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OBC General Manager Phil Davenport updates the SGM attendees on the Hakumau Reserve progress.

Hardstand project **ON ITS WAY**

Approval of expenditure for the Hardstand Stages One and Two project was obtained from the membership at the Special General Meeting on August 7.

Commodore Phil Allen opened the meeting, noting its purpose and confirming that a quorum was present. The hard work put in to date by the Property Committee was also acknowledged.

Before moving onto the main business of the evening – the hardstand project, OBC GM Phil Davenport ran through a Powerpoint presentation updating those present on progress with Hakumau Reserve.

The ongoing security of the facility was understandably the biggest concern raised by members. Overall, the site will be

slightly less secure than at present, but compromise was necessary to secure the lease (a recent Sunday demonstrated the need to retain this area for parking – the OBC was completely full). The on-site security guard will remain, as will a swipe-card operated gate and other security measures including light-beams. Site security will be reassessed immediately should any problem arise.

The new sign regarding public boat launches is 'visible' but no larger than the existing one. As per resource consent, the launch fee is linked to the cost at Westhaven - \$30. It's worth noting that the upgrade from casual user to Club member is about

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

SURVEY RESULTS NOW IN

We now have the results of the survey circulated in July. There were no real surprises, but we did get some useful information.

We appreciate the time that several members put in where written answers were required. Unfortunately, it is impossible to respond individually but you can be assured that all the comments have been noted and will be considered as we plan for the future.

As would be expected for a trailer boating Club, members' first preference is boat launching and parking - or marina use for berth owners. Because we are particularly concerned about the clubhouse and whether or not to rebuild, it was interesting that many respondents see the clubhouse as their second priority after boat launching.

There have been comments (both in the survey and chatter around the Club) that the Club is increasingly being run as a business and losing the Club character. The Executive Committee is always cognisant that this is a Club, with planning and activities selected to be of interest to members. But at the same time, the Club also needs to be run on a business-like basis. Your Club is a \$3 million dollar turnover operation with, thanks to the good governance of past Committees, assets of \$30 million dollars (latest insurer's valuation) and \$6 million bank deposits. We have a number of projects that must be completed in the next few years. The Marina requires \$8 million in refurbishment over the next 15 years. The clubhouse foundations have been condemned and the clubhouse must be replaced in three years at an estimated \$4-5 million. The \$2 million drainage improvement required for resource consent

renewal has just been approved at a SGM and fencing improvements around Hakumau Reserve must be completed by November this year. Yes, we must maintain the boat club ethos, but by any measure, this is an operation that must be carefully managed to guarantee the long term security of members' investments and assets.

In a similar vein, when the new hardstand fees were announced this year, there were a number of complaints then, and again in the survey, that the hardstand holders were being treated like commercial customers and charged at a commercial rate. We did of course check out the pricing at commercial storage facilities to ensure that members were getting a good deal. For those who have had occasion to check offsite facilities, you will be aware that the OBC rates are well below the commercial rates and for a facility here that offers many times the convenience, launching proximity advantage and storage.

It would appear though that members do have confidence in your Executive. A SGM was recently called asking members for approval to spend \$2 million of Club funds on stormwater discharge filtration improvements (as required to renew the 2027 Resource Consent). A total of 1800 notices of meeting were distributed along with voting papers for the motion to approve the expenditure. Of 1800 members, we had only 45 present at the SGM and a total of only 92 votes cast - including postal and those at the meeting.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call me or Phil Davenport.

- Phil Allen



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60 percent. As the public boat launching facility at Orakei Bay is to remain, we do not anticipate being overrun by public launchings.

The meeting then moved onto the Hardstand Stages One and Two proposal, with a Powerpoint presentation by Phil Allen before the proposed motion was read:

"That the Executive Committee be authorised to enter into construction contracts covering Stages One and Two as detailed in DMP, Quantity Surveyors Report, for aggregate sums not exceeding \$2,000,000 (Two Million Dollars) excluding

GST for works predominantly required under our Resource Consent renewal conditions."

The motion was moved by Simon Adamson and seconded by Martin Urban.

Again, security was a concern, with a suggestion from the floor that the sliding security gate could be higher. At 1.5m it is designed to stop boats being taken but concerns were acknowledged. We do have a security guard along with light-beams on boundaries.

The need for the vehicle washdown was also queried. It's a service provided by the Club and will speed things up. While there is a fair bit of cost in foundations, the washdown could be one of the last things undertaken.

Discussion arose regarding the stormwater filtration units and their longevity. These are not cheap to maintain, but we are not using the extremely expensive models. Estimates say 3-5 years between each service but could be up to 10 years - meaning approximately \$10-15,000 per filter every 10 years.

