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Captain's Log

Greetings from the Bridge.

By the time this newsletter goes to print Christmas will be upon us so 'Season's Greetings' to you all.

We had our final Boat Club Committee meeting for the year last weekend, which was held aboard the good ship "Namaste", on route to a meal and social gathering at "The Lodge at Te Rawa" in Wilson Bay. Ann and Rob, who own The Lodge, along with their staff, put on a great meal and the hospitality was to be commended. Our thanks to the generosity of Graham and Jane Spall for providing their lovely vessel at short notice for this excursion.

The main items addressed at the meeting were sign off on the draft Club Financials for the year ended 31st October 2020 and planning for Picnic Day. The club finances are in a healthy state with a full year surplus of \$12,308 compared to \$4,797 last year. The annual result is very dependent on whether or not any major maintenance is required on our facilities. This coming year we have programmed to replace a pile on the Duncan Bay catwalk and install an additional pile on the inside of the boarding steps on the Penzance wharf. We are also planning to add more concrete to the eroding slipway edges at both the Duncan Bay and Penzance launching ramps.

Our Annual Picnic Day is once again scheduled for Saturday the 2nd of January and we welcome anyone who would like to lend a hand with setting up, running events on the day or providing baking for the stall. The home baking is always a winner with the crowd.

A working bee was recently undertaken at Duncan Bay where more decking planks were replaced at the outer end of the main wharf along with the installation of a bait board and also new wire mesh on the start of the catwalk to improve traction along with removing mussel growth etc. My thanks to the half a dozen helpers that offered their time. The decking replacement on the main wharf is an ongoing project which we are completing in stages. The improvements to the turning area at the Duncan Bay launch-

ing ramp will hopefully be undertaken before Christmas but it is dependent on Fulton Hogan's work schedule.

On a disappointing note we had a recent incident of vandalism at Penzance with unknown persons attempting to remove the Penguin donation box by tying a rope around it and then towing it off its base with a vehicle. Fortunately, when Mike Maher installed the Penguins, he placed them on substantial foundations, so they only succeeded in dislodging it and left empty handed. If anyone saw suspicious activity around the area or has any information relating to this, we would appreciate letting a committee member know.

Finally, a reminder of the Club AGM which has been scheduled for 4pm on Sunday 27th December at Pete and Jenny Archer's place, at the head of Tuna Bay.

Merry Christmas and Safe Boating,

Roger Smith,

Commodore.



News from the Helm

A summary of matters arising from the TIBC Committee meeting held on the 21st November 2020.

Financial Report: Dave Wade tabled the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st October 2020. Income is \$21,117 which is up \$3,638 (21%) on last year's \$17,480. Main difference relates to interest income received on the term deposit that matured on 24/02/2020, newsletter advertising income and Picnic Day income that was up 9% on last year. Membership subs were much the same as last year. We received a \$500 donation from SBS (won in a draw), and the donation box (Penguins) receipts were down \$500 on last year. Some of that may be attributed to COVID-19 lock down.

Total Gross profit is \$18,608 compared with \$15,137 (+23%) last year.

Total expenses are \$6,299 which is \$4,040 (-39%) lower compared than last year (\$10,339). This relates to a to a reduction in ramp/jetty maintenance (\$1,633); the write off of club merchandise last year (\$1561); Accounting Services not yet billed for 2020 (\$720); Fishing Competition (\$385) not held due to COVID-19 and office supplies (\$1,141) - possible expense claims still to come.

The cash position is strong with a total of \$116,815 in cash across the various club accounts compared to \$106,062 at same time last year. We have \$106,224 on term deposit with SBS bank earning modest interest.

The full year surplus is \$12,308 compared with \$4,797 last year (+156%).

Total assets at end of October 2020 are \$122,571 compared with \$109,945 (+11.5%) at the end of last year.

Liabilities at the end of October 2020 are \$1,502

Net assets of the club at the end of the 2020 financial year are \$121,069 v's \$108,760 (+11.3%) at the end of last financial year.

A very solid result for the club for the year.

Membership:

149 General/Paid up memberships

22 Membership accounts owing (including 1 x commercial)

6 Honorary Life Memberships

1 Financial Life Membership

178 TOTAL MEMBERS (if 22 accounts owing are collected)

Health & Safety: Reports tabled on Penzance and Duncan Bay slipway and wharf facilities.

