

# Captains Log

Greetings from the bridge.

Spring is here and as in Kenneth Grahame's classic tale, "Wind in the Willows" where Ratty said to Moley - "Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats" - it is time to start messing about again.

It has been a dramatic year so far but hopefully we won't be subjected to any more Level 3 & 4 COVID-19 lockdowns with their boat-less days! Due to the earlier lockdown our committee meetings were rescheduled, and this newsletter is being published later than usual and our annual Easter Fishing Contest had to be cancelled. There was however one entry received for the Roy Archer Trophy for the Biggest Fish Caught During the Year prior to the Fishing Contest. This entry from Vincent Maisey, for an 18.5kg Kingfish has been awarded the trophy this year.

During the lockdown one of the 5 knot buoys in Penzance Bay broke loose. It was retrieved and collected by the Harbourmaster who is going to reinstate it when they can fit it into their work schedule in the coming months. We are scheduling a working bee at Duncan Bay, for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October to carry out more maintenance on the wharf decking and the catwalk.

The upgrade of the turning area at the approach to the Duncan Bay launching ramp has been approved and is being fully funded by the Marlborough District Council through the Community Project Fund scheme. This will be carried out by Fulton Hogan in the coming months

when they can fit it into their work programme. A big thank you to Richard Smedley for his work in progressing the funding application and to the Marlborough District Council for their generous support.

Last Christmas we were approached by Bill Parker, (our Treasurer, Dave Wade's brother in law) on behalf of the Lac Deschenes Sailing Club in Ottawa, Canada, to initiate a sister club arrangement. Bill has become a regular visitor when he is in New Zealand and has fallen in love with Tennyson Inlet. This proposal has been accepted by the committee and a reply is being sent to them confirming our acceptance of the arrangement.

Upcoming events include the Working Bee on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October; the Club AGM which has been scheduled for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December and our Picnic day on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Preliminary planning has commenced for these events.

Finally, our sympathies go to Sue Black and the Archer families on the recent sad loss of Morris. Morris was a long time bach owner and club member who was very good company and always ready to lend a hand. Our condolences also to the McAlpine family on the loss of Grant who passed away in Nelson.

Safe Boating,

Roger Smith,

Commodore.

# News from the Helm

A summary of matters arising from the TIBC Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### **Financial Report:**

Dave Wade tabled the financial statement for the nine months ended 31 July 2020.

Year to date income is \$18,440 which is up \$2,234 (14%) on last year's \$16,206. Main difference relates to interest income received on the term deposit that matured on 24/02/2020 and newsletter advertising income. Membership subs are also up \$120. Year to date gross profit is \$15,930 compared with

Year to date gross profit is \$15,930 compared with \$13,863 (+15%) last year.

Year to date expenses are \$4,863 which is \$2,639 (-35%) lower compared with \$7,502 last year. This relates to a reduction in ramp/jetty maintenance (\$1,056); the write off of club merchandise last year (\$156); Accounting Services not yet billed for 2020 (\$666); and Fishing Competition +\$385 (not held due to COVID-19).

The cash position is strong with a total of \$116,270 in cash across the various club accounts compared to \$108,097 at the same time last year.

Surplus for the year to date is \$11,067 compared with \$6,361 at the same time last year (+74%). Total assets at end of July are \$121,489 compared with \$111,903 (+8.6%) at the same time last year. Liabilities at the end of July 2020 are \$1,661.54. Net assets of club at end of July 2020 are \$119,827 v's \$110,323 (+8.6%) at the same time last year.

### Membership:

137 General/Paid up memberships

33 Membership accounts owing (note: some members may not have received their invoice yet due to a computer glitch)

- 1 Commercial Membership (owing)
- 6 Honorary Life Memberships
- 1 Financial Life Membership

### **178 TOTAL MEMBERS**

### **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. Johnson's Barges in Havelock have been approached to help with this.

### **Duncan Bay:**

A couple of bollards need repair and more decking to be replaced.