After a competitive tender process and with the proposal accepted, work is planned to start in September with a pre-Christmas finishing target. There will be no major disruptions to access during the project.

Voting proceeded and while the Auditors retired to count votes, the meeting turned to discussion about the clubhouse, beginning with a presentation by Phil Davenport and Adam Mercer.

Results from the recent Club survey (659 respondents) conveyed the



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following key points:

- Main use of facility is trailer boat launching (78%), Marina (16%) and clubhouse use (7%).
- 240 of the 659 respondents say they use the clubhouse for coffee and relaxing (46%) and social events (27%); 66% of members only make limited use of the clubhouse.
- Despite limited use, 60% of survey respondents consider the clubhouse to be important.

Adam's key points:

- Poor state of timber piles discovered

8-10 years ago, they are getting smaller with each passing year.

- Recent engineering peer review confirmed ongoing deterioration and narrowing.
- Current engineering certification only for two years with another two possible. Structural engineers have informed the Club that they will not give any further extensions. This will have implications with insurers and the liability of the Executive Committee in the event of building failure and any personal injury.

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Three consultants have inspected the structure.

Options:

1. Refurbish existing clubhouse (363m2), \$4.485m
2. New clubhouse - existing footprint (363m2), \$4.261m
3. New clubhouse - smaller footprint (272m2), \$3.949m
4. New clubhouse - smaller footprint (272m2), floating \$3.195m

Notes:

Option 1: Because the clubhouse was built then added to a number of times, it would require the building to be broken up, moved to reserve, new foundations, then moved back - highly impractical.

Option 2: Easiest option from a consenting point of view and would mean all new services, power, better layout and design, more functionality.

Costs per square metre appear high, but have been assessed by independent

QS. Costs include approximately \$1.7m for 30m concrete piles. Shorter piles may be possible, but liquefaction analysis is required first.

Funding for the clubhouse project was also queried: we have \$6.5m in the bank, with \$2m for the Hardstand Stages one and two project. We will grow our funds each year. Analysis has shown the Club is unable to borrow more than about \$0.5m. Suggestions for raising funds including selling the Club-owned Marina berths, and making the Club available for hire to third parties.

A show of hands put the vast majority in favour of option 2. We have up to three years to make a decision and get started.

At this point the Auditors returned with the results of the Hardstand project voting - 88 for, 3 against, 1 abstention. The motion was declared passed.

Phil Allen thanked all those who attended and declared the meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm.



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OPERATIONS REPORT

REEF MARKER POLES

Reef marker poles have now been installed at the eastern end of the fairway. They mark the edge of a reef/shelf that protrudes west out from the edge of Ngapipi Road into the fairway.

Over the years the deceptive extent of this reef has resulted in sometimes tens of thousands of dollars' worth of damage to boats if they have strayed too far to the east and hit the reef.

As a result of locating these new reef marker piles it has become apparent that, on an outgoing, very low tide, the yellow safety buoy comes quite close to the reef markers. This may cause the channel to narrow and present difficulties for some vessels when navigating the turn required to exit the bridge. We are working with the Harbourmaster to review the position of this marker and any steps that we can take to create a larger gap to make the turn, regardless of the state of the tide.

In the meantime, if you feel the turn is too tight, we recommend that before reaching the yellow marker, you turn south into the moored boat area and align your approach to the gap between the yellow safety buoy and the reef markers, approaching straight on to them when leaving the Club.

TIDE MARKER POLES

Both tide height markers are now installed.

DINGHY LOCKER RELOCATION

Work should have now been completed on the relocation of the dinghy locker. This will now be along the eastern ramp wall and will give easy access to the launch ramps as well as to the Marina.

HAKUMAU RESERVE

By the time you are reading this, work should be underway on the new fencing that is required as a condition of the new lease on Hakumau Reserve. The western wire and mesh fence will be replaced by a two-rail galvanised pole fence along the footpath and, in the second phase, the entrance and eastern fence will be replaced with a pole and rail fence to match the existing Heritage fence, which will extend into the entrance way. Extra security by way of lighting and alarms will be installed.

MARINA

Work is now complete on Marina piers E and F, with the replacement of all through-bolts finished. Over the next few months, work will be under-taken to piers G and B to install new corner brackets and pile guides, along with replacing all the through-bolts and releveling twisted fingers where required. The final aluminum ramp on B will have been installed, which now means that all the old steel ramps have gone.



View from Ngapipi bridge showing the two new reef marker poles - red crosses indicate part of the reef.

HULL OF AN IDEA

QUARANTINE - from Italian 'Quaranta Giorni' - meaning 40 days. A 17th century word defining how long sailors must stay on their ship after they arrived in harbour to prevent spread of disease.