Penzance Bay:

Parking area is tidy and well maintained.

Some minor repairs to the foot bollards are required in a couple of places.

The boat ramp requires more concrete along the sides. To be

coordinated with Duncan Bay concrete delivery at a suitable low tide.

Ongoing cleaning of mussel growth on the piles and steps is to be undertaken.

Swimming platform to be lifted and checked by Scott Archer.

Additional pile on the boarding steps at end of the wharf to be undertaken. This will require a barge and a pile driver which we will coordinate with the replacement of the Duncan Bay pile replacement. A contractor has been approached to provide a price for this work.

Duncan Bay:

Planking has been renewed and bait board installed. More decking to be replaced next year.

New catwalk mesh is now installed and mussel growth cleaned.

A pile at the outer end of the catwalk is also to be replaced in the next 12 months.

Some concrete required for the ramp edge and lines painted in car park.

General Business:

Newsletter: Discussion on content and format.

Duncan Bay Turning Bay progress: Fulton Hogan are to carry out the work in the coming months when it fits into their work programme.

Swimming Sponsorship: Received an update on the progress of this year's three recipients.

Picnic Day: Members tasks allocated and schedule of events organised.

Next meeting will be the Club AGM at 4pm on Sunday December 27st at Peter and Jenny Archer's place, Tuna Bay.



2ND JANUARY 2021 TIBC PICNIC DAY

**Held at Betty Archer Memorial Reserve
Penzance Bay, Tennyson Inlet
(only 40mins drive into paradise from Rai Valley)**

A good old-fashioned family picnic day. Organized by the Tennyson Inlet Boat Club, 2021 will be the 61st Annual Picnic Day to be held in Penzance Bay. Loads of fun events for the kids and adults too. Events start from 10:30am.

- Pirate Treasure Hunt – come dressed up!
- Swimming races
- Nail driving
- Tug-o-war
- Running & 3-legged races
- Sausage Sizzle
- Canteen available – filled rolls, homebaking, icecreams, cold drinks etc

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TIBC Annual Picnic Day Saturday 2nd January 2021



CAN YOU HELP?

PICNIC DAY 2021



Home baking needed

BACK AGAIN DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND!!

Thanks to all the donations and awesome volunteers—this was hugely popular so we are again looking to provide home baked options in the shop at Picnic Day. WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!! So far we have informal offers of fudge, cupcakes, chocolate chip cookies, gingerbread men and filled rolls. Children are our main customers so our aim is to appeal to their eyes and tummies. Reimbursement for the cost of the ingredients will be given by the club. We know it is a busy time of year for everyone, however if you can help out in any way, please contact Libby Archer 021450205 or email Tennyson.secretary@gmail.com



KAYAKS NEEDED!!

We would be most grateful for the loan of single kayaks and lifejackets for the extremely popular kayak races. If you have any we can borrow please bring them to Penzance beach on the day.

****NEW FORMAT****—due to the popularity of this event and the challenge in managing the numbers of keen competitors on the day, in 2021 this event will be managed by all competitors being registered and given an entry number. The event manager will run the event with heats and all queries are to be directed to the registration officer in the first instance. If there are any questions about this before the day please contact the club secretary.



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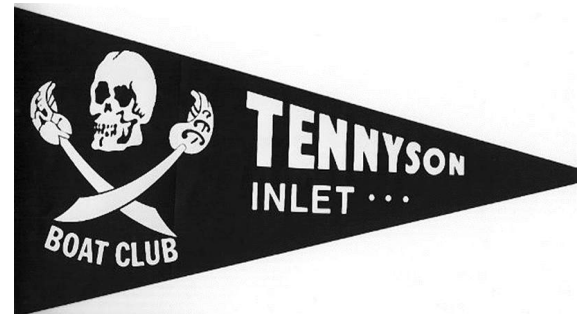
AGM

4pm Sunday 27th Dec 2020

Peter & Jenny Archer Bornholm Farm

2996 Archers Road

Marlborough 7195



Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Obituaries
3. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (28th December 2019)
4. Annual Report
5. Financial Statement
6. Election of Officers
7. Health & Safety Report
8. Subscriptions
9. Annual Donations
10. General Business

To be followed by a social hour with some complimentary refreshments provided.

