of help. This includes LensesOnline, Chesters Plumbing, LegaSea, Upstairs Gallery in Titirangi, OBC, Eke Panuku Auckland Council and Councillors Ken Turner and Shane Henderson. We've also been well supported by Coastguard Auckland, Coastguard Papakura and Coastguard Queenstown which, in addition to financial donations, have enabled our volunteers to keep up with on-water training and helping boaties in need.

Considering the challenges faced by our volunteers over the past four months, this turnaround time is quite remarkable and testament to our fantastic network of community supporters.

Thank you to everyone who has stood by us during this challenging time. Your support means the world to us and we look forward to getting back into operation, helping boaties across the Manukau Harbour to enjoy their day out on the water safely and with confidence.

We're still seeking community support towards our truck and building fit-out - if you can help, please get in touch with me at [maarten.vanderzeyden@coastguard.nz](mailto:maarten.vanderzeyden@coastguard.nz)



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Brendan, Sophie and Harrison with two 59cm snapper Sophie caught on the same jig after Harrison deliberately set it up with two hooks.

# LATE to *fishing*

By Debbie Jarvis, pics supplied

Fishing and golf are two things Brendan Lohead enjoys whenever he gets the opportunity, but unlike many of his fellow OBC members, fishing was definitely not on his favourite past-times list at an early age.

Golf was right up there, along with cricket, and it was Brendan's brother who was the fisher in the family. During summer holidays their poor dad was often dragged in opposite directions as his sons demanded company on either the golf course or the wharf.

Brendan's dislike of fishing stuck with him until he was about 30, and made a sudden decision to buy a boat. "I'm usually quite judicious, and I take my time deciding if I'm

going to buy something," he explained. "I was driving past a boat shop in East Tamaki and for some reason I just walked in, signed up and bought a boat." A mid-life crisis moment? That's what Brendan's brother asked, once he'd gotten over the surprise of his fishing-hating brother buying a boat.

It was a steep learning curve for Brendan, and despite a bit of training before heading out, the first trip on board the brand new Reflex Chianti courted disaster almost immediately when a navigational error put the boat over rocks just past Musick Point.

That scare aside, Brendan described the

Reflex as, “a brilliant boat, just drop it off the trailer, chuck it in the water and off we went. End of the day, put it back on, no big deal.” Things were so simple, the boat didn’t even have a name. Brendan bought the Reflex before he met Annabelle, and the kids – Harrison and Sophie – were born. Afterwards, the Reflex was given the name ‘Sophie Belle’.

Inevitably, driven by a desire to do some overnighting, a bigger boat was needed. The extra space and comfort of ‘Sophie Belle II’, a Rayglass 2500, helped smooth the way to more family time on the water. Boating and fishing are a big part of the Lothead family’s life during summer, and Brendan and 15-year old son Harrison’s lives in winter as well.

“Harrison’s been going out on the boat since he was two and it’s his favourite thing in the whole world,” says Brendan. Daughter Sophie (almost 15) also got her sea legs early on, although unlike her brother who loves fishing, Sophie shares her mother’s preference for just enjoying being out on the water in the sunshine. Which isn’t to say she hasn’t fished – in fact

she once pulled up two 59cm snapper on the same cast out by the Barrier. “For a while, that was a bigger fish than I’d ever caught!” said Brendan, adding that Harrison is still ahead of him, with 77cm against Brendan’s 67cm.

“When I first got a boat, someone told me to join the OBC, and I didn’t,” Brendan said.



Fans of TV show ‘The Chase’ will have no trouble recognising Shaun ‘the Dark Destroyer’ Wallace, with Annabelle and Brendan at Eden Park during his recent visit to New Zealand.

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Originally petrol-powered, Sophie Belle II now has a Mercruiser 2.6 turbo diesel after a wee mishap flooded her former engine.





# TAMAKI MARINE PARK

## Time for haul-out and winter projects?



Tamaki Marine Park (TMP) is a whole new boating hub located up the Tamaki River, offering haul-out facilities and services. Just five minutes off the motorway behind Sylvia Park and only 20 minutes from the OBC by road. By water, Tamaki Marine Park is only 25 minutes up the calm flow of the Tamaki River.

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Tamaki Marine Park has two haul-out trailers ready to haul your boat out of the water.

on the next high tide. During office hours TMP even offers return drop-off of the skipper and crew to the OBC to pick up their vehicles.

