

THE MARINA MAILER

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Marina Team: Hardstand News

Earlier this year, Nelson City Council purchased approximately 3000m² of land at Akersten Street beside the Dickson Marine building. This included the hardstand, wharf, pontoon and travelift.

On 1 October, Nelmac took over operating travelift services on behalf of Council. You may have noticed changes to the hardstand area including: new lifting straps, improved security, general yard tidying, and if you have a boat in the yard, a temporary key is provided. One thing that hasn't changed is the people operating the travelift. Peter O'Donoghue (Pete) is still the main contact and working with him is Lindsay Stuart.

The haul-out facility operates weekdays between 7.30am and 4.00pm. If you want to make a booking, contact the Nelmac Office (phone 546 7768 or email hardstand@nelmac.co.nz) Further information about travelift haul-out and hardstand rates can be found at:

www.nelson.govt.nz/services/facilities/nelson-marina/marina-fees-and-forms/

Please note that the last day for hardstand services this year is Friday 23rd December 2016, and the facility will re-open on Monday 9 January 2017.



Environment: Hector's Dolphins

Local boaties are being asked to help fill in knowledge gaps for our endangered Hector's dolphins. These are the smallest dolphins in the world and are easily recognisable by their rounded dorsal fins and grey and black markings.



You can download a free App from Google Play and the App Store called 'Hector's Dolphin Sightings' and log any sightings or movement of dolphins. Data will be co-managed by DOC, universities and scientists.

Please remember dolphins are taonga – treasured species – and should be treated with respect. If you're on a boat, approach them slowly, at a no-wake speed, from behind or to the side. Do not circle them, obstruct their path or cut through any group.

Business Profile: NZ Boat Sales

NZ Boat Sales is a small, family owned brokerage company that operates with what Manager, Steve Thomas, likes to call the 'boatique' approach.

Steve Thomas has seen business go from strength to strength since doors first opened as Optimum Marine & Shipbrokers 24 years ago. Steve's dad, Don Thomas, launched the business and Steve took over the reins in 2013. Steve trained in marine engineering after leaving school, before moving on to a career in theatre lighting, which he still enjoys as a hobby.

Other Nelson-based team members include Chris Roff, who also owns the sailing school Sail Nelson, Rob Webber and Troy Warring.

NZ Boat Sales has representatives based in Picton, Wellington and Auckland. As well as boat sales, they provide marine insurance services, boat valuations and arrange vessel deliveries worldwide. Whether buying or selling a new or used yacht, launch or commercial vessel, Steve invites boaties to contact him. "A new boat could be the perfect Christmas gift for a loved one", he jokes.

Steve currently Chairs the Nelson Marina Berth Holders Association, which works with Nelson City Council to improve facilities in the Marina. The Association has around 250 members and Steve encourages Nelson boaties to join.



Summer Boating: Be Prepared

To make sure the holidays are enjoyable for everyone:

- Make sure your contact data, held in Marina records, is correct as we need this in case of emergency.
- Return the trolleys to the road-end of your pontoon after you have finished loading or unloading your boat.
- Be vigilant about locking things away, such as fishing gear, when your boat is in the Marina as unfortunately all thieves don't go on holiday.
- Take advantage of demand for rental berths during summer and email the dates that your berth is available to marina@nelmac.co.nz (the earlier you advise us the more likely we are to rent it).
- For those staying home, double check your mooring lines as summer weather can be wild. Don't be satisfied with any second-rate cordage or deck fittings.

Shore Power Connections: What you need to know

We have been reminding boaties that their Electrical Warrant of Fitness (EWO_F) must be up-to-date for some time now. National changes to the EWO_F regulations mean we now have more 'teeth' to enforce this.

We are taking the same approach as the NZ Marina Operators Association, which says 'the rules are simple – no current EWO_F means no connection'. If you wish to connect to shore power and leave your vessel unattended, you require an EWO_F.

Nelson Marina expects all connections to conform with national standards by end of June 2017 so that we can continue to provide your berth with power when you aren't on-board. After Easter, if you don't have an EWO_F, you won't be able to leave your dehumidifier and battery charger running while you are away. This is whether your lead is tagged or not.

We are also required to test the circuit breakers on the shore connectors from time to time. This means the power to your vessel will be switched off temporarily – for a matter of moments. If you have an electronic device which does not self-start after a power cut, it won't continue to operate. Either let us know if this is an issue for you, or avoid relying on such devices.

Health and Safety: Emergency Response

We hope that you came through November's earthquake activity without significant damage.

The Marina and its environs are built on reclaimed land, so are not safe places to be during an emergency, due to the potential for slumps.

If you are in the Marina during an earthquake, you should leave and head for open ground. The closest point is Auckland Point School. If a tsunami warning sounds, leave the Marina and move to high ground. Beachville, behind Auckland Point School, is the nearest high point. The Marina is in an evacuation red zone (the most sensitive).

Earthquake and tsunami warnings are available on the Civil Defence Webb site. If Internet is not available, listen on VHF Channel 16 for any Navigation Safety Alerts.

Nelson Harbour Master, Dave Duncan, says that if you are at sea when a natural disaster strikes, personal safety is the priority. It is safer to head to deeper water than to attempt to return to the Marina. However, the evacuation red zone extends approximately 5km offshore.

To ensure you are prepared, he urges boaties to give gear a thorough check before heading out on the water. Make sure that you always carry life jackets and flares, and that these haven't expired or deteriorated. Also, it is important to carry two types of communication in case help is required. This should include a Marine VHF radio; a cell phone lets you talk to one person, whereas a VHF lets you talk to many people.

The Marina Office has a 24-hour phone (546 7768) and can be contacted in emergency situations e.g. fire, sunk vessel or oil spill. Other 24-hour emergency numbers are 111 for fire/ambulance/police or Port Nelson on phone 539 3841.

Marina Matters

- Council has established a **Marina Advisory Group** to work through submissions received on the draft Marina Strategy and feedback received at the June 2016 community meeting. Council has undertaken an independent review of day-to-day operations at the Marina.
- It is satisfying that most boat owners are highly environmentally conscious and **recycle wisely**. However, we have had a few instances where the bins at the Marina are contaminated with non-recyclable material. This means that their entire contents must be disposed to landfill. Please use recycling bins for what they are intended – clean paper, glass and plastics. Oil may be recycled near the Marina office.
- St Johns recently provided a training session on how to use automated external defibrillators (AEDs) which was attended by approximately 20 live-aboards. The AED located adjacent to the Marina Office is accessible 24-hours to anyone with a Proximity Access card. Otherwise it is accessible during office hours.

Marina Office Holiday Operating Hours:

- Until Friday 23rd December Normal hours **(8.30am to 5pm)**
- Weekends and Statutory holidays **9am to 12noon**
- Sunday 25th December **Closed**
- Wednesday 4th January onwards Normal hours **(8.30am to 5pm)**
- If an emergency haul-out or assistance is required, please ring us.



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