

THE MARINA MAILER

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Marina Team News

This summer has been the busiest that Bruce Thompson has seen in his five years as Marina Supervisor. There were lots of visitors to the region and the team had to find space for 90 boats. Bruce is happy to report that with a bit of juggling they found berths for everyone.

A highlight during January was the Tasman Bay Cruising Club Evolution Sails Regatta. Boats visited from Lyttelton, Queenstown, Waikawa and Wellington, and everyone enjoyed good sailing and fine weather.

One important notice is that the Marina won't be able to accept cheques from 31 March 2020. This is because our bank, the BNZ, also won't accept them after this date. Our preference is that you

pay your fees using online banking. However, if you are unable to do this, you can still come into the office and pay using Eftpos.

Finally, there is a new face at the Marina Office. Andrew Preece has joined the team as a dockhand. He spends most of his time out on the pontoons so if you see him please introduce yourself. He has previously owned a yacht and is a keen fisherman. He generally works in the mornings from 8am – 12noon.

Environment: Cleaning Up Our Waste

Shortly, three new waste compounds will be installed around the Marina near A and B pontoons, the office, and on the Vickerman St side of the Marina. The compounds will be accessed via a pin-code, which will be given to berth-holders only. This is to make it more difficult for unauthorised rubbish disposal. Cameras will also be in operation.

Following installation of the new compounds, the wheelie bins from each pontoon and glass recycling currently in place will be removed.

Recycling is encouraged to help minimise waste going to landfill. Each compound will house cardboard recycling, mixed recycling (cans, tins, plastics 1, 2, and 5), and glass recycling. The compounds will take general waste in a red bin but users are encouraged to reduce how much they send to landfill.

Further communication will come from the Marina team closer to the changeover, including information on how to recycle.

Nelson City Council thanks users for their help in reducing waste at Nelson Marina. Currently the cost to berth-holders of disposing of extra waste is huge. For example, in one recent week a total of 3 tonnes of general waste was removed from Marina wheelie bins alone!

Environment: How to Keep Your Hull Clean

Carboline New Zealand, a leading manufacturer of marine paints, is teaming up with the TOS Marine Biosecurity Partnership and Nelmac to bring you this opportunity to understand the how, why, do, and don'ts of antifouling.

Free training is being offered at the Nelson Marina Hardstand on Sunday 28 March 2020, 1.00-4.00pm.

Good hull maintenance ensures you use less fuel, get to your destination faster, and do not spread marine pests. New rules in Marlborough ban fouled vessels from moving in and out of the region, while existing rules in Tasman and Nelson require control of Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*) and excessive fouling generally. This training will help you understand best practice to get good performance from your antifouling, how to prepare surfaces and apply paint. We will also cover what you need to know about the new rules and how to recognise pests.

This is a drop-in session so arrive any time from 1.00pm to learn more about: keeping your hull clean, how to get the best value from your anti-fouling and go in the draw to win some free anti-foul paint.



Business Profile: Ruby's Espresso

Last year, Jo and Greg McCrostie were returning home from a day out fishing and said, "wouldn't it be great to grab a coffee at the Marina."

After several months searching they came up with a site on Akersten Street at the intersection where the road leads to the Marina Office. You can't but help notice the coffee cart, its large banner, bright red beanbags, tables, chairs and umbrellas on the grassed area. Plus lots of people drinking coffee. There is good parking too.

In the two months that Jo has been operating, she has been overwhelmed by support from local businesses and boaties.

As well as coffee – which is roasted by Sublime – Jo sells a small selection of savoury and sweet food, but you will have to get in early if you want these as they sell out fast. Her intention is to remain at the site through winter. "Why wouldn't I want to stay here," says Jo. "I have great views of the water and boats and can watch all the interesting things that go on along Akersten Street."

Jo is open from 7.30am on weekdays and from 8am on weekends. She generally finishes between 3pm and 4pm, depending on how busy she is.

Jo says that the best thing about her coffee cart is, "all the wonderful people I meet – visitors to the region, workers, truckies, mums and, of course, boaties."



Marine Education: together we can restore a healthy marine environment



Seaweek is New Zealand's annual national week about the sea. This year it was celebrated from 29 February to 8 March and local events were held at Cable Bay at Kaiteriteri. Go here to find out more about activities throughout the year www.seaweek.org.nz

Marina Noticeboard

- If you see any suspicious behaviour around the Marina or people near the Vickerman Street ablution block who don't look like they are Marina customers, please call us on **03 546 7768** so we can follow up as quickly as possible.
- A requirement of the berth-holder licence is to have your shore power leads tagged and dated, and we need to see this tag on the lead outside your vessel. If you want your leads tagged, please drop them off at the Marina Office by 10am Wednesday along with a \$10 testing fee. We will have the tagged power lead back to you by Friday. You can also use any other registered electrician.
- Nelson Coastguard is very close to getting a new boat – but needs a little bit more help so that we can have the boat in the water for next summer. If you wish to donate, please go to www.givealittle.co.nz or ring Pete Kara on **027 246 8672**.
- Work is continuing on developing the hardstand. The area has been extended and is now 50% larger with a new perimeter fence. The next steps include sumps and sealing. As with other industrial working sites we want people to feel safe when working on their boat, and electronic gates and fences have been installed. People must wear high vis vests and closed-in shoes when working on their boat and, finally, as part of ensuring your safety, we are unable to let people stay on their vessel overnight when it is on the hardstand.
- Chris Roff of Sail Nelson has some vacancies on live-aboard sail cruising courses, during March. The price is normally \$1995.00, but for courses in March 2020, he is offering Nelson Marina berth-holders a place on one of his five-day practical RYA Competent Crew, RYA Day Skipper or RYA Coastal Skipper courses for \$995. More information can be found at www.sailnelson.co.nz.

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