Tamaki Marine Park welcomes DIY work carried out on boats by owners or their preferred contractors, but there are a number of services already on offer at TMP by some of Auckland's best marine professionals.

The intention is to create an easy stress-free, one-stop experience for boat owners, where their boat will be well looked after. The team here at TMP are professional and friendly, aiming to accommodate all boat owners' requirements.

Give us a call to book in your next haul-out and take advantage of our winter special for OBC members (see opposite page for details).

**Tamaki Marine Park's informative website can be found [www.tamakimarinepark.co.nz](http://www.tamakimarinepark.co.nz), or you can check it out on Facebook and Instagram.**



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This photo of Harrison with his first legal kingi featured on the cover of Outboarder's March 2021 issue. Brendan loves it, "the joy on his face says it all".

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"I don't know why I didn't. It's just such a brilliant place to be a part of. The amenities are unbelievable, people are great, and it's just so straight-forward compared to using public ramps."

Brendan's been a member since around 2019, and Sophie Belle II has a spot on the hardstand. The Family Fishing Competition is an annual 'must do', and you'll regularly find the family at movie nights and Fish and Chip Fridays. Brendan gets along to some of the fishing and boating talks and, of course, he hosts the regular quiz nights.

"Quite often I'll go down to the Club and grab a cup of coffee and just sit and relax," he said. Or he might run... If you've ever noticed someone running around the OBC grounds with no-one chasing him - that's Brendan fulfilling his 'run streak' (Google it, it's a thing) requirement.

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For nearly seven years, Brendan has run at least a mile (1.6km) every day. No excuses, miss a day and you start your streak again. Which begs the question, how do you run a mile when overnighting on a boat? You take the tender to shore. So far, Brendan's covered ground on eight different Gulf islands.

We mentioned Brendan hosts the regular OBC quiz nights. In fact, he founded the Believe it or Not Quiz Events company. Brendan experienced his first quiz night through a work event while on his OE in London. "I had a blast, it was so much fun," he said, but when he returned to Auckland and went looking, he couldn't find any here. Lightbulb moment. Given the popularity of pub quizzes these days, it may seem hard to believe that from 1998-2003 Brendan was pretty much the only person in the country offering them. You could say he pioneered the industry in New Zealand, and Believe it or Not is now the biggest quiz company in the country with seven full-time employees, plus hosts. Brendan has a team of three setting the quizzes, while he focusses on sales and marketing.

Outside of work, and fishing, Brendan still plays golf and he's got the rest of the family into the game as well. His ideal holiday is the Bay of Islands, where there are both good golf courses and good fishing grounds. The family heads north and spends time overnighting on the boat either side of few nights in a motel. Whangamata is another favoured spot, and one memorable trip was going by water, around the top of Coromandel and down to Whangamata; usually they tow the boat down.

There's no chance this former fishing hater is going to revert (Harrison probably wouldn't let him if he tried), there's too much fun still to be had. And a 78cm-plus snapper out there that needs to find itself on the end of one of Brendan's lines.



Three stars logo and OBC logo at the top. The text reads: OBC PRESENTS QUIZ Night AND PIZZA. A box on the left says THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST. To the right, it says Believe It or Not! 'MULTI-MEDIA' ALL ON THE BIG SCREEN TEAMS OF UP TO SIX PEOPLE \$15 PER PERSON. Prizes for the winning team, runner up & fast man standing! CASH BAR (OPENS @ 30PM) NIBBLES & PIZZA PROVIDED. Members and friends welcome! - There must be at least one OBC member on your team. Register your team to events@obc.co.nz by Wednesday 23rd August, 2023. Deposit entry fee to OBC Bank Account: ANZ 06-0101-0072409-00.



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# NZSFC NEWS

### **WAIHAU BAY SFC SOUTHERN BLUE FIN TUNA**

Waihou Bay Sportfishing Club has advised that it will only weigh fish for members of NZSFC affiliated fishing clubs. They have recently been inundated with fishos wanting their catch weighed. The season has started.