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.

Working Bee scheduled for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### **General Business:**

**Newsletter:** Discussion on content and format. Chris Siale wants all material by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. **Duncan Bay Turning Bay Funding:** Full Funding has been approved for the improvements to the turning circle from the MDC Community Grant Scheme. Fulton Hogan are to carry out the work in the coming months when it fits into their work programme.

Annual Fishing Competition: Easter Fishing Competition was cancelled this year due to COVID-19 restrictions however 1 entry was received from Vincent Maisey, for the Roy Archer Trophy for the Biggest Fish Caught During the Year. Committee agreed to award this Trophy to Vincent.

**Swimming Sponsorship**: Received an update on the progress of this year's three recipients. Only one recipient has claimed for their sponsorship so far. Leanne to follow up on this.

**Twinning Clubs:** We have responded to the approach by the Lac Deschenes Sailing Club in Ontario, Canada about "twinning" our two clubs.

Next meeting will be on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> onboard "Blue Safari" with a meal and social gathering at Te Rawa.

# Memberships

# **New Members**

A very warm welcome to new and returning members:

- Neil & Denise Wederburn
- Graeme & Jane Spall

# Membership Receipts

- Due to feedback from members we are no longer sending out membership receipts automatically.
- If anyone requires a receipt it is no problem to mail or email one. Please let me know if you need a receipt.

# **Outstanding Accounts**

We are following up on a number of these. There appears to be a problem with the combination of our accounting system and poor area internet where accounts do not always get sent. So please do not worry if you receive a notice, we know you always pay account promptly, provided you receive them.

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The club would like to thank SBS Bank Nelson for their generous donation of \$500 through winning this month's Star Account prize draw



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# What's happening in our Marine Area

### **Challenger Area Fishing Rules**

There have been some changes to the Challenger Area Fishing Rules that have recently come into force:

### <u>Paua:</u>

From December 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, the recreational limit for paua changed in Canterbury, Marlborough and Nelson.

- The daily bag limit for paua has been reduced to 5, and the accumulation limit to 10 paua or 1.25kg of minced meat. This applies to both black-foot and yellow-foot paua.
- Minimum size in Nelson and Marlborough for ordinary paua is 125mm and yellow-foot is 80mm.

### Scallops:

• The Marlborough Sounds, Tasman Bay, Golden Bay and Port Underwood scallop fisheries remain closed until further notice.

### **<u>Crayfish:</u>** Marlborough/Canterbury (CRA 5)

- The accumulation limit for spiny rock lobster is now 3 daily bag limits (a total of 18 lobsters)
- Fishers must store each day's catch in a bag or container that
  is clearly labelled with the individual fisher's name, date it was
  taken, and the number held.
- Recreationally caught rock lobsters are required to be <u>telson</u> <u>clipped</u> (see attached poster)



#### What is telson clipping?

The telson is the central part of the tail fan on a rock lobster. Telson clipping is a way of marking spiny rock lobster to make it clear that they have been recreationally caught. One-third of the telson is cut off so that it is noticeably shorter than the other sections of the tail fan.

> One-third of the central telson has been cut off.





# New fishing rules for blue cod

## Summary of the new rules:

- the minimum pot mesh size for blue cod is now 54mm for all fishers;
- the minimum legal size (MLS) for recreationally caught blue cod is now 33cm, with the exception of BCO 1 (upper North Island) where it is 30cm;
- all recreationally caught blue cod must be landed in a measurable state, unless immediately eaten on the fishing vessel from which it was taken;
- the recreational accumulation limit for blue cod is now set at two days (i.e. two daily blue cod limits per person, per multi-day trip) except for the Fiordland Marine Area where the accumulation limit is one day; and
- the daily bag limit for recreationally caught blue cod will now follow a 'traffic light' system.