STAFF PROFILE

Mr FIX-IT

By Debbie Jarvis, pics supplied

Kevin Black reckons he's not particularly technologically savvy – although he has figured out how to put a nice sunrise shot on the OBC's Facebook page on a good day for boating. It's a different story when it comes to more practical matters, which is why he's perfectly suited to the job as the OBC's maintenance coordinator.

The job is suited to Kevin, too. There's plenty to do, and even better, he's surrounded by water, boats, and other people who also like water and boats... and fishing. "I'm pretty much a water child," says Kevin, who spent a lot of childhood weekends on Howick beach. The family also had a caravan up at



The biggest snapper Kevin's caught - and yes, it was a year or two ago - was this old moocher, hooked in Starfish Bay at the Hen and Chicken Islands.



OBC maintenance coordinator Kevin Black reckons he's got his 'ideal job', and he's found the perfect post-work winddown nearby - a few Heineken lights and a couple of games of Sudoku at the Mission Bay Café.

Whangateau – back when you could only get to Omaha by boat. "Dad was always fishing, mostly for relaxation. He'd sneak off before we woke up and go sit and fish off this little rock he liked. Never caught a lot, but he was always happy."

Meanwhile, Kevin and his brother sharpened their fishing skills catching sprats, yellowtail and small trevally off the wharf. "We'd run around to dad and give them to him for bait then wander back and catch some more."

As the years went on the fish got bigger, one memorable catch was estimated at more than 34 pounds. "It was at Starfish Bay," says Kevin. "I'll never forget it. We were sailing back from the Bay of Islands, and we stopped there for the night. I'm an early riser, it was 5.00am and I threw a line in. Nothing much was happening but at 7.30am the rod bent over. When I got it on board, I noticed half the fish's tail was missing – it was obviously an old moocher. If it'd had its whole tail, I'm not confident I would have caught it."

Readers might have noticed we slipped the word 'sailing' into the previous paragraph. Kevin was flapping with his then partner, Jenny, in Kohimarama when he met a yacht owner who asked if he'd like to go racing. "Fifteen years later, I stopped," says Kevin, who usually crewed

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on a 31ft Lidgard. He also raced on a Farr 1020 and says he preferred that as it was class racing – like against like, so it was a challenge of sailing skills, whereas on the Lidgard they'd be racing all sorts of different boats.

Kevin's fairly competitive and another sport he enjoyed was target shooting. Both his parents were keen shooters, and Kevin reached New Zealand representative status. Born with a lazy eye, he'd learned to shoot left-handed, but when his 'good' eye started to fade in his 40s, he decided to quit while he was ahead.

Now golf is his game, although "it's a longer walk than it needs to be, but still enjoyable and it's exercise," Kevin reckons – which is not something you get a lot of when lying prone to target shoot.

Of course, he still fishes when he can, even if not as often as he'd like. When he does, it's on a friend's boat, as Kevin sold his boat some time ago. He worked for Auckland Boat Paint, at the height of the superyacht industry, seven days a week, 12-hour days, for 13 years. "My boat didn't move for about six years, and someone offered me more than I paid for it, so I said yeah, you can have it," Kevin explained.

The boat was a 16ft Fyran, and while some may disagree, "that's all you need in Auckland," says Kevin. "I've probably been out in my dad's 12ft tinny as far as I ever went in my 16ft Fyran. I've been out to the ah-has, around Waiheke and all that. You pick your day obviously - no safety gear back then, the OBC wouldn't have approved! But I was brought up on the water, and I was brought up with common sense.

Work-wise Kevin describes himself as a 'jack of all trades'. Preferring to learn by doing, he left school aged 15 and joined an engineering company. When a promised apprenticeship failed to appear, Kevin moved on to Hellaby meat works. Being younger than the company's starting age rules didn't prove a hindrance. Over the



Kevin's done his share of gamefishing but it was his mum Audrey (Sue), shown here with a 75kg-plus swordfish who really took to the sport.

years he's done a bit of this, that and everything else: he's built houses, worked for an electrician, refrigeration recovery, engineering, and prior to joining the OBC he was the warehouse manager at a mate's company.

He was looking for something that would offer new challenges, and when the OBC maintenance job came up, Kevin applied. He nearly didn't, as he'd applied for a job at OBC years ago, and never heard back. But after dithering briefly he figured nothing ventured, nothing gained. This time he was successful, and being the maintenance coordinator is Kevin's "ideal job". He's got a great spot to work and plenty of work to keep him occupied – rain or shine.