Proxy voting forms are available from the Secretary, Libby Archer, 021 450205 or email tennyson.secretary@gmail.com

Please note you need to be a financial (i.e. paid up) member to vote at the meeting or by proxy.

TIBC AGM Sunday 27th December 2020



Tennyson Inlet Boat Club

Proxy Voting Form

I/we _____

Confirm I/we are eligible voting members of the club

And nominate _____

as an eligible voting member of the club

To hold our proxy at the Annual General Meeting 27th December 2020 from
4pm at Peter & Jenny Archer's Residence, 2996
Archers Road, Tuna Bay.

Member Printed Name _____

Member Signature _____

Date _____

Mark (x) one box for each resolution. If no box is marked in relation to a resolution the direction on that resolution will be treated as abstained.

Resolution to Approve	For	Against	Proxy's Discretion	Abstain
Apologies				
Minutes of last annual general meeting				
Annual Report				
Financial Statements				
Health & Safety Report				

Please return to:

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IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE

Proxy MUST be received by 1pm 26th December 2020. Please ensure the person you appoint as your proxy is attending the meeting.



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What's happening in our Marine Area

Key survival tips

To increase the likelihood of any undersize blue cod surviving when returned to the sea, you can do three key things:

- Use a larger hook to avoid catching undersized blue cod.
- Only remove fish from the water if you have to.
- Don't let seabirds see you return the fish.

Avoiding small fish and sea birds

The best way to protect small fish is to use larger hooks and bigger bait which are less likely to be swallowed by smaller fish.

If you are catching small fish, move to a different area.

When returning small fish to the sea make sure there are no seabirds watching. Move to the opposite side of the boat and gently release the fish back to water.

Avoid attracting seabirds by:

- keeping decks clean and putting bait scraps and fish waste in covered bins;
- sinking bait and burley below six metres swiftly;
- using a return tube to return fish to the sea. In some areas (e.g. where mollymawks are prevalent) return tubes have been known to be effective.

What is the right hook to use?

Do

- ✓ Keep your fishing lines tight and stay in touch with your gear.
- ✓ Use hooks with long shanks and flattened barb.
- ✓ Use 6/0 size hooks.

Avoid

- ✗ Hooks with barbs.

Use the whole fish!

Don't let your fish go to waste! Cook with the whole fish.

Remember:
Fish for a feed – bag limits are not a target.

More information

Contact Fisheries New Zealand on
0800 00 83 33, www.fisheries.govt.nz
or email info@mpi.govt.nz.



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www.fisheries.govt.nz/rules

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Fish handling



Avoid catching undersized fish

The best way to protect small fish is to not catch them at all. Use a larger hook and a bigger bait as these are less likely to be swallowed by small fish. Move away from the area if you keep catching small fish.



Keep fish in the water

Keeping fish in the water while removing the hook greatly reduces stress to the fish. Fish hooked in the gills or gut should never be lifted by line. If you need to bring the fish on-board, use a knotless or rubber net. Make sure the fish is supported at all times.



Cut the line for gut hooked fish

If a fish is gut hooked always cut the line. It is likely to die if you try to remove it. Make the cut as close as possible to the mouth, and consider a lost hook a small price to pay for the enjoyment you gain from fishing.



Getting the hook out

Remove the hook gently from mouth-hooked fish. Try to push the hook back the way it came. If it is difficult to remove the hook by hand, use a pair of pliers to get a better grip.



Iki spike the fish before heading or gutting

To minimise stress to fish, iki spike the fish behind the eyes before processing it in any way. This also helps maintain the eating quality of your fish.



Put fish on a smooth wet surface

Wet your hands before handling fish. Lay the fish down on a smooth wet surface and remember to be as gentle as possible. Avoid gripping the gill or gut area.



Measure your catch

Measure the total length of your catch carefully as there are large penalties for breaking the law. Size limits help keep our fisheries sustainable.



Return to the sea quickly and gently

Minimise the time the fish is out of the water and always return fish back to the sea gently, head first and from the lowest possible height.



Photograph fish quickly

If you are taking photos before releasing make sure you don't hold fish under the gill cover. Lifting the fish by the tail can dislocate the spine and holding around the gut area can cause organ damage.

Out of sight, out of mind

When you are returning an undersize blue cod, remember blue cod that are kept out of water for too long don't survive. Handling needs to be kept to a minimum. Ensuring the fish is successfully returned to sea means it will continue to breed and support the local population.