*Join the OBC's Whakatakataka Bay Sport Fishing Club and you will be good to have your catch weighed.*

### **NZSFC JOINS LEGASEA AT BOAT SHOW**

For the first time in many years NZSFC had a presence at the Hutchwilco NZ Boat Show, the largest gathering of the marine industry in the country. Attending the show with our public outreach arm LegaSea provided an exceptional platform to raise awareness about NZSFC's affiliated clubs, record keeping, trophies, goals and values, and most importantly, showcase the work we do in fisheries management. NZSFC and LegaSea received 3500 contact details from those who visited the stand, all of whom will receive an email informing them of the work we do, and how they can join an affiliated club. The event attracts a diverse audience, including passionate sportfishing enthusiasts, industry professionals, and key marine stakeholders. It was great to catch up with many of our Clubs representatives and members over the four days.

### **ENVIRONMENT COURT DECISION ON NORTHLAND MPAS**

For the past few years, the NZSFC and Bay of Islands Swordfish Club have invested

a lot of time and money in Environment Court proceedings pushing back on the use of Resource Management Act and Regional Plans to limit fishing on the premise that Fishing controls should be applied using the Fisheries Act. The Northland Regional Plan proposed new Marine Protected Areas around Cape Brett, the inner Bay of Islands, and waters down the coast, including Mimiwhangata.

In May 2023, the Environment Court issued its final decision and report to the Minister of Conservation concerning proposed Marine Protected Areas in the Northland Regional Plan under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). This decision confirmed the rules for full no take zones in the Bay of Islands and at Mimiwhangata, as well as an area around Cape Brett where bottom trawling, Danish seining, and purse seining are prohibited. The Court's decision also addressed whether there should be provisions in the Regional Plan for the investigation and identification of future Marine Protected Areas under the RMA. The Court declined to include such provisions, so whether additional RMA Marine Protected Areas are proposed in the future will be within the control of Northland Regional Council (NRC) under its planning functions. Because the Court's decision concerned a Regional Coastal Plan, the rules will not take legal effect until they are approved by the Minister of Conservation. We will be keeping an eye out for communications from NRC as to the timing of this.

# AGM NOMINATION FORM



MONDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

## NOMINATION FORM FOR THE OUTBOARD BOATING CLUB OF AUCKLAND INC ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Email: [secretary@obc.co.nz](mailto:secretary@obc.co.nz)

**We nominate:** PLEASE PRINT

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Who is an ordinary, life or family member of the club as:** Please tick whichever position the nomination is for

- Commodore       Vice Commodore       Club Captain  
 Vice Club Captain       Secretary       Treasurer  
 Executive Committee Member (6 required)

at the election of the club officers at the 67th Annual General Meeting of the club, September 11, 2023 at 7.00pm.

**PROPOSER:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Print name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed

Who shall  
be Life,  
Ordinary  
or Family  
members

**SECONDER:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Print name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed

**I accept this nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's signature

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return to the OBC office.**

(Copies are acceptable if you do not wish to cut this magazine)

**Note:** *Nominations must be lodged at the clubrooms in a sealed envelope or by email to [secretary@obc.co.nz](mailto:secretary@obc.co.nz) prior to 5.30pm Monday 21 August, 2023.*

Associate or special associate members are not eligible as nominee, proposer or seconder. All nominations need to be accompanied with a short biography of no more than half a page plus a photograph. The candidate can include in the biography boating experience, family situation, working career and special interests.

Electronic and postal voting will be available for the election of the executive committee. This notice is authorised by Bill McGarry,

Secretary, Outboard Boating Club of  
Auckland Inc.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held May 31, 2023, with 11 Executive Committee members and General Manager Phil Davenport present.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

No incidents or accidents to report; 278 days since any accidents or incidents on site. There was discussion around life jacket requirements. GM's Health and Safety report accepted as read.

## PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting dated April 27, 2023, as amended, were approved.

## FINANCIALS

The OBC and Whakatakataka Bay financial reports for the month ended April 30, 2023 as presented and circulated were approved.

## OPERATIONS REPORT

The GM's operations report was circulated, and taken as read. Meeting

discussion:

- Preparation for upcoming AGMs under way, and potential SGM/information meeting.
- We have had to replace an old freezer and two tractor tyres this month.
- A survey of Club members is about to be circulated.
- All hoses on the Marina have been replaced with new.
- Some hardstand members voiced their objections to the increased Annual Charge. Phil Davenport has attempted to explain the reasons why to members that were not happy.
- Total Marine has been instructed to proceed with the refurbishment of G and B piers, and the remaining through bolts on C and D piers.