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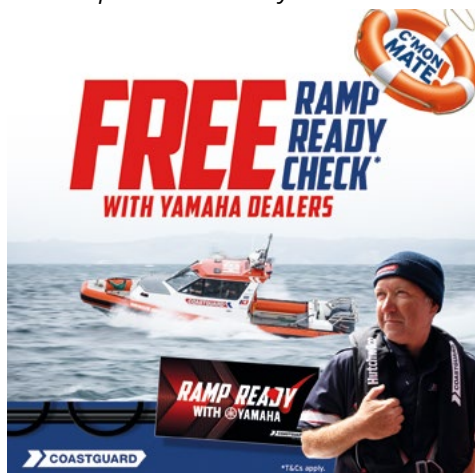
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From Adam Clancey

BLUEFIN BUZZ

It's absolutely brilliant that we now have potential for great game fishing 12 months of the year around the whole of New Zealand. The uptake in anglers wanting the thrill and adventure of chasing southern bluefin tuna is really great. Moreover, the statistics from scientists say that the southern bluefin population is growing 2-3 percent each year.

Southern bluefin tuna have long been a prized commercial species in New Zealand; caught using longlines and mainly exported to the lucrative Asian markets. The southern bluefin tuna can be found around the entire coast of New Zealand, particularly around the deeper contours in cooler waters.

There is another species of bluefin found in New Zealand - this is the Pacific bluefin tuna, which is targeted off the West Coast of the South Island around the hoki fishing boats. The Pacific bluefin grow very large and can reach 400kg-plus, whereas the southern bluefin can reach 250kg-plus. The main difference between the two is the southern bluefin is available in larger numbers in a range of sizes from 10kgs up and is one of the best eating tuna in the sea, while the Pacific bluefin is nowhere near as prolific and not rated highly as a food fish.

The thrill of catching a southern bluefin tuna is one that every keen angler should have on their bucket list.

The tactics for targeting them can involve some real effort with high rewards. Firstly, travelling to where the fish are running, at



Outriggers will help when running more than a couple of rods.

the drop of a hat. On the East Coast of the North Island the fish generally start showing up in May through to late August from Hawkes Bay, working their way up the coast with the main hot spot being off East Cape. They are also found wide off the top of Coromandel and the back of Great Barrier Island. In the South Island and lower western regions of the North Island the run seems to be from February through to May with the main fishing location off Milford Sounds in the South Island.

The best way to fish is by trolling. Get your lures in the water at first light as this is when there is a lot of activity. Most marlin- or tuna-type trolling lures will work and should be trolled at around seven knots. It's a very good idea to use teasers such as birds or spreader bars with squid lures as these really attract the tuna. Southern bluefin will spend a lot of time at 80-100 metres, set your sounder to that range so you can see any fish sign. When you do spot fish, work the area as the fish will often come to the surface if they sense activity. Running one lure a

bit deeper, such as a diving lure, will also help get fish that are not on the surface. The rods and reels used for tuna fishing need to have good drags, plenty of power and enough line to handle a big fish. Using a 30 lever drag size game reel with 600-1000 metres of 24-37kg braid and a top shot of 37kg mono is perfect. You will also need a solid gaff or two and a good harness. Outriggers are also a component that will really help when you are running more than a couple of rods. Most boats run between four and six lures. The first run of a southern bluefin is really exciting. The fight is generally a series of fast runs and once the fish tires it will circle down deep. When the fish is at the surface you will need someone to grab the trace and gaff the fish. Once on board the fish



An angler fishing out of Waihou Bay recently caught this 70kg southern bluefin tuna on a 'Purple' Slammer XT lure.

should be killed and bled very quickly and packed in ice to preserve the great eating qualities. You will need an insulated kill bag to do this and lots of saltwater ice. One tuna will feed a lot of people and there is a one fish per day per angler limit on southern bluefin tuna.

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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, or you can check it out on Facebook and Instagram.



Undercover hardstand storage options are also available.



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10m	\$348	\$82	\$58
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*20% discount is only for boat haulout rates, not applicable to Gloss Boats antifouling and painting.

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OBC MAG *on the* MOUNTAIN

From the top of Eden Park (July issue) to the top of the Sphinx rock formation, the Outboarder has been to great heights recently! This month's photo comes from Graeme Slogrove, who packed a copy of the magazine in his luggage when he went on holiday to South Africa!

Take a copy of the Outboarder on holiday with you, snap a pic, and you too can get an entry for the OBC's annual 'Reading Outboarder Where' competition. Send your photo/s reading the Outboarder 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.



Graeme Slogrove reads the Outboarder on top of the Sphinx rock formation in the beautiful Drakensberg Mountains, South Africa.

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MOTUIHE ISLAND RESTORATION

seeking new Treasurer and Trustees

OBC has been the cornerstone stakeholder of Motuihe Trust since the commencement of the restoration project in 2002. The majority of the Trustees have been OBC members. Following some retirements, the Trustees are now looking to appoint some new Trustees.

