

THE MARINA MAILER

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Marina Health and Safety

Many improvements to health and safety have been made over the past six months.

A new AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) is located in the facilities building behind the Marina Office. This is accessible 24 hours a day to anyone who has a Proximity Access Card to that shower/laundry block. To those without a card, it is accessible office opening hours (Monday to Friday 8am-5pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am - midday). Defibrillators are also located on Vickerman Street at: St John First Aid Training Centre (no. 46), CSN Cold Storage (no. 73) and Ministry for Primary Industries (no. 118); and in the NIWA building on Akersten St.

All Marina Office staff have current first aid certification. Ask, does someone in your crew have an up-to-date first aid certificate? If not, consider doing a simple course – it may end up saving your life. Go to:

- New Zealand Red Cross: 03 546 5012
- St John Training: 0800 347 782
- Triple One Care: 03 - 544 9180

A third life buoy has been added to every pontoon – these are located at both ends and in the middle. Please be aware of where the life rings are along your pontoon so that you may be faster to react if someone needs assistance.



During winter, some of our pontoons have become very slippery and these are currently being cleaned. All pontoons now have non slip matting on the steel ramp toe plates – this makes the transition from ramp to pontoon a lot safer in wet conditions. The Marina is shared between power boats, yachts, launches, kayaks, waka ama, rowers and sea scouts. This means the area can become very congested, particularly around the boat ramp.

To improve safety, new navigation signage has been installed at the boat ramp, fuel pump, on A Pontoon and in the channel.



The Marina is a No-Wake-Zone. The Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012 states that: no person shall operate or navigate a vessel in any marina at a proper speed exceeding three knots, including between any berths or fingers. All vessels must use their best endeavours to not exceed three knots and or not produce a wake. If unsure of any local rules around speed, or areas to avoid go to:

<http://nelson.govt.nz/assets/Our-council/Downloads/bylaws/Bylaw-218-Navigation-Safety-2012.pdf>

Environmental Care: Biosecurity

Perhaps your boat has been sitting quietly over winter growing a garden of marine organisms on its hull.

A survey of 459 boats in the Nelson Marina (2014) found that 16% had excessive fouling. Despite ongoing education, this figure is unchanged from earlier studies. A wider regional study in 2016 showed 16% of boats had excessive fouling. Yachts tend to be more fouled than power boats, since the organisms couldn't survive high speed travel. Boats on moorings tend to be worse than those on berths.

Clean boats help prevent marine pests spreading, and the best way to do this is to stay on top of anti-fouling. So, anti-fouling your vessel regularly and effectively is vital, but it needs to be done well.

To reduce the release of product, don't use excessive abrasion or hosing on your boat unless in a controlled site (such as in the clean-off area by the travel lift), and limit dust and run-off. Protect surfaces from over-spray with tarpaulins and sheeting (brushes or rollers are preferred to sprays). Spray painting and anti-foul maintenance should be done in calm weather. Finally, do not allow run-off to enter waterways and treat all anti-fouling paints as contaminated waste – collect scrapings and debris for disposal in a registered landfill.

Maritime Radio

Maritime VHF repeater channels are about to change to make space for newly allocated international services for ship tracking and data. On 1 October, New Zealand will move a few private VHF repeater services, most Coastguard VHF repeater services, and all NowCasting weather services.

However, the existing marine Channel 16 used for safety, distress and calling purposes will not change.

Although radios will still be able to access all channels, you may need to switch to a new number to continue to access your local repeater or listen to the weather



Business Profile

Now is a good time to visit Malcolm Coffey and the team at Allspec Marine. Malcolm loves all things boats and is a boat builder by trade. He has just replaced the engine and stern leg on his 8m power boat and is looking forward to some good fishing this summer.

Malcolm has worked in Nelson for the past five years and before that was based in Auckland. He says that his company "covers all aspects of boats, and whether it is yearly maintenance or a full overhaul we can get the job done on time, and on budget." The favorite part of Malcolm's job is the diversity and he enjoys working on small engines for fishing boats, as well as timber yachts and super yachts.

Spring is the perfect time to think about: anti-fouling, boat painting, varnishing and finishing, repairing teak decks, carbon fibre, epoxy and polyester construction, and joinery repairs, resealing and replacing windows, and engine servicing. Allspec Marine is located on Cross Quay, Port Nelson, alongside the Nelson Marina and on your way to the Nelson boat ramp. Phone 03 546 9024.



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