

THE MARINA MAILER

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Marina Team News

The last three months have been challenging times at the Marina due to COVID-19 and the restrictions that have been in place.

Marina Supervisor, Bruce Thompson, and the team thank all those berth-holders who respected the State of National Emergency during levels 3 and 4 and who stayed away from the Marina. While this might have been frustrating for some people, compliance made management of the Marina much easier.

The team is now enjoying seeing people round the Marina and enjoying the water again. Bruce says the best thing that you can do for your boat is, "take it for a run into Tasman Bay and make the most of winter boating conditions."



A Level 2 Kahawai in Tasman Bay

Marina Matters: Pay-by-plate parking meters

On 29 June 2020, new pay-by-plate parking meters will appear at the Marina launch ramp, replacing the old 'Pay and Display' machines. The \$5 fee to use the launch ramp will be payable at the new meters.

There are no more paper tickets to worry about. Users simply enter the registration number of the towing vehicle into the machine and pay the \$5 fee. Payment can now be made via PayWave and a dedicated parking app, as well as with coins.

The \$5 fee remains the same for now, covering ramp use and parking at the Marina, but there are small transaction fees for paying by PayWave or the parking app.

Parking wardens will be able to check whether users have paid for their parking and boat ramp use by scanning vehicle registration numbers.



PayMyPark



Environment: Hull Hygiene

Good hull maintenance means that you use less fuel, get to your destination faster, and don't spread marine pests.

Please help us look after the oceans by cleaning your hull in designated areas only. There have been recent reports of people scraping their hull in Tasman Bay, in the Haven and even one report of this activity in Abel Tasman National Park. This is not on and, as well as polluting the water, may spread marine pests. The Nelson City Council Bylaws provide provision for prosecution if people are found discharging hull scrapings into the water.

Section 6.3 Discharge of pollutants, litter and rubbish of the Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012 (No. 218) states that it is prohibited to discharge into Nelson Harbour waters any rubbish or substance of an objectionable nature, or which is likely to pollute the water. This includes oil, paint scrapings, glass, tins, bottles, paper, paper wrappings, plastic bottles, bags or containers, plastic and other litter. Also prohibited is depositing fish remains, dead animal, or vegetable matter into the Harbour. Fines of up to \$500 can be imposed for failure to comply with Bylaw conditions.

www.nelson.govt.nz/assets/Our-council/Downloads/bylaws/Bylaw-218-Navigation-Safety-2012.pdf

Winter Boat Maintenance

Winter is the time when Marina staff catch up on maintenance.

Berth-holders are encouraged to do the same. Even if you don't go out on the water in winter, you should keep coming down to the Marina to check on your boat.

At least once a month:

- Run the engine to both charge batteries and address biofouling that may build up.
- Check bilges and possible leaks.
- Inspect mooring and dock lines and ensure they can withstand strong winds.
- Look at fenders, shackles and safety equipment for wear and tear.

Business Profile: In-style Upholstery

Peter Bowater's first taste of marine upholstery came while working in Australia. He loved the work so much that when he moved to Nelson he set up an upholstery business at the Port. Peter's business – In-style Upholstery – has now been in this location for 26 years.

Around 50% of their work is marine-related. Peter says, "This could be boat linings, internal and external squabs and fenders. We make sure our materials suit the marine environment. For example, we only use elephant grade foam which is commercial grade, good quality that lasts."

The team at In-style Upholstery work with both private boat owners and large commercial companies. Most of Peter's work comes from referrals and repeat business. Peter puts this down to asking

the right questions at the beginning so his customers are satisfied at the end.

By going to Peter you can be assured that you are supporting local business, and Peter works alongside other good local tradespeople. Being located so close to the Marina means it's an easy trip down to your boat to discuss all your requirements.

One of the most interesting projects Peter has worked on in the past was a big ferry from Tahiti, where he had to upholster 400 seats. As he says, "no job is too big or too small."



In-style Marine Upholstery

Drop in and visit Peter at 54 Vickerman Street, Port Nelson. Or contact him on Tel (03) 546 6977, Mob 027 445 9194 or Email pandrbowater@xtra.co.nz.

Marina Noticeboard

- The recent 40 knot winds in the Marina had several boats break mooring lines which created a lot of work for others to catch and tie boats up. Often a kind live-aboard does this but they never seem to receive their lines back. All boaties are urged to check their lines and ensure they are fit for purpose.
- Recent high winds also reinforced the need for providing up-to-date emergency contact details. If you are an out-of-town berth-holder, please ensure you have provided alternative emergency contact details to the Marina Office so that so that there is a contact who can attend your boat in your absence for an emergency.
- Berth-holders are encouraged to consider setting up direct debits to pay accounts. With banks eliminating cheques and new contactless payments and social distancing, the Marina Office's preference is for online payments and direct debits.
- We hope you have all received your notification of the new bank account for Marina payments, check with the office if you have missed this.
- Shore power leads needing to be tested and tagged are now collected once a week on a Wednesday morning at 10.30am. The Marina Office would appreciate only dropping them off on a Tuesday as we do not have space to store them.
- Many people have successfully used the online Haulout and Hardstand Booking system. The Marina Office encourages hardstand bookings to be made online, as this eliminates the need for a signed paper contract form or a visit to the office. People can choose the date they want to be lifted and will need to enter their insurance expiry date when booking. www.nelmac.co.nz/hardstand-booking-nelson
- Recycling is encouraged to help minimise waste going to the landfill, and new recycling facilities are being built at three locations. These are outside the Marina Office, at the boat ramp, and at N pontoon. Facilities will be accessed by a pin-code, which will be given to berth-holders only.



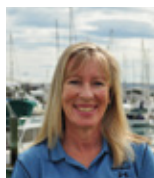
Luckily this boat, which sank in March this year, was fully insured

- Nelson Coastguard is excited to have commissioned the build of a new rescue boat. The total cost is \$1.3m and around \$1.1m has been raised so far. The new boat will be larger, more seaworthy, and safer for both crew and those needing rescue. If you want to support this project, donations can be made by contacting Pete Kara on Tel: 027 246 8672 or by going to www.givealittle.co.nz/org/coastguard-nelson

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