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## EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PROPERTY AND PLANNING:** Bill McGarry advised that progress continued to be made exploring potential tenderers for the new retaining wall civil works and the stormwater facilities required to meet resource consent conditions.

**MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS:** Report accepted as read.

- Jess Shears is now working part-time for OBC in the short term.
- Flare demo very successful, 30 members attended.
- Fish & Chip Fridays very profitable and popular (70 attendees).
- Quiz Night very successful, 11 teams participated.

## MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Minutes of MMC meeting held May 16, 2023 received and acknowledged. Positive results were being achieved in trying to keep seagulls away.
- Marina AGM set for Tuesday September 26, 2023.

## MEMBERSHIP

New members: 8. Resignations: 8  
Total membership 24/05/23: 1832 actual members.

## MARINA BERTH TRANSFERS

H42, 16m, Steele to O'Sullivan.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- **HAKUMAU RESERVE NEW FENCE PROPOSAL:** Auckland Council and the Orakei Local Board have approved in principle the Club's proposal for signage on Tamaki Drive for OBC and public launching availability.

- **CONSTITUTION:** Greg Batkin and Kevin Best continue to refine the revised Constitution. This will be advised to members by way of an information evening to allow feedback.

*Meeting closed at 9.03pm*

## NEXT MEETINGS: WEDNESDAY JULY 26

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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## COOK THE CATCH

# FISH and CLAM *chowder*

### INGREDIENTS

1kg clams (vongole)

1 tbs olive oil

250g bacon, fat trimmed, cut into batons

1 onion, chopped

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

2 tbs plain flour

1L fish stock

Small bunch thyme leaves, tied with kitchen string

1 bay leaf



500g desiree potatoes, peeled, cut 2-3cm pieces

250ml milk

250ml cream

500g skinless white fish fillets, deboned, cut into 3cm pieces

### METHOD

1. Soak clams in cold water for 15 minutes to remove any grit. Set aside.
2. Heat oil in a large saucepan, medium-high heat. Add bacon and cook, stirring, for 3-4 minutes until fat has rendered. Add onion and garlic, and cook until softened.
3. Add flour, stir to coat. Add stock, thyme, bay leaf and potato, stir to combine. Season. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer for 20 minutes or until potato is almost tender in the centre.
4. Stir in milk and cream, add the fish. Reduce heat to low, simmer for 8 minutes or until fish is just cooked.
5. Drain clams, add to pan and cook for a final 3-4 minutes until clams are cooked and shells open.
6. Ladle chowder into warm bowls and season with freshly ground black pepper. Garnish with parsley and serve with crusty bread.



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# BOAT REVIEW

*Bennington 25 QSB*



## Flagship OF THE FLEET

By Barry Thompson

To understand the difference between Bennington and other pontoon manufacturers, you need to start with the construction methods. Bennington uses what it refers to as its thru-bolt technology on each hull. This system ensures far less flex, plus thick cross channels provide extra vertical strength. Combined with extruded M-deck brackets and flange bolted deck construction, this minimises twisting and assists in a solid and quiet ride. The 25 Q Series has various hull options and provides different running surfaces, pontoon diameters, shapes and sizes suitable for multiple applications. Our boat had what they call a 'tri-toon' hull configuration which is essentially a cat with a centre pontoon.

This ESP Sport Performance package has running surfaces engineered for peak performance and ride quality. The fully integrated platform boasts two circular 635mm outer tubes and an elliptical 813mm tube in the centre. Constructed of 3mm gauge aluminium, each tube is internally reinforced with stringers and bulkheads. The central tube has a lifting strake on either side, while the outside pods have internal performance foils. All three have solid keels, so you have plenty of protection bringing the boat up

onto a beach or rough surface. Engineered for higher horsepower applications and rated up to 450hp, ESP is optional on select outboard models and standard on 2.6m-wide twin-engine and sterndrive models.

Bennington has done a lot of development to bring a performance type pontoon boat into the market for various boating applications. Whatever hull form you choose, they all offer unprecedented stability and buoyancy.

Bennington understands that not everyone wants the same layout, so it offers many options. Once you have settled on a floor plan, the seating can be altered to suit your entertainment needs. Swingback is an innovative floor plan that enables dual seating capabilities by allowing you to face forward or backwards depending on the position of the furniture.