The traffic light system provides an adaptive way for setting daily blue cod limits in different areas, and now applies to the South Island and Chatham Islands. It assigns a colour rating to each area that can be changed when information suggests stocks are improving or declining. This system reduces the recreational daily bag limits to 2 blue cod per person in 'red' areas, which are the areas at most risk of localised depletion, and higher limits of 10 in 'orange' and 15 in 'green' areas, which have healthier levels of blue cod stocks.

We encourage people to check the rules before going fishing. The easiest way to do this is download the NZ Fishing rules app on Android or iPhone, or check the rules on our website.

# **Working Bee**

Saturday 17th October 2020 Date:

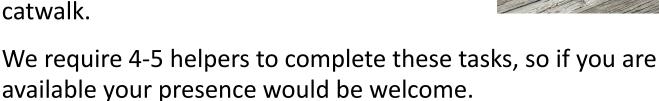
Location: Duncan Bay Wharf

10am Time :

Replace more wharf deck timbers Tasks:

and a bait board and install new mesh on the

catwalk.



Bring a hammer, spade and rake.

Boat club will provide after-match refreshments.

Many thanks,

Roger,

Commodore

# Tennyson Inlet Boat Club **AGM**



4pm Sunday 27th Dec 2020

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# **Events**

April 2020	Annual Fishing competition— not held due to COVID-19 Newsletter 1	
August 2020	29 <sup>th</sup> August Committee Meeting	Read the Captains Log for an update on what the committee discussed.
September 2020	Newsletter 2	
October 2020	Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> October Working Bee Duncan Bay Wharf	See you there!
November 2020	21 <sup>st</sup> November Committee Meeting onboard <i>Blue Safari</i> , meal at Te Rawa	
December 2020	Newsletter 3 Final for 2020 Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> December AGM	4pm Bornholm Farm 2992 Archers Road
January 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> January Picnic Day	See you there!



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# Safety at Sea

Be ready for the summer boating season.

I am Domonic and I work for Maritime New Zealand and am a permanent Tennyson Inlet resident. I am an ex commercial mariner and currently own a couple of recreational boats for pottering around in the Sounds.

Maritime New Zealand is the national regulatory, compliance, and response agency for maritime safety, security, and marine environmental protection of New Zealand coastal and inland waterways. Maritime NZ's regulator role covers recreational boating and national leadership for recreational boating safety.

We have a number of key risk factors that we are actively working on campaigns in these areas:-

- wearing life jackets
- having communication devices
- checking weather and sea conditions
- avoiding alcohol consumption
- be a responsible skipper

We also undertake operational campaigns such as 'No Excuses'. Maritime NZ has funded the councils to provide additional staff, time and resources to the campaign, on top of the safer boating work they already do. During the campaign, harbourmaster's staff and Maritime NZ's maritime officers will be working together on the water to ensure the rules are followed.

I suggest you have a look at this link which is our safer boating guide which is full of useful information. https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/recreational/documents/Safer-boating-guide-2017.pdf

I encourage you to make the most out of your boating experience and come back safely. It's pretty simple really if you are prepared and have the gear ready to go and remember 5 knots within 200m of the shore and within 50m of another vessel.

Happy boating.

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# **Snippets**

### Dear Club Members

### \*\*\* Proposed Internet Solution Tennyson Inlet \*\*\*

I have recently visited your area and have previously enjoyed many holidays in Tennyson Inlet.

In understanding the internet access in your area is mostly unusable, we have been working on a solution that we plan to put in place this summer. We are aiming to deliver speeds 100 x faster than you currently have. Community support is needed to make this happen.

What does community support look like?

- Registrations of interest (no commitment) to join our network.
- Offers of support to help set this up (carrying equipment to sites, building skills—one off). Priority
  connections may be available to those able to support. We understand this will take some planning.

Costs are expected to be:

- \$99 incl. GST per month per subscriber, and;
- A one-off installation fee of \$299 incl. GST, depending on if trees need to be cut/trimmed for a signal to reach your property. You can attend to this yourself if you prefer.

