

THE MARINA MAILER

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Meet the Marina Team

Bruce Thompson has taken over the Nelson Marina Supervisor role and is having lots of fun. He enjoys his office with sea views and, with around 600 boats berthed in the Marina, is meeting many interesting people. Bruce has a keen interest in water activities and has spent 35 years in the boating industry. His background includes off-shore cruising, racing yachts and being involved for many years with the design of racing keelboats & super yachts including the Americas Cup & the Volvo Ocean Race (formerly the Whitbread Round the World Race). An early highlight was helping design the 1989-90 Whitbread maxi ketch, Fisher & Paykel. He came to Nelson-Tasman region more than 20 years ago with his family because of the coastline, good climate, access to the outdoors and strong community. Being part of a boating community attracted Bruce to the Marina Supervisor position. Bruce says he is a 'Jack-of-all-trades and knows a little about a lot' so you will see him out on the pontoons most days helping berth-holders.

Working alongside Bruce is Assistant Marina Supervisor, **Paul Jonkers**. Paul has spent a long time in the boating industry with private and charter boats. His experience includes deckhand, bottle scrubber, assistant mate, first



mate, and skipper. When not at the Nelson Marina, you can find Paul hanging out with his family, playing tennis and keeping his house running.

Both Bruce and Paul work 20-25 hours per week and have recently been joined by Todd Blair as a second Assistant Marina Supervisor. This arrangement provides seven day a week coverage for berth-holders.

Marina Matters Insurance

In the interest of all marina occupants, every temporary and permanent berth-holder must have adequate public liability (third party) insurance to the minimum value of \$2 million. This is for loss or damage to property of others (including the berth-holder) or claims arising from the use of the berth.

We also strongly recommend that all temporary and permanent berth-holders vessels, equipment and other property in the Nelson Marina be fully insured against loss or damage by fire, explosion, storm, tempest, earthquake and all other usual maritime risks.

Further information about insurance and indemnity will be contained in the Marina Licence which is being worked on with the Nelson City Council. Meanwhile, If you need more information please come in and see the Marina staff who will be pleased to help.



Marina Safety

Marine Electrical Essentials

A big thank you to berth-holders for sorting out their Warrant of Electrical Fitness (EWOFF), cable testing and making sure they have the correct plugs to access the Marina power supply. These actions help you to avoid a \$10,000 fine, save damage to electrics, and could help avoid a fire.

We would like to remind you that the **Electrical Safety Regulations (2010)** require all vessels to possess a **current EWOFF** and all vessels should connect safely to the Marina supply.

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 it must be tested and tagged every 12 months.

The EWOFF is valid for four years from date of issue. If you need to have your EWOFF renewed, or your power lead tested and tagged, our Nelson Marina staff have a list of approved contractors and are glad to assist.

Winter Boat Care Preparing for the colder months

If your boat is going to stay tucked up in the Marina for several months there are things you can do to ensure that you are good to go next spring.

Flush saltwater systems with fresh water and leave them full to avoid salt crystallising within plumbing systems. Start with the marine head, holding tank and the saltwater galley and wash-down pumps. Holding tanks can be flushed (not in the Marina please) and topped off with a chemical treatment to kill remaining bacteria.

To **reduce the risk of diesel bug** developing, top-up your diesel tanks. Diesel bugs need water to grow and the most common source is condensation forming on tank walls as they heat during the day and cool at night. Check your fuel filters and water traps to see if there's any crud that could indicate the presence of a bug, and talk with your diesel supplier about how to treat it.

Good ventilation ensures condensation evaporates and prevents mildew and mould forming. The cheapest way to **deal with condensation** is to get equal airflow in and out of the boat while maintaining weather tightness. If your boat doesn't have cowling vents on cabin tops, leave a gap at the top of hatch boards and slightly crack open the front hatch.

To keep your boat in good condition, get some covers. Water and damp will not generally degrade fibreglass boats although mould spores will penetrate worn gelcoat. Custom-made canvas covers are the ideal solution and although not cheap, last a long time and pay for themselves in reduced maintenance. They also extend the life of the dodger, bimini top, sail cover and, if they cover windows, will reduce the boat interiors fading. If covers aren't your thing then get



everything off the deck, including aft-run halyards and sheets otherwise these will go green where they run across the deck. If your yacht has furling sails, take them off as mould may find its way into the stitching and cause discolouration.

Owners of timber boats have to take greater care because of the potential for rot. If your boat only gets partial sun on one side, or is shaded by a neighbouring boat, then alternate between stern-in and bow-in berthing to prevent one side from being constantly in shadow. This will also reduce mould growing on boat covers.

Finally, take your boat out a few times over winter, have fun and give it a run over. At least once a month check bilges, run the engine, top off batteries and run compressor-driven refrigeration systems to keep them serviceable. And how about some splicing or replacing mooring lines, damaged fenders, old shackles on mooring rings and checking safety equipment? A small investment in maintenance over winter will ensure safe, hassle free boating when the warmer weather returns.



Dogs at Nelson Marina

Nelson is a dog-friendly marina, but recent issues are threatening this status. Dogs on the pontoon and around the Marina must be under close supervision and roaming dogs may be reported to dog control or banned from Marina property. Owners are responsible for ensuring dogs do not urinate on Marina structures & that faeces are collected immediately & disposed of appropriately.

Coming up at Nelson Marina in 2015...

- Investigating provision of WiFi.
- Improvements to marina security.
- Toilet upgrades at the launching ramp & Vickerman Street, including card access.
- Ongoing improvements around environmental sustainability including investigating the feasibility of a waste oil recycling drop off.

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