Motuihe Trust is seeking to appoint Trustees to complement its eight current Trustees:

- Treasurer/Trustee to oversee the finances. The annual accounts and audit are undertaken by external accountants. The monthly accounts are maintained on Xero.
- A Trustee who can contribute skills in communications and public relations.
- Two Trustees who can contribute to the governance of the Trust and active leadership of some of its wide range of projects.

Motuihe Trust is a registered charity, and its sole purpose is the ecological restoration of Motuihe by providing opportunities to volunteers to learn about and be involved with conservation on Motuihe Island. Volunteers have planted 450,000 native trees; translocated rare and endangered wildlife including saddleback, kakariki, bellbirds, kiwi, tuatara, whitehead, shore skink, Duvacel geckos, Pacific geckos, raukawa geckos and wetapunga; created walking tracks; and operate the information kiosk.

Motuihe has been mammal pest free since 2005. Motuihe Trust operates under various agreements and concessions issued by the Department of Conservation.

The Trust has a separate Operations Group, Operations Manager, project leaders, volunteer leaders, funding consultant, various project sub committees, contractors, and over 1500 volunteers.

The activities have been financed by grants from Foundation North, Lotteries, DOC, and other organisations, and by donations from the general public. OBC and OBC members have been substantial donors.

Further information can be obtained by contacting John Laurence by email to jlaurence@xtra.co.nz



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held July 26, 2023, with 10 Executive Committee members present and General Manager Phil Davenport.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The maintenance manager cut a finger when the Marina trolley wheel he was pumping up exploded. A full investigation took place, and some questionable equipment has been replaced. Marina trolley wheels are now being replaced with solid rubber wheels. GM's Health and Safety report accepted as read.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting dated June 28, 2023, as amended, were approved.

FINANCIALS

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

OPERATIONS REPORT

The operations report had been circulated and was accepted as read. Discussion:

- Preparation for upcoming AGMs under way and SGM / Information meeting confirmed for August 7, 2023.
- A survey of club members has been circulated.
- The piles to mark the Ngapipi Road reef will be installed shortly by HEBS.
- Refurbishment work is commencing on E and F Marinas.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY AND PLANNING: Update from Bill McGarry on Stage One progress. Documentation being finalised at present for Consent and Tendering. Subject to getting the necessary Club approvals at the SGM we are looking at late September start on site. Pricing for moving dinghy lockers from the existing location to the eastern seawall has been requested from two

contractors. The General Manager will select the preferred quote.

MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS: No report.

MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

No meeting held.

MEMBERSHIP

New members: 7 Resignations: 1
Total membership 26/07/23: 1842 actual members

MARINA BERTH TRANSFERS

Nil for period

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **SURVEY:** Phil Davenport updated and advised that to date 630 responses had been received, a very positive result to date. At the end of the month they will be collated and submitted for interpretation. Advice to follow..
- **AUDITOR:** We had been out to tender and four RFP responses had been received. These are being analysed and a report will be made to the August Exec Committee meeting.
- **HAKUMAU RESERVE FENCING:** After negotiations with JFC the tender was revised up to \$152,763.59 plus GST. To be all encompassing.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee enters into a contract with JOHN FILLIMORE CONTRACTING LIMITED in the sum of \$152,763.59 plus GST to complete their portion of the Hakumau Fencing Contract as agreed.

DAVIES / BROOKES CARRIED

- **STAGES ONE AND TWO RESOURCE CONSENT REQUIREMENT WORKS:** It is proposed that the Executive Committee recommends the approval to enter into contracts with a maximum value of \$2,000,000.00 plus GST to

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enable Stages One and Two to commence for the required Resource Consent renewal.


MOTION: That the executive committee recommends the approval of expenditure up to \$2,000,000.00 plus GST for Stages One and Two of the Resource Consent renewal at the Special General meeting of Members to be held Monday 7th August 2023.

McGARRY / MARTIN CARRIED

Meeting closed at 8.27pm

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

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.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR CLUB'S RULES?

LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING BOATS

Ensure you prepare your boat for launching well clear of the ramps so as to avoid traffic congestion.

AT NO TIME ARE YOU ALLOWED TO LAUNCH OR RETRIEVE YOUR BOAT WITH THE AID OF THE MOTOR.

All boats must be reversed away from the launching ramp. **DO NOT** turn boats around at the ramps. When retrieving your boat ensure all mooring lines are inside your boat before towing your boat and trailer out of the water, also ensure that mooring lines are inside the boat before leaving the jetty and heading out to sea.

NO PERSONS ARE PERMITTED TO BE ON BOARD THE VESSEL WHILE THE BOAT IS ON A TRAILER AND THE TRAILER IS MOVING.