Featuring a quad bench seat format, one of the most popular layouts in the Q Series, the configuration maximises seating, storage and lounging space while still leaving a starboard side access to the aft deck. The five-position swing back seating layout allows multiple seating and lounging positions, all flanked with speakers and drink holders. You can also fold the backrest down so you have one large sunpad.

There is ample storage under the rear

seating, plus a pop-up privacy enclosure, perfect as a changing space, or it can be fitted with a portable head.

Twin adjustable bucket seats bring the cockpit seating aft to 5-6, and with the seats swung around, you have a great entertaining space. After all, this is a party boat. The starboard helm is superbly dressed with a single MFD in the centre and all the necessary controls and switches conveniently placed.

With every available space used, storage has not been forgotten in the Bennington. Such as large lockers in the mid console, under the forward loungers, underfloor and around the transom. A cool feature is the portable drink holders that can be positioned anywhere around the lounge seating.

From the helm position, it doesn't feel any different than driving a large bowrider, and while I was on a calm lake, I thought it would handle itself in a reasonably choppy sea. Bennington's Retail Development Manager Craig Tilson said he had run the boat on a rough day on Lake Taupo and was surprised at how well it coped with the conditions. I am not sure how it would handle a rough Hauraki Gulf chop, but I would certainly like to try it.

Bennington's bold, forward-thinking design puts the pontoon boat on a whole new level of acceptance. It combines the best of a pontoon boat and the most coveted attributes of a fibreglass bowrider. Graig admits that it will take some time



Floor plan and seating options mean there's a Bennington 25 QSB for everyone

for kiwis to understand and accept this 'new' boating style, but he is confident there is a market in some regions of the country. Party boat or family boat, the Bennington 25 has it covered.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Design Name:	Bennington 25 QSB
Year launched:	2023
Hull type:	Pontoon
LOA:	8.30m
Beam:	2.60m
Height on trailer:	2.80m
Max speed:	37 knots
Construction:	Alloy hull / fibreglass deck
Fuel capacity:	140 litres
Engine:	Yamaha 250 Vmax SHO

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# EVENTS NOTICEBOARD

**The OBC is pleased to offer these events for your entertainment and enjoyment:**

## **WEDNESDAY JULY 5**

### ***OBC Members Morning Tea***

Held on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.00am, you're invited to join fellow Club members in the clubhouse for a chat over a cuppa and nibbles.

## **FRIDAY JULY 28**

### ***OBC Fish & Chip Friday***

More than 70 servings of fish and chips were dished out from the OBC kitchen during May's (June had yet to be held as the Outboarder went to print) Fish & Chip Friday at the clubhouse. We're delighted to see so many members enjoying the food and social atmosphere with their family and friends. Held on the last Friday of the month, everyone's welcome to come on down to the Club for a tasty feed, the kitchen's operating between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

## **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2**

### ***OBC Flare Demo with Coastguard***

Grab this opportunity to learn more about emergency flares – including an optional hands-on experience of activating a flare. Always well subscribed, don't delay, book online today at [www.obc.co.nz/social.aspx](http://www.obc.co.nz/social.aspx). The event runs from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

## **THURSDAY AUGUST 24**

### ***OBC Quiz Night***

You don't need to be a brainiac to enjoy the OBC Quiz Nights, the interactive format offers plenty of fun for everyone. Please register your team early – we'd hate to cancel the event thinking numbers were too low, when in fact you're all coming, but just hadn't registered yet! See page 19 for details.

## **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11**

### ***67th OBC Annual General Meeting***

We have a few spare seats coming up on the Executive Committee, so please put some

thought into Club members who may be interested – perhaps yourself? Nominations close at 5.30pm on Monday, August 21, 2023, and you can find the nomination form on page 21 of this issue of Outboarder.

Please make every effort to attend the AGM. It's one of the most important dates on the Club calendar. Member feedback is essential to determining the future direction of the Club, and this is a chance to have your say. The evening will also include the Club prize-giving, a chance to recognise and congratulate those who have earned the privilege of having their name engraved on one of the Club's annual trophies.

## **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13**

### ***An evening with Victory Knives and Kai Ika***

Inspect Victory Knives top quality cutting implements, and watch some mad knife skills as the Kai Ika team put them to work. Circle the date on your calendar now, more details to come next month.