Remember to do these things

- ✓ Only remove fish from the water if you have to.
- ✓ Wear rubber gloves or at least wet your hands.
- ✓ Lie fish on a smooth wet surface if you need to handle them out of the water.
- ✓ Iki spike the fish before heading and gutting.
- ✓ Change to a larger hook size if you are catching a lot of undersized fish.
- ✓ Remove the hook carefully from mouth-hooked fish.
- ✓ Cut the line for gut-hooked fish.
- ✓ Return fish gently to the sea.

Do not...

- ✗ poke or touch the eye, and never hold fish by the eye sockets.
- ✗ drop or place fish on a hot, dry deck or on rocks.

What's happening in our Marine Area

KIA ORA!

This summer (Dec20-Feb21) DOC is asking fishers for their help by reporting any accidental catch of protected species.

Please help by **anonymously** reporting any protected species you interact with while out fishing.

1. Report using the app, phone number, or speak to DOC staff at the boat ramp
2. Take a photo of any protected species you catch so that we can identify it

If you do catch anything by accident, don't worry it's not illegal – but you do need to report it.

This information will help us to work with fishers like you to keep our oceans healthy and productive

We really appreciate your help and can't do this without you.

These protected species are found in the Marlborough Sounds:

- Albatross, wandering
- Albatross, white-rumped
- Albatross, Laysan's
- Albatross, subantarctic
- Petrel, white-rumped
- Petrel, mackean
- Petrel, NZ storm
- Petrel, booby
- Petrel, common diving
- Petrel, giant
- Petrel, white-chested
- Petrel, windward
- Shearwater, hutton's
- Shearwater, fish-eater
- Shearwater, sooty
- Shearwater, fluttering
- Shearwater, long-tailed
- Shearwater, noddy
- Shearwater, spotted
- Penguin, little blue
- Demersal, australasian
- Seagull, red-bill
- Seagull, black-bill

- Seal, NZ fur
- Dolphin, ocean
- Dolphin, common
- Dolphin, hector's
- Dolphin, dusky
- Dolphin, bottlenose
- Dolphin, pilot whale

- Shark, great white
- Shark, hector
- Shark, bonnet

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Interactions we'd like to know about:

- Fishing line entanglement
- Fish hooks
- Nets
- Harsh beach casters
- Cray pot lines
- Boat strikes

KIDS!

Check out www.teahere.net.nz and record the marine animals you see!

See the shirysapp link for a map of all reported catches and view the website for more information.

* Download and report anonymously via the App 'Protected Species Catch'

* Phone: 0800 REK FISH

* Or speak to DOC staff at the boat ramp

doi.govt.nz/recreational-fishing-bycatch
doctnewsworld@shirysapp.co/protectedspeciescatch



What's happening our marine area



Spring 2020

Fanworm surveillance in the Top of the South

Throughout the months of July and August 2020 the dive team contracted by Marlborough District Council (in partnership with Biosecurity NZ) undertook a significant amount of survey work in the Picton Harbour, Picton Marina, Waikawa Bay, Waikawa Marina, as well as Shakespeare Bay. There were no detections of Sabella during this survey. However, several vessels were found infested with Sabella within the region over the past year, all having sailed from infested locations in the North Island. All infested vessels were cleared of Sabella. In addition, a couple of Sabella were detected on a mussel farm in Port Underwood during December 2019. Tracing ruled out transfer of marine farm equipment from elsewhere in the region and it is suspected that the vector may have been an infested vessel. Surveillance will continue at the farm. Overall, the intensive surveillance and control programme across the Top of the South continues to be effective in preventing Sabella from becoming established in Marlborough. These results highlight the value of regular surveillance. It also confirms the continuing need to work with other Councils elsewhere and with boaties to encourage regular checking and cleaning of vessels before they travel to other destinations.