ALL MEMBERS ARE TO OBDIE BY THE CLUB RULES, BY-LAWS AND POLICIES.
All rules can be found on the OBC website under the members section.



Kids CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023 - 11.00AM TO 1.30PM

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COOK THE CATCH

Monroccan TUNA KEBABS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tuna steaks (approx 250g total), cut into 3cm chunks
- 1 tbsp rose or regular harissa, plus extra to serve
- 1 large lemon, juiced
- 250g pouch mixed grains
- 1/2 tsp cumin seeds, toasted and lightly crushed
- 3 spring onions, finely chopped
- 1/4 cucumber, cut into small dice
- small handful mint, roughly chopped
- small handful flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped
- 4 tbsp natural yogurt

METHOD

1. Soak 4 wooden skewers in water.
2. Toss the tuna chunks with the harissa and 1 tbsp of the lemon juice and leave to marinate for 10 minutes.
3. Heat the grains following pack instructions, then toss with the cumin, spring onions, some seasoning and 2-3 more tbsp of the lemon juice, depending on how zingy you like it.



4. Thread the tuna chunks onto 4 skewers. Heat a grill pan to hot then grill the skewers for 1 minute on each side (or cook under a hot grill). Toss the cucumber and herbs through the grains. Serve with the tuna skewers, with the yogurt swirled with a little more harissa on the side.

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AUSSIE FISH INVASION

We mentioned last month a blue marlin estimated at 140kg, with an Australian gamefish tag, was recaptured north-east of the Alderman Islands in March; notable as the first tagged blue marlin recaptured and reported in New Zealand waters. In April a striped marlin tagged off Port

Macquarie, Australia, in December 2022, was recaptured off Hokianga. It was only the second striped marlin tagged in Australian waters and recaptured here in the 50 years the Australian gamefish tagging programme has been operating. The 105kg marlin had travelled at least 1028nm in 113 days.

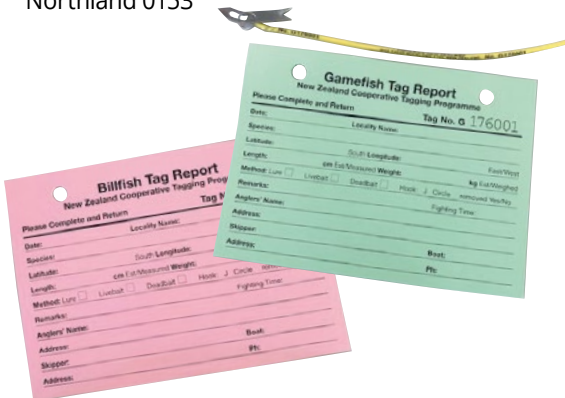


Striped marlin. (pic: Jackiemora01, CC BY-SA 3.0)

Two Australian tagged southern bluefin tuna were also recaptured recently in New Zealand waters. The first was tagged by a research vessel more than 17 years ago, measuring 73cm long (about 8kg), and was 185cm and 100kg-plus on recapture. The second fish was recaptured off Dunedin measuring 113cm and estimated at 30kg. It was 1086nm as the crow flies from where it had been tagged 686 days earlier weighing an estimated 15kg.

TAG CARDS WANTED

If you haven't yet sent in your tag cards from last season, please do so now to: Fisheries New Zealand, Gamefish Tagging, PO Box 58030, Auckland 2150; or Blue Water Marine Research, PO Box 402081, Tutukaka, Northland 0153



REMOVE THAT TAG

Marlin recaptures are an important component of the GameTag project's conservation and research objectives. If you see a tag, please make every effort to retrieve it before releasing the fish. The tag may pull out or, better still, cut it in half with a knife to leave some of the tag in the fish and the rest with you. Both parts have the tag number on them.

If you tag a gamefish and don't hand the tag card to the WBSFC, you can enter release details (including tag recapture details) online at fishtagnz.co.nz **Gamefish tags are available from the OBC at \$5 each including tag and card. Remember, you'll also need a tag pole.**

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Wrapping tubes around the Smuggler has seen it go from being a great hull to an awesome hull.

BOAT REVIEW

Smuggler Strata 820 Hardtop



True ALL-ROUNDER

By *Barry Thompson*

While the RIB market is saturated with centre consoles, the same cannot be said for cabin boats, or to be more precise hardtop cabin RIBs. There are a scant few and from what I have seen, it's the kiwis who do it best.

One such company is Smuggler Marine, that has built a considerable reputation with its Strata range of RIBs and amphibious craft.