Please register your interest <u>and</u> if you are willing to assist with installation, or not, via email — <u>chris@sweep.nz</u>. Please include your street address and contact phone number.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Our thanks to the Tennyson Inlet Boat Club for allowing this community notice to be published in their newsletter. We plan on working with the club on WIFI available to members at local launching ramps.



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# Swimming Sponsorship 2020

Congratulations! Reagan May (8yrs), Ben Nichol (7yrs), and Lukas De Wit (10yrs) were the successful applicants for the Tennyson Inlet Boat Club swimming scholarship for 2020. Their names were drawn from eligible applications at the close of Picnic Day during prizegiving. Each successful applicant receives 1 term of swimming lessons paid for by the TIBC. The Club will follow up on this.

We hope that it is all going well and you are all developing into great swimmers – we are proud to be supporting you all Below is an update from Reagan.

Despite COVID-19, Reagan has had a few lessons and is progressing well.

A couple of weeks ago he received his certificate to show he has completed the Stingrays level and is moving up to the Sharks!

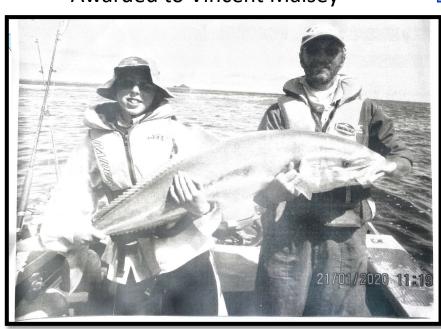
At the end of September our family is moving to the North Island, on the way up we are going to have a few days in Duncan Bay with family, so we look forward to getting in the water then.

Thank you for the opportunity the TIBC have given Regan to continue his swimming lessons.

# 2020 Annual Fishing Competition

Roy Archer Trophy for the Biggest Fish
Caught During the Year

Awarded to Vincent Maisey





# **Good News**

# Marlborough District Council supporting the TIBC to improve its facilities

Great News! The Duncan Bay turning bay is to be sealed (hopefully before Christmas)!

### A brief history

In 2018, the Duncan Bay Residents Association (DBRA) forwarded to the TIBC a letter from one of its members. The author had requested that the TIBC look at improving the turning bay at the Duncan Bay launching ramp. Deficiencies with the turning bay were identified including people using the turning bay as a parking area and the existence of a natural spring which became quite boggy at times.

It was decided to investigate sealing the turning bay and two quotes were obtained. Fulton Hogan's quote for \$19,364 (incl GST) was preferred.

All of the facilities at Duncan Bay and Penzance maintained by the TIBC are subject to a Resource Consent. It is a condition of the Consent that the TIBC "must allow any person to pass across and lawfully use the structures without charge".

Accordingly, the Marlborough District Council (MDC) was approached to fund the project and a joint application was made to the MDC's Community Project Fund Programme by both the TIBC and the DBRA.

Under the Programme the MDC provides successful applicants with up to \$10,000 to fund small, low cost infrastructure projects such as the proposed improvements to the Duncan Bay turning bay. Criteria considered by the MDC include whether the project will improve and enhance, the use, enjoyment and pride in an outdoor space.

In any event, the MDC agreed that the proposal ticked all the boxes and the joint application was successful. So much so, that the MDC has agreed to fund the entire cost of sealing the turning bay.

The proposal has also required the approval of DOC who have also been very supportive.

### The result

Long story short, it is expected that the Duncan Bay turning Bay will be sealed sometime in November 2020 ready for use in the 20/21 summer.

The TIBC is grateful for the support of the DBRA in making the joint application and the generosity of the MDC in ensuring that the project will become a reality. Thanks is also due to Fulton Hogan and DOC for their support and assistance.