How to keep your bum clean workshops 2020

Free training for all boaties and professionals. Learn from the experts how to get the best value from your anti-fouling. Watch this space for workshops in the Top of the South. Carboline New Zealand, a leading manufacturer of marine paints, is teaming up with the TOS Marine Biosecurity Partnership, Wellington, Nelson and Marlborough Sounds Marinas to bring you this opportunity to understand the hows, whys, dos, and don'ts of antifouling. Good hull maintenance ensures you use less fuel, get to your destination faster, and do not spread marine pests. New rules in Marlborough ban highly fouled vessels from moving in and out of the region, while existing rules in Tasman and Nelson require control of Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*). 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. Any queries ring or email Peter Lawless, Top of the South Marine Biosecurity coordinator at 021 894 363 or tosmarinebio@gmail.com

Cawthron Institute study finds invasion of Mediterranean fanworm impacts marine animal and bacteria communities

A recent study by Cawthron Institute has found that the presence of Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*), a high-profile marine pest first detected in New Zealand in 2008, has a significant, but subtle impact on soft-sediment coastal environments. The study involved a 6-month field experiment between September 2017 and March 2018 in subtidal habitats along the Rangitoto Channel in Auckland's Waitemata Harbour. It found that the fanworm did not necessarily have an impact on the abundance of life in benthic environments, but it did show that the fanworm's presence changed the composition of that life. The fanworm is considered by scientists to be an 'ecosystem engineer' because its feeding fans and leathery protective tubes create a dense, canopy-like structure extending up to 50 cm from its base. These structures can change several key features of the nearby environment – they block light, they provide a habitat for other species to live in, and they change the way water moves through the seabed environment. All research conducted to date suggests that the effects of fanworm incursions in New Zealand are likely to be negative and may have both environmental and economic impacts. Evidence from Australian studies suggest it is conceivable that *S. spallanzanii* could become a nuisance fouler on subtidal aquaculture systems in New Zealand. The fanworm's high-filtering capacity could make it a competitor to cultured filter-feeding species such as oysters and mussels. Although this study has found evidence of subtle negative impacts, further studies over a longer period are required to observe the long-term impacts of fanworm incursion. This knowledge would enable an assessment of the threat widespread incursions might represent for New Zealand's ocean economy and environment. Download a full copy of the study here: <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fevo.2019.00481/full>



The Mediterranean fanworm *Sabella spallanzanii* in a soft sediment habitat at Waitemata Harbour, Auckland. Photo by the Cawthron Institute.

Memberships

New Members

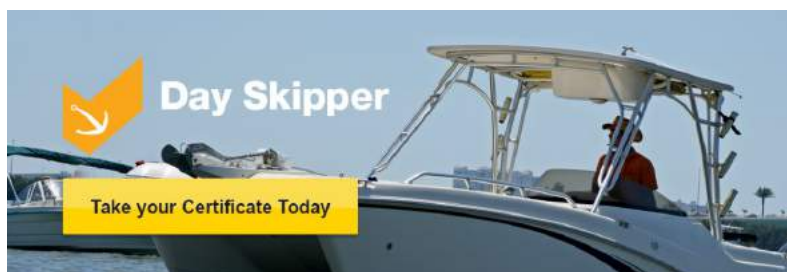
A very warm welcome to new members:

- Murray & Karen, Smith & Crook

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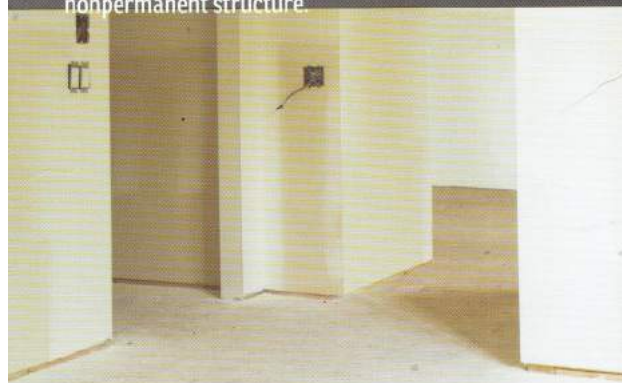


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Working Bee Saturday 17th October 2020 Duncan Bay

Replaced more wharf deck timbers, installed a bait board, and new mesh on the catwalk.

Volunteers in photos— John Carnahan, Bruce Higgs, Pete Boyd, Pete Barnett, Richard Smedley, Leanne Schmidt, and Roger Smith.

Thank you, Annie Smith, for the delicious muffins!



Sounds History

Bringing Home the Bacon

This historical story has been condensed to make it shorter and is not associated with members.

