

TECH TALK



In this issue we look at the safety equipment that all recreational vessels should have on board, contributed by Katie McNabb, marine safety instructor and tutor, Coastguard Boating Education.

Statistics courtesy of Maritime New Zealand and the Review of the N.Z. Pleasure Boat Safety Strategy.

Safe boating is no accident - Have you got this equipment on your boat?

Life Jackets – correct size for each person:

Wearing a life jacket would have had a high likelihood of preventing a fatality in 66% of all accidents.

Communications Equipment:

At least two forms that work when wet. Radio, flares, EPIRB, cell phone.

Effective communications equipment was likely to have prevented 58% of fatalities.

Marine and Weather Forecast:

Weather continues to be a major cause of fatal accidents.

Also you need to have:

Bailer, anchor and warp, secondary propulsion (oars, auxiliary), fire extinguishers, first aid kit, spare rope, extra fuel and protective clothing.

And:

Tell someone where you are going, avoid alcohol.

LOOK AFTER YOUR MATES, LOOK AFTER YOURSELF, REMEMBER SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY

Visit www.cbes.org.nz for information on boating education.

MBMA

- Marlborough Berth and Mooring Association

MBMA is an advocate for the Marlborough boating fraternity. Formed in 2007, our membership is open to users of berths, boatsheds, storage compounds, launching ramps and swing moorings.

Our mission is to ensure fairness is paramount in all dealings with users of marine recreational facilities in Marlborough.

We meet regularly with Port Marlborough and Marlborough District Council and have achieved much so far. The more members we have, the stronger our voice, and the more difference we can make.

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY – Sub \$25 per year

Visit our website www.mbma.org.nz or contact secretary Katie van Berlo at mbma@xtra.co.nz
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ICE WARNING!

A reminder to be mindful of ice on the jetties during the winter months.
PLEASE TAKE CARE!



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A Cost-effective Solution for EWOF

Help the Waikawa Plan Change Happen

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Safe Boating is No Accident

Come and See us at the Christchurch Boat Show - July 16, 17, 18

Steve McKeown and Pete Mitchell will be manning the Marlborough Sounds Marinas stand at the Boat Show's new venue – the Christchurch Convention Centre. While you're checking out the South Island's largest displays of boats, chandlery and marine equipment, make sure you come and have a catch-up with us. We'll be promoting a special offer for the new berths at Havelock Marina so if you know of anyone interested in securing a berth at the gateway to the delights of the Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds, bring them along.

Thanks to Participants in Recent Focus Group Research

We thank all those who participated in the focus groups held recently in Christchurch with Brenda Snook of The Field Connection Ltd. Your comments have provided us with useful insight into the drivers behind marina preference. The research also highlighted that our customers are passionate about their marina berths and want more frequent communication from us - so watch this space!

Remember that we are always interested in hearing from you – whether it's a grizzle or compliment about any aspect of our service delivery, or a request for a topic to be covered in Marina Matters.

Advance Notice of Planned Power Outage at Waikawa Marina

Tuesday 27th July 2010 between 9.30am and 4.30pm (weather permitting)

As part of Port Marlborough's upgrade of the electrical reticulation at Waikawa Marina, replacement of the current transformer outside the Waikawa Boat club requires a power outage on 27 July