The Strata 820 Hardtop is a true all-rounder. It's a boat you can fish, dive, tow water toys, overnight and day cruise with, and all that in an efficient layout. But while you could say that about a lot of boats, the one thing that makes the Strata 820 a pitch above the rest is the hull. Based on the ultra-deep 27 degree vee Smuggler hull, there is no better blue water performer in this size range. While the first Smuggler hull dates back to the mid-1970s, it has undergone

some tweaks since then to make it even better than the original. Any boat with a very deep vee and a 2.5m beam on the chine is likely to be a little tender at rest and, even when underway, susceptible to weight movement. Not so with the Strata 820 because of the Hypalon tubes that are glued above the hard chine.

Another advantage is because the tubes extend so far past the chine they form a natural barrier for water running up off the hull and bow areas. The result is an amazingly dry boat. With the engines trimmed out so far that another gentle touch of the trim switch would have exposed them to huge cavitation, I got the Smuggler Strata 820 Hardtop to almost 60mph (52 knots) in the calm water.

It felt rock steady and effortless to drive, even with 300hp on the transom. Of course, that was only short lived, and

I soon had the boat back into a conservative cruise mode of around 3500rpm at 25 knots. Based on a full load of fuel (400 litres), that gives the 820 twin rig a range of around 220/250nm. At 4500rpm at 36 knots the range only decreases marginally. But if you keep the throttles down all the way from Auckland to Russell in the Bay of Islands, you may not quite have enough. At the other end, you will get close to 300nm at trolling speeds.

When it comes to seating, you have plenty of options. We had the most popular choice: back-to-back King/Queen to port and a single swivelling bucket seat for the skipper.

The helm seat is mounted on a moulded box base that also houses the fridge. There is storage under the King/Queen, as well as under the cockpit sole.

In reference to its weekender mode, there is a two-burner gas hob ahead of the passenger seat that comes with a cutting board lid. Opposite, the helm is split into two large flat facias with room below for a 16-inch MFD and that still leaves plenty of space for all the other necessary controls, switches, navigation and electronic add-ons.

Downstairs it's as I would have expected with twin berths plus an infill. Upper shelves and under the side squabs take



At a conservative cruise speed, and with a full tank of gas, the 820 twin rig has a range of around 220/250nm.

care of a lot of the storage issues, with a plumbed in head under the forward squab.

What can I say? I loved it! There are not many boats that really spark my interest, but this is one of them. As a RIB it does it all and it does it well.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	Smuggler Strata 820 Cabin HT
Construction:	GRP/Hypalon
LOA:	7.50m
Beam:	2.80m
Deadrise:	27 deg

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EVENTS NOTICEBOARD

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

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6

OBC Members Morning Tea

Join fellow Club members in the clubhouse for a chat over a cuppa and nibbles from 10.00am. Always on the first Wednesday of the month.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

67th OBC Annual General Meeting

The AGM is one of the most important parts of the Club year. As a member, your vote and opinion counts, so please make every effort to attend.

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. AGM commences at 7.00pm.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

An evening with Victory Knives and Kai Ika

There's more to a fish than its fillets! Watch some mad knife skills as the experienced team from the Kai Ika project show you how to get the most from every fish you process. In conjunction with Gareth from Victory Knives, you'll also discover how to select the best knives for your purpose, and how to look after them. Branded clothing and knives will be available to purchase, plus there's a raffle with awesome prizes, so don't forget your wallet. You'll find lots more information on page 10.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

OBC Marina Annual General Meeting

If you've got a boat on the Marina, this one's for you. Circle the date on your calendar and please make every effort to be there.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1

OBC Flare Demo with Coastguard

Bad weather forced us to cancel August's Flare Demo, but it's back again in November. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about emergency flares and includes the option to activate a flare in a safe, controlled environment. Always well subscribed (as in - sold out!), head to the OBC website to register your interest. The Flare Demo runs from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3

OBC Kids Christmas Party

An early warning for this very popular event. Mark it on your calendar, see page 22.

OBC FISH & CHIP FRIDAY

There will be no Fish & Chip Friday in September; it has been replaced by the evening with Victory Knives and Kai Ika.

OTHER EVENTS/ ROAD CLOSURES

Saturday September 30: IRONMĀORI Tāmaki - swim, bike, run. Tamaki Drive will be closed from Ngapiipi Road east to Long Drive, 5.00am to 12.30pm.

DAY SKIPPER DISCOUNT

Coastguard's Day Skippers qualification is something every boatie should have in their repertoire. And OBC members have the opportunity to undertake this excellent course for half price either in class or online! Head to the OBC website at <https://www.obc.co.nz/social/courses/obc-day-skippers-promotion.aspx> for more information.