This tale, written by Senior Sergeant Selwyn Law of the Nelson Police Station, will no doubt interest the many fishermen and marine farmers whose work location bring them into contact with wild animals from time to time. This story is reproduced by the courtesy of Pacific Publications, Auckland, and the International Police Association Journal.

It was a magnificent day, the cloudless sky was glaringly blue and the surrounding hills of the Marlborough Sounds were water-reflected in the absolute of the sea drowned valleys between them. Leading an arrow straight wake, a strange looking and heavy-laden craft made its way laboriously towards the head of the sound. A pod of dolphins played ahead of the craft and a sea lion basking on a rocky headland, lazily opened brown saucer-like eyes to watch the passing. The craft was a self-propelled mussel barge and was taking a cargo of mussels to the processing factory. John, the Skipper, loved this part of his job.

John worked on a mussel farm some twenty kilometres out towards the open sea at the mouth of the sound. The peculiar called craft John skippered was like a truck without wheels, with a barge shape and an odd wheelhouse situated at the front end like a truck cab. The craft was propelled by a massive outboard motor. A hydraulic crane arm was mounted to lift ropes of mussels aboard and load the filled sacks.

John enjoyed the pace, sitting back in his seat with a bare toe hooked in the steering wheel to steady the course whilst he read a paperback novel.

Above the muted sound of the motor, he heard dogs barking on the narrow arm to his left. He looked up in time to see a black shape burst out of the bush and splash into the water and swim. It was a wild pig. A short time later three dogs appeared on the beach barking their frustration at the loss of their quarry. The pig, with only his head showing swam steadily out into the sound and made a roughly converging course with the barge. The pig closed on the barge and as they met John set the throttle to idle and climbed out of the wheelhouse. The pig looked up and saw the firm platform of the deck above and swam along with the idling barge.

John had exciting possibilities passing through his mind. He loved wild pork and he speculated on how he could boat this unexpected gift. John remembered the bread knife in the wheelhouse which he could use to dispatch the animal if he could get it aboard. But how to get it aboard? His eye rested on the hydraulic crane and he remembered the old piece of netting and rope in the anchor locker. Now that John could get a look at the body of the pig in the clear water, he realised it was a damned big animal and he had momentary doubts, but the thought of wild pork overcame caution. He fetched the rope and the netting.

John turned the wheel of the barge slightly to the left so the craft idled in a side circle and then fashioned a loop with the rope which he attached to the hook on the crane arm. He lowered the arm until the loop trailed in the water and with a handy stick he manoeuvred it over the head of the animal and then tried to sling the netting under his body. He was only partially successful in this as the pig was by now struggling in panic as well as trying to swim. The pig rose out of the water struggling and kicking and dangling in the air to be swung inboard over the deck. John rushed to the wheelhouse to get the bread knife. In the meantime, he was aware of the pig squealing loudly and he came out of the wheelhouse just in time to see the pig slip out of the net and rope loop to land on its snout on the deck. It was a very angry pig! It saw the man and charged. A horrified John, with very little room alongside the stocked mussel sacks was unable to avoid the solid bulk of the animal as it crashed into his lower legs and the pig's two hundred-pound weight flipped him off the deck into the water like a skittle.

In disbelief John surfaced spluttering and wiping the water from his eyes to see the barge idling away. He swam frantically after it but after a few strokes realised he could never catch it. Thoughts of the barge becoming some sort of pig-piloted "Flying Dutchman" passed through his mind. What was the boss going to say! As his panic subsided, John realised that the barge was still turning to the left on the setting he had made. If he just trod water then with luck the craft would return. Kicking off his gumboots, he splashily maintained his position. Slowly the barge circled and came back. John swam furiously towards it and grabbed the low gunwale and heaved himself up – to find himself nose to nose (snout) with the pig which was snorting and grunting defiance at

him. He saw the razor-sharp tusks and smelt the piggy breath of the animal and lowered himself back into the water. As he was towed along with the barge hoping that the pig did not start chewing on his fingertips over the gunwale, he assessed his predicament.