# Lockdown At Sea by Kristina Jensen and Paul Candlish

And finally, we were away from the mooring! Ah, that glorious feeling of slipping away from the land and all its associations of driving, appointments and, well, people stuff. Out into the seascape we love so much, the Outer Sounds. Resolution Bay was our first port of call, rafting up with a friend and his son, with the plan of heading around to Pelorus the next day. Little did we know that our plans were about to be thwarted by two tiny but monumental medical conditions, one very personal and one completely global.

Paul, Rocky, the dog, and I left Ngakuta Bay on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, fully expecting to be on the boat in the Sounds for at least two months. We had house sitting gigs lined up for June and July in Golden Bay, and planned to spend August and September in the North Island staying with my dad and visiting friends. The boat was stocked for more than a week with fresh food and it was our intention to spend our time catching up with our 'Soundsie' friends, walking our favourite tracks and reacquainting ourselves with living aboard after a long absence.

All started well with a brisk sail to Resolution, with an evening of excellent company with our friend and his son but all too soon, the 'real' world butted in, informing us that an invader had reached our shores: Covid19. The news was still pretty sketchy, but we felt reasonably confident that we'd be OK to stay on track with our plans so we parted from our companions and set off around Cape Jackson, staying the night at Maori Bay. After a couple of wet days, spent reading, sleeping, watching wildlife and braving the elements to take the dog for a walk, we headed to Deep Bay, one of our favourite spots in the Sounds.

Our main contact points for information, seeing as we didn't have an internet connection at Deep Bay, was a daily walk towards Elaine Bay to check-in with our two sons in Picton, both of whom worked in essential services. As things ramped up, we became aware that while we might be in one of the most perfect bubbles imaginable, we were also going to be engaging in an activity that was not allowed under the coming proposed Level 4 lockdown. We were also in contact with Leanne and Tim at Penzance and Tim very kindly agreed to get us a small load of groceries when he went to collect Serene from Garin College the day before lockdown.

After collecting our groceries and hearing Tim's stories of empty supermarket shelves and the tense atmosphere in Nelson, we retreated to Deep Bay to decide what to do. It was at this point, as Level 4 descended on the whole country, that the second medical adventure began. Paul began to have pain around his right kidney area and lower down right around the spot where his appendix was, not serious but enough to lay him low for a while. The pain retreated, we ordered a big load of groceries to be delivered at Clova Bay, our former care-taking residence for 5 years previously, with the idea that we would just sit tight somewhere quiet and not draw attention to ourselves.

As Paul's pain increased in severity, we combed the internet for possibilities and finally settled on kidney stones. As many people know, this can be worse than childbirth and we became concerned that Paul would need to have medical assistance after a consultation with a nurse over the phone. At this stage, we were moored on the Hopai sports club mooring in Crail Bay. Our good friends, Mike and Kristen Gerard, supplied us with delicious fresh pepinos, chillies, greens and pears from their garden and allowed us to walk on the beach in front of the Hopai sports grounds. After one particularly nasty night of suffering, we made the decision to motor back around to Picton as quickly as we could to be nearer to medical services, should Paul require them.

As a precaution, we contacted Luke Grogan, the Harbour Master in Picton, to inform him of our plans and he gave us the all-clear to proceed. So it was with heavy hearts that we abandoned our sailing sojourn and came back to the mooring at Ngakuta Bay. Paul braved the masked parade at the medical centre and confirmed that, yes, it was kidney stones and came back to the boat with a load of painkillers resigned to the fact that he just had to ride it out until they could do some testing and a CT scan\*. As many people know, under lockdown rules, these medical procedures were very difficult to get sorted and took longer than normal to actualize.

Having no other accommodation options available to us at short notice, we chose to stay on the boat, this being our usual *modus operandis* in the summer anyway. We informed the Harbour Master of this plan and settled down to a quiet five weeks in Ngakuta Bay. Little did we know that we were about to have one of the most enjoyable community experiences ever. The people of Ngakuta Bay were so kind and welcoming to us, sharing produce from their gardens and we spent time getting to know each other on the beach, albeit two metres apart. Every day, we walked out on the Link Pathway and ate our breakfast in a stunning location, grateful for such a beautiful place to be locked down in. We tried not to feel guilty rowing to and from the boat to use the toilets and take Rocky for a walk, knowing that no-one else was theoretically allowed to go near a boat or the water but the locals were very supportive and even defended us when someone thought we had set a possum trap on his property.