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



SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 0757/2023	2 0849/2114
3 0938/2203 Orakei Basin flushing out 6.30pm 3.3m	4 1027/2253	5 1116/2343 Orakei Basin flushing in 12.16pm 3.3m	6 1206 OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS	7 0034/1259	8 0127/1358	9 0223/1500
10 0322/1601	11 0422/1658 67TH OBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1900HRS	12 0520/1748 OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS	13 0612/1832 VICTORY KNIVES/ KAI IKA EVENING 1900HRS	14 0657/1913 OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	15 0738/1950	16 0816/2027
17 0852/2103	18 0928/2139	19 1004/2217 OBC MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 1600HRS	20 1043/2258	21 1125/2342	22 1212	23 0030/1308
24 0125/1511  DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTS Orakei Basin flushing out 7.30pm 2.8m	25 0328/1619	26 0436/1724 Orakei Basin flushing in 5.36am 2.8m	27 0545/1823 OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1900HRS	28 0648/1918	29 0746/2010	30 0838/2101

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Sprat Chat

LAUGH LINES

Q: What do you call someone who builds ships for the Navy?

A: A subcontractor.



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT... SPOTTED BLACK GROUPE

Northern New Zealand is one of the few places in the world spotted black grouper (*Epinephelus daemeli*) are found.

The Kermadec Islands Marine Reserve holds our largest population of the fish.

Spotted black grouper are fairly common at Three Kings Islands on shallow reefs, and the rocky east coast of Northland. Very territorial, spotted black grouper may live on the same piece of reef all their life.

Spotted black grouper can reach 2m in length, and weigh 80kg-plus. They prey on smaller reef fish and crustaceans. Overfishing is a threat, and spotted black grouper are protected in New



Zealand waters, it is illegal to hunt, kill or harm them inside our 200nm Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone.

It is not illegal to catch one accidentally, but it must be released alive and unharmed.

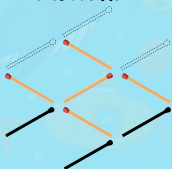
Because so little is known about the fish, report the catch to DOC and/or MPI as soon as possible. Dead specimens may be requested to be brought in for scientific research. According to Forest and Bird's 'Best Fish Guide' spotted black grouper are one of the worst fish to eat.

TURN THE FISH

Move three sticks to make the fish look like it's swimming in the opposite direction.

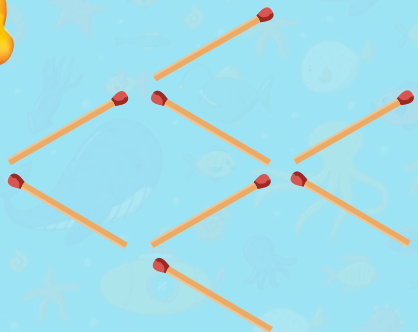


TURN THE FISH ANSWER:



Fishy fact

Some fish can survive on land. The lung fish can live out of water for as long as four years!





QUICK QUIZ

1. What is a nudibranch?
 - A) tree
 - B) bird
 - C) mollusc/sea slug
2. A male seal is called a bull. What's a female seal called?
 - A) fish
 - B) shark
 - C) seaweed
3. What is 'Neptune's necklace'?
 - A) fish
 - B) shark
 - C) seaweed
4. When did Rangitoto Island emerge from the sea?
 - A) 1855
 - B) 150 years ago
 - C) 400 years ago
 - D) more than 600 years ago
5. The fishing ban in the Tonga Island Marine Reserve allowed what species to recover quickly?
 - A) hoiho/yellow-eyed penguin
 - B) kōura/crayfish
 - C) great white shark
6. How do albatross keep cool when they get too warm?
 - A) panting
 - B) standing
 - C) creating shade with their bodies
 - D) all of the above

1. C) A species of mollusc/sea slug with no shell and often striking colours. 2. A cow 3. C) 4. D) 5. B) 6. D)



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MARINA BERTH 10.5m, B10, avail for rent to end of November 2023. Good ropes and padding. \$700/month. Ph Sam (021)037 1697

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

MARINA BERTH 10.5m, F22, for rent \$650/month or for sale. Please ph James (021)672 244

MARINA BERTH 12m, C05, for rent, avail now, with good padding and ropes. Great central location on C gate with one marina carpark included. Flexible on rental period. Would look at short term rental. Please ph Roy (027)555 5557

MARINA BERTH 12m, E26, for rent \$800/month. Avail now. Ph Mike (027)448 1771

MARINA BERTH 12m, G25, for rent. Berth ind fenders. One year term, available now, \$165/week. Enquiries by email only, to Chris, c.cornthwaite@gmail.com

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

MARINA BERTH 14m, H30. Long or short term lease. \$900 per month or by arrangement. Phone Stuart (021)383 390

MARINA BERTH F12, for sale, \$75,000.

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