It was clear that the pig was not going to let him aboard over the side and he decided to work his way to the bow out of the sight of the animal. Hand over hand he pulled himself along and at the bow he cautiously pulled himself up. He couldn't see the pig and figured if he was quick he could get aboard and gain the wheelhouse. He quietly heaved himself up and desperately scrambled along the deck and reached the wheelhouse door. He saw the pig snorting in anger and clattering along the aluminium deck towards him. He slammed the door shut behind him and sank sobbing with relief against the rear wall. Looking out of the rear window he saw the pig resume pacing. Gone were any thoughts of roast pork – all he wanted was to get rid of the blasted animal. His eyes fell on the long pole used as a boat hook, and, screwing up his courage when the pig was at the stern, he slipped the motor into neutral dashed out the door and leaped onto the mussel sacks, grabbing the boat hook as he did so. Up on the sacks, he was well clear of the pig but was just able to reach the deck with the pole. In the meantime, the pig saw him and with angry squealings and sloppy chomping sounds from its jaws, charged the sacks below John. He thrust the pole like a lance, ramming it into the pig's ribs and attempted to push it over the side. It didn't work. The pig wheeled with the pole and clamped its jaws on the end wrenching it at the same time. John let go of the pole which clattered along the gunwale to disappear over the side and fell on his back on the deck, desperately kicking out at the furious pig now intent on doing him terrible injury with its slavering jaws and tusks. He drew himself up and in an attempt to keep the pig from his legs, reached and overturned a mussel sack onto the deck in front of it. Mussels spilled out. The pig stopped in confusion and gave John enough time to regain the wheelhouse and again slam the door.

John made a decision – he would have to ask for help, even though it was going to mean everybody hearing about his escapade. The radio conversation that followed was to become part of local folklore – “Um base – I've got a bit of a problem - you see there is this wild pig on my barge – yes I repeat a wild pig – look don't ask silly bloody questions – I can't, it's got me bailed up in the wheelhouse – look never mind how it got on board – the bastard has got blood in its eye and it will do me in if I go out onto the deck – yes I do know the story of the three little pigs and no I can't just huff and puff it off – no this isn't a joke – I really do have a wild – in fact a very bloody wild pig on board – look just get somebody down to the wharf to give me a hand would you” (and so on).

As John conned the barge into the channel he saw there was a crowd of white-aproned mussel factory workers on the wharf who had obviously heard the news and had come down to observe the fun. As he drew the barge alongside someone in the crowd stepped forward and raised a gun to his shoulder. John panicked and quailed behind the now flimsy-seeming walls of the wheelhouse. His shouts not to shoot weren't heard over the deafening boom of the gun as the helpful gunman shot at the pig. The simultaneous clang on the deck confirmed John's opinion of using a gun – the pig was unhurt and the bullet had gone through the deck! The pig was finally persuaded, in its fright, to leave the barge and it jumped into the shallow water at the base of the wharf, scrambled grunting along to the boat ramp and emerged running. Like a pack of hounds, the factory workers were after it and chased the terrified animal until it was cornered between a wall and a rubbish skip. The pig charged the group and bowled over three workers, slashing the overalls of one at the same time. Like John, the group suddenly lost interest in roast pork! The pig ran into the township, through flower gardens, stopped traffic on the main road and was last seen diving into the sheltering bush at the back of the town.

John resolved that the next pig he would have anything to do with would come from a butcher's shop.



Events

April 2020	Annual Fishing competition— not held due to COVID-19 Newsletter 1	
August 2020	29 th August Committee Meeting	
September 2020	Newsletter 2	
October 2020	Sat 17 th October Working Bee Duncan Bay Wharf	<i>See photos in this newsletter.</i>
November 2020	21 st November Committee Meeting onboard <i>Namaste</i> , meal at The Lodge at Te Rawa	<i>Thank you so much, Jane & Graham! Read the Captain's Log for an update on what the committee discussed.</i>
December 2020	Newsletter 3 Final for 2020 Sun 27 th December AGM	4pm Bornholm Farm 2996 Archers Road
January 2021	2 nd January Picnic Day	<i>See you there!</i>



