

THE MARINA MAILER

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Marina Biosecurity: Please do your part

Warm temperatures have meant great boating this summer. However, they also provide ideal growing conditions for marine pests and algae.

You may have noticed a worm in the Marina, particularly on K, L, M, N and O pontoons. The exotic fanworm (*Hydroides elegans*) is widespread and, while perfectly normal in warmer weather, could become a pest. The bryozoan (*Zoobotryon verticillatum*) sometimes mistaken for seaweed, has been a nuisance to some boaters during summer. Finally, there have been sightings of Red tide. This is a common name for algal bloom caused by a few species of dinoflagellates that then takes on a red or brown colour.

The best way to prevent spread of marine pests is to keep your boat's hull clean and stay up-to-date with antifouling and general maintenance. A yacht was recently found at Adele Island with the pest sea squirt *Styela clava* on it. This could only have come from Nelson Marina. Top of the South Biosecurity's vision is to provide protection from damaging marine pests and diseases. The Partnership

includes: Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council, Marlborough District Council, Ministry for Primary Industries, Department of Conservation, the aquaculture industry, port companies and tangata whenua. If you would like to know more about biosecurity a good source of information is: marinebiosecurity.co.nz/newsletters

Top of the South Biosecurity reminds you to return the questionnaire left on boats over Christmas, as they will soon be doing the draw for a free lift and clean for a vessel.



Boat Rules: Etiquette and Safety

The Marina's operations are covered by the Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012 (No. 218), which aims to provide a safe and secure environment for all users. We wish to remind berth-holders that 'hot work' is not allowed unless approved. If you want to carry out hot work you need a permit from the Harbour Master, Dave Duncan (phone 5482099, or email harbourmaster@portnelson.co.nz).

Also, it is prohibited to discharge into water any rubbish or substance of an objectionable nature, or which is likely to pollute the water. We had an incident recently where a berth-holder pumped out their bilge water, full of oil and paint scrapings, into the Marina. Fines up to \$500 can be imposed for failure to comply with Bylaw conditions.

We want to ensure Nelson Marina is an enjoyable place to keep a boat, a safe place to spend time, and is fully compliant with the law.

We draw your attention to the **3 knot limit within the Marina** (Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012, 2.9b):

- no person shall operate or navigate a vessel in any marina at a proper speed exceeding three knots, including between any berths or "fingers".

There is risk of a \$100 fine for exceeding 3 knots.

Also, remember the **5 knot rule in the Haven**: No person may, without reasonable excuse, propel or navigate a vessel (incl. a vessel towing a person or an object) at a proper speed exceeding 5 knots:

- within 50 metres of any other vessel, craft, or person in the water; or
- within 200 metres of the shore or of any structure; or
- within 200 metres of any vessel or craft that is flying Flag A of the International Code of Signals (divers flag).

If you are unsure, 3 knots is walking speed (5.5km per hour); and 5 knots is the equivalent of a fast walking or swimming pace (9.3km per hour).

If creating a wake, you are going too fast. Your wake can stop others from enjoying the use of their boat – whether dining, doing maintenance, or relaxing.



Boat Business Profile: **Gourmet Sailing**



The chance to taste, explore and enjoy fine food and wine with an experienced skipper is an attractive proposition, and is how the company, 'Gourmet Sailing' markets itself.

Owners, Milo and Kimberly Coldren, offer yacht charters around Nelson, Abel Tasman National Park, Golden Bay and the Marlborough Sounds.

Milo began sailing aged 8 years on Canada's Pacific coast and since then has sailed over 40,000 miles. He is a commercial skipper, ASA Sailing instructor, New Zealand Coastguard Boating Education tutor and RYA powerboat instructor. Kimberly's background is food and

hospitality and she possesses an insatiable curiosity for local produce.

With their extensive experience in sailing and hospitality, the Gourmet Sailing team operate two yachts, on K berth. Firstly, a 65ft ketch designed by Dennis Ganley and built here in Nelson with space for 30 guests, and accommodation for 10 overnight guests. The second boat is a 51ft Beneteau designed by Philippe Briand and built in France. She provides accommodation for 8 overnight guests and is licensed for 20 passengers for day trips.

A highlight for Milo and Kimberly is being an active part of the Marina community. Milo says that he especially likes the "collegial and friendly atmosphere that exists with other commercial operators".

Marina Safety: **Test and Tag**

Correct electrical connections are important at the Marina to save damage to electronics and help avoid fires. We remind you that we all vessels must have a current Electrical Warrant of Fitness (EWOFF), and all leads used in the connection must have a current safety test and tag.

On-shore electricity supplies at Nelson Marina are a minimum of 16 amps, and require a connection of IP66 or above. All vessels connecting to the Marina must have a lead that complies with AS/NZS 3004.2:2008 and is tested and tagged every 12 months.

Many leads are now up for re-testing. Electricians that can provide this service include:

- Jim's Test and Tag 021 355123
- Crab Electrical 027 270355
- Blue Water 027 2705335

Nelson Regatta

A highly successful regatta took place in Nelson 24–27 January 2016 with 34 boats taking to the water. We had visitors from Picton, Mana and Wellington and would like to give a big thanks to the berthholders of F pontoon who relocated so their berths could be used.

The event included an inaugural trailer sailor regatta in the two days immediately prior to the main event. This will be repeated in 2017.

The regatta, which has run since 2009, is organised by the Tasman Bay Cruising Club and is a competitive and social week of racing. The weather, topography and Marina facilities make for excellent boating.

Marina Noticeboard

- Nelson Marina has had **99% occupancy** over the summer with A and B pontoons completely full. All 30m berths have been full.
- We have noticed **boats with signs advertising services**. The consent conditions that the Marina has with Nelson City Council are for recreational purposes only and signs aren't permitted. If you want signage on your boat, then a commercial rate applies and approval is required by the Nelson City Council.
- The report by SLR Consulting on a **Marina Strategy** is being put to Council in March 2016. The recommendations include organising a workshop with Marina users and stakeholders, which will take place after the Council meeting.
- A priority for 2016 is bringing the **hardstand area** up to standard.
- Recently we have had some very **windy conditions**. If having difficulty berthing, you are most welcome to go onto F pontoon until the weather improves.
- Please remember that **parking in the loading zones** is restricted to ten minutes. The penalty for exceeding this is a fine, or your car may be towed.
- All berth-holders will have now received the new **berth-holders licence application**. So far we have received just over 25% of forms back. Please post or email your signed application to the Marina Office. If you have mislaid your copy, please go to: nelson.govt.nz/assets/Leisure/Downloads/MARINA-Annual-Berth-Holder-Licence-PDF.pdf

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