## **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26**

### ***OBC Marina Annual General Meeting***

More information next month.

## **PUZZLE IT OUT**

Jigsaw puzzle loving members will be pleased to learn that the Club now has a



selection of puzzles available, and a special cosy area of the clubhouse to put them together – a perfect indoor activity when the conditions are wintry outside. We also now have kids games and toys available to keep the young ones occupied while you enjoy some adult time.

Further donations of puzzles – maritime themed would be great – and/or toys are welcomed.

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# JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> 0415/1708	<b>31</b> 0518/1806					<b>1</b> 0446/1736
<b>2</b> 0543/1829  Orakei Basin flushing out 6.30pm 3.2m	<b>3</b> 0640/1921	<b>4</b> 0736/2013  Orakei Basin flushing in 8.36am 3.2m	<b>5</b> 0831/2104  <b>OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS</b>	<b>6</b> 0925/2156	<b>7</b> 1018/2248	<b>8</b> 1111/2341
<b>9</b> 1204	<b>10</b> 0035/1259	<b>11</b> 0130/1357  <b>OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS</b>	<b>12</b> 0225/1457	<b>13</b> 0321/1557  <b>OUTBOARDER DEADLINE</b>	<b>14</b> 0417/1656 	<b>15</b> 0512/1750
<b>16</b> 0606/1840  Orakei Basin flushing out 6.30pm 3.1m	<b>17</b> 0657/1925  Orakei Basin flushing in 8.25pm 3.1m	<b>18</b> 0745/2008  <b>OBC MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 1600HRS</b>	<b>19</b> 0829/2048	<b>20</b> 0910/2126	<b>21</b> 0948/2204	<b>22</b> 1026/2241
<b>23</b> 1103/2320	<b>24</b> 1142	<b>25</b> 0000/1224	<b>26</b> 0043/1310  <b>OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1900HRS</b>	<b>27</b> 0129/1403	<b>28</b> 0219/1503 	<b>29</b> 0315/1607

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Males can grow to 1.3 m long, while females are generally about 0.6 m long. Marine iguanas can dive more than 20m underwater.

Unlike land lizards, marine iguanas have blunt snouts that help them feed, and flattened tails that help them swim efficiently.

Despite their scary appearance marine iguanas are herbivores, feeding on marine algae.

## MAKE A FISH BOWL LANTERN



### YOU'LL NEED

- 🐟 Small fish bowl (or repurpose a glass jar)
  - 🐟 White glue
  - 🐟 Warm water
  - 🐟 Coloured tissue paper
  - 🐟 Scissors
  - 🐟 Glitter (optional)
  - 🐟 A sponge or paint brush
  - 🐟 Decorative stones (optional)
  - 🐟 Tea light candle
1. Cut out large and small fish from different coloured tissue. Cut seaweed shapes from green tissue. Tear bits of blue tissue to represent water.
  2. Water down some of the glue, approx 3 parts glue to 1 part warm water.

3. Using a paint brush/sponge apply the watered down glue to the entire outside of the fish bowl.
4. While glue is still wet, stick the bits of blue tissue paper all over the outside of the bowl. It doesn't need to be perfect! Add glitter if desired.
5. Paint a layer of glue over the blue tissue to seal it all in, then start adding your fish and seaweed.
6. Paint a final layer of watered down glue over the entire outside of the bowl and set aside to dry.
7. Once dry put decorative stones inside and add a tea light candle.

TIP: A flameless/battery operated tea light candle would make these safe enough to use as a child's night light.



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**MARINA BERTH** 10.5m, E9, for rent, long term. \$650/month. Ph John (021)927 443

**MARINA BERTH**, 10.5m, E29, currently not in use, any short-term requirement considered for OBC members in return for a mutually agreed donation to a mutually agreed charity. Please email [clive@brustics.co.nz](mailto:clive@brustics.co.nz)

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**MARINA BERTH** 12m, G40, for rent, short or long term. End of pier (easy access). \$150/week. Ph Greg (027)604 7155

**MARINA BERTH** for sale, 10.5m, H10. Ph Simon (021)729324 or email [simon@mcmillanco.nz](mailto:simon@mcmillanco.nz)

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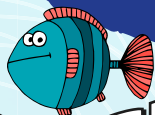
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A: Frostbite.



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