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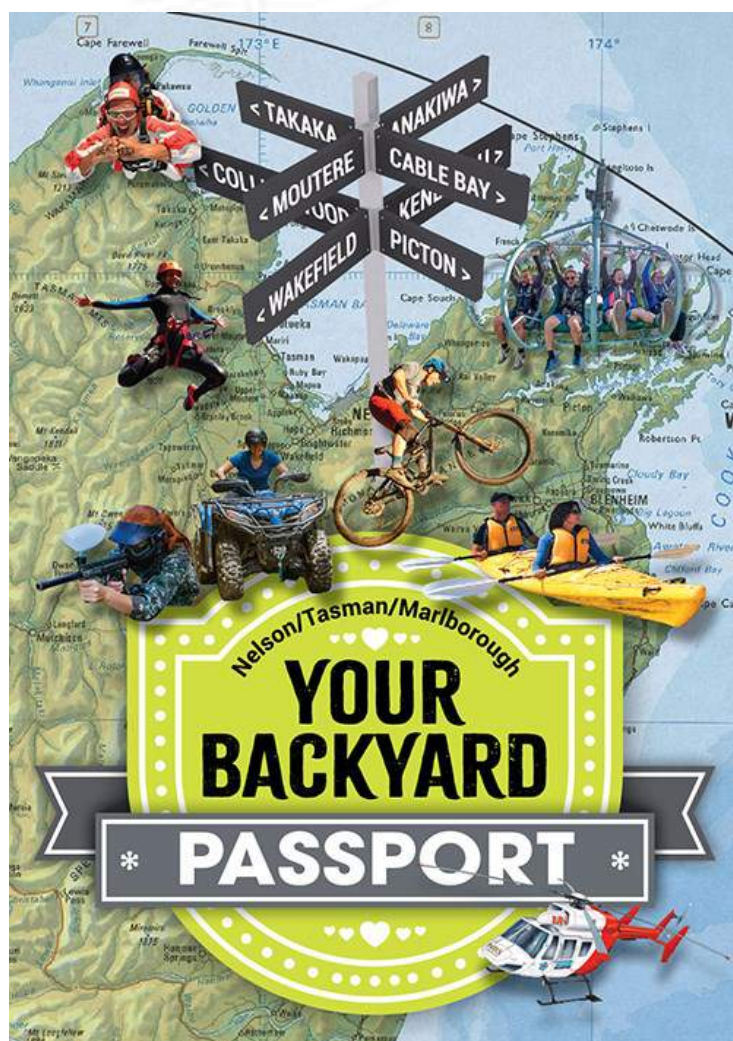
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- Children of 12 years of age or younger

Conditions: The club will sponsor three children for the value of up to \$145 per term. Any additional costs will be met by the parent or guardian. The money will be paid directly to the registered facility. The successful applicants and their guardian agree to provide the club with regular progress reports and photos which will be used in our newsletter, marketing and social media.

Applications close 2nd January 2021. The decision of the committee will be final with the successful applicant being drawn by ballot at the close of the 2021 Picnic Day.



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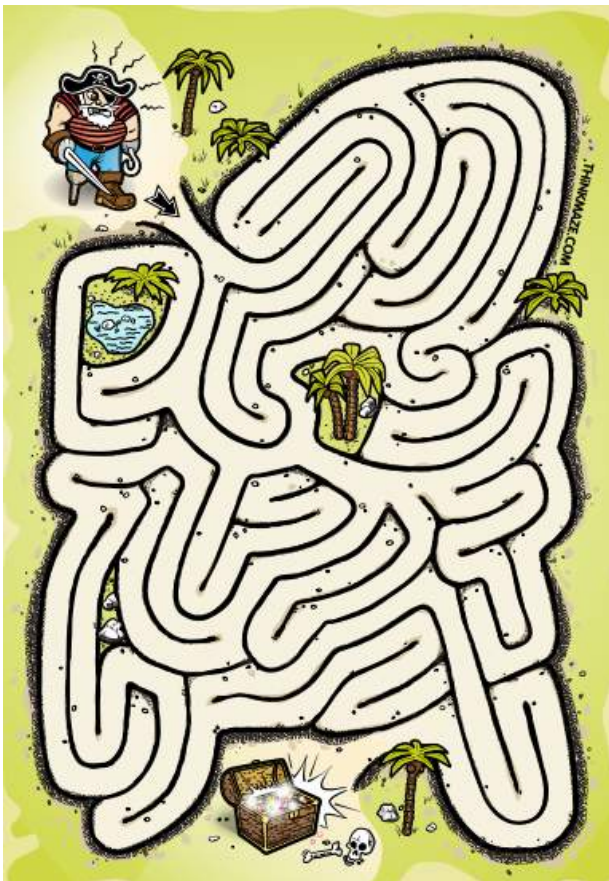
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