Our time was spent playing music, writing songs, getting creative with cooking and doing lots of walking, which sounds idyllic and yes, it was. Sure we had the stress of knowing that our two sons in Picton and our oldest in Germany were possibly being exposed to the virus but thanks to the internet, we were able to check on them daily. Paul was close to medical help if required and we had a new group of friends to chat with. Within what seemed like a very short time, Ngakuta Bay was full of seals, terns, Caspian terns and squadrons of bright orange squat lobster krill. We feel that this was directly due to there being no boat traffic; it was quiet both above water and below. So between you and we, it was a wonderful 'time out' for us and we felt very fortunate to be able to spend our lockdown on our boat.

\*Kidney stone update: Paul had an unfortunately unsuccessful operation in August to try to remove the stone(s). A second op is scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup>, fingers crossed that by the time you read this, all will be well.

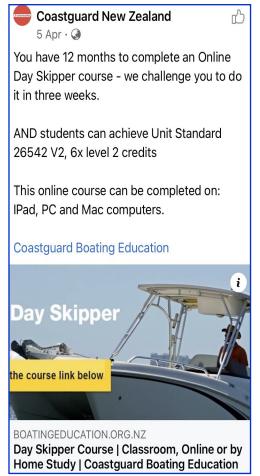
Little Ngakuta jetty



Kristina and Paul on the reserve above Picton harbour



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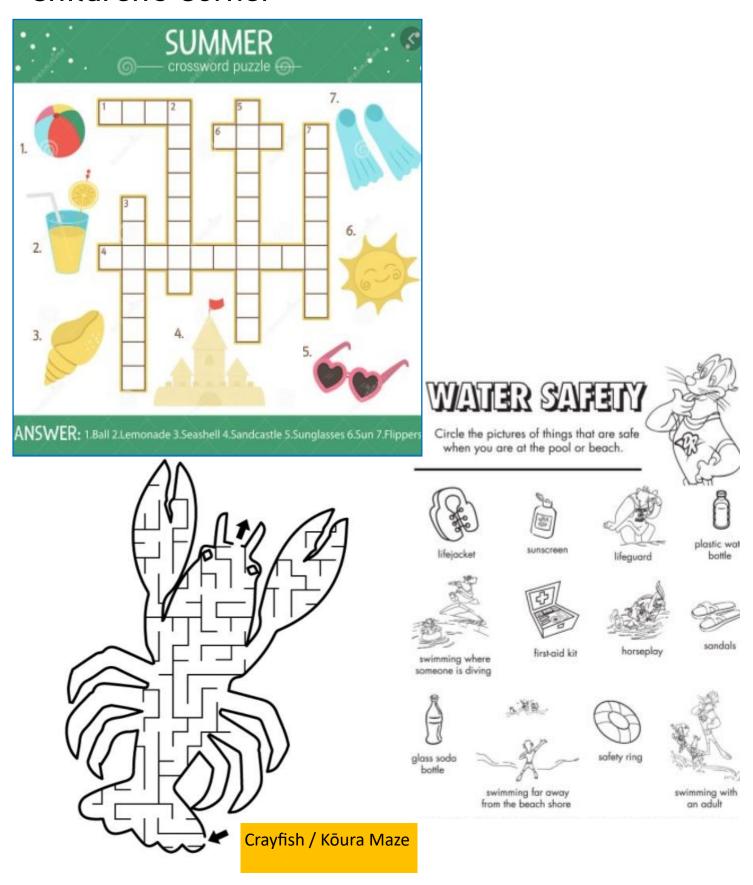


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