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New Picton Berths On Target

We are pleased to advise that the new concrete floating berths in the Picton marina are nearing completion, with jetty 6 ready for occupancy 24th November and jetties 4 and 5 just prior to Christmas. These new facilities will include security gates with card access and security cameras at the gate entrance that are to be installed during January.

As part of this redevelopment we have undertaken maintenance dredging in the Picton Marina basin, with particular attention to under the Coathanger Bridge, within the new jetty areas and along the fairway achieving a depth of 2.1 metres chart datum.

We're also pleased to advise that repairs have now been completed on Picton's Coathanger Bridge which has been closed to pedestrian access since early October. The bridge was struck by a barge and sustained significant structural damage, requiring removal and repair of the entire central span plus lighting and hand railing.



Smooth Sailing Through the Peak Season

During the busy summer months especially, there are a couple of key areas where you can help us to ensure the smooth running of the marinas:

Luggage trolleys: We're doing our best to make sure that there's plenty of luggage trolleys on hand and all in good repair. Please remember to return trolleys to the entrance of jetties and let us know if you come across a trolley that has been damaged.

Re-fuelling: Fuel pump issues are complex because the equipment is owned by several different fuel suppliers who subcontract maintenance to a third party. Problems can arise because of a fault with the card-reader, because Eft-POS is down, because the pump is out of fuel or because of operator error. This year we've taken steps to address card-reader reliability by having new more durable electronic equipment installed at the pumps in Waikawa and Picton marinas. We hope this will significantly reduce refuelling issues however if you experience a problem, it is important that you follow the instructions at the pump re - contacting the fuel supplier's Helpdesk - **then please make sure you inform the marina supervisor.** There are steps we can take to speed up the process of getting the problem at the pump fixed and we may also be able to provide a quick solution to meet your fuel requirements.

Parking: If you're heading to Picton or Waikawa marinas remember to look out for the electronic sign just before the Picton marina turn-off that shows the status of the short and long-term parking at Waikawa, and the launching ramps at Picton marina, Waikawa marina and Waikawa Bay.

Our extra summer staff will be on hand over the peak period to direct traffic at each of the three marinas.

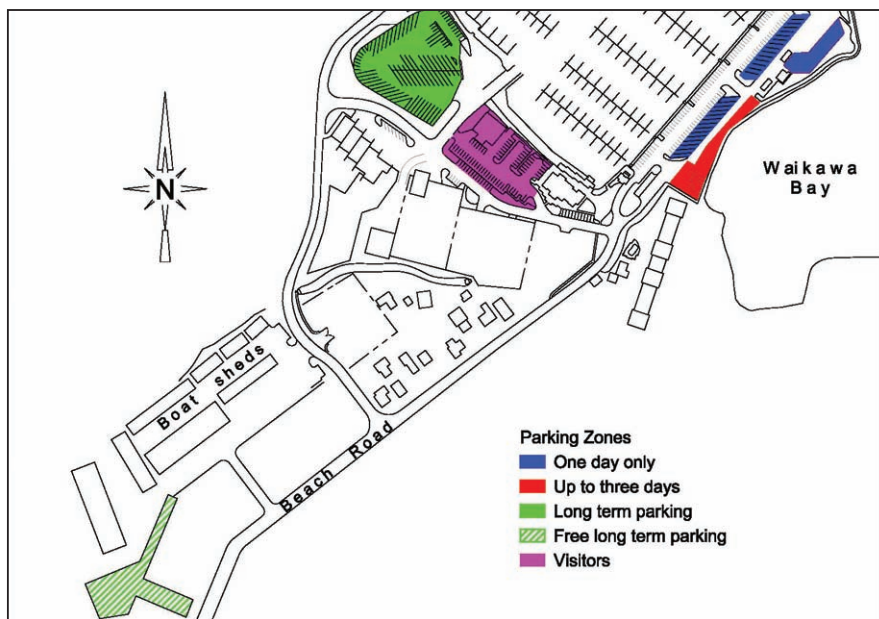
Quick Note: We've been asked by the Marlborough District Council to help get word out that in December the charge for coin-skips is going to increase from \$2 per load to \$3, to bring the cost in line with the general refuse rate charged at the transfer stations.

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Free Long-Term Car/Trailer Parking at Waikawa Marina

In addition to the measures introduced over the last couple of years to relieve congestion during the peak period (e.g. one-day parking closest to the launching ramps) from 24th December 2009 through to 30th January we have made provision for FREE LONGTERM CAR/TRAILER PARKING at Waikawa Marina. The free parking area is located off Beach Road via the access road to the boatsheds (see diagram).

If you're parking in this area please use the loading/unloading berth on 1W berth 16 to help prevent congestion at the launching ramp.



Waikawa Moorings & Marina Development Update

Early in the New Year Port Marlborough expects to lodge a 'Plan Change' application with Marlborough District Council (with support from Marlborough Berth and Mooring Association). This will seek to establish Managed Moorings Areas within the inner part of Waikawa Bay to accommodate existing swing moorings, as well as some more recent applications. It will also seek provision for extension of the existing Waikawa Marina Zone to include an area to the north west of the existing marina for future expansion of berth areas.

We'll be providing further details, including submission processes, in a special edition of Marina Matters once the final form of the Plan Change application is confirmed.

New Electrical Inspector Available for EWOFF

A new electrical inspector is available to issue Electrical Warrants of Fitness at Havelock, Picton and Waikawa marinas. Karl Maltesen has recently moved into the area and is very keen to hear from anyone who requires an EWOFF. He can be contacted as follows:

Maltesen Electrical Ltd (03) 572 7332 or 021 354 287
k.maltesen@farmside.co.nz

Aaron Shallcrass – New Havelock Marina Supervisor

Aaron has joined the marina supervisor team at Havelock, replacing Geoff Hayter who retired mid-year after many years with the company. Aaron brings a wealth of nautical experience to his new role having spent his whole working life on the water – including commercial fishing, operating a mussel harvester and most recently as a skipper for Marlborough Travel.



Now he's enjoying the chance to spend some time on terra firma, assisting customers with boats of all shapes and sizes and ensuring the smooth running of the marina. After a life at sea he's relishing the daily variety of people and tasks that comes with the role – not to mention the relative comfort of the marina facilities when the weather's rough.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer,
The Marlborough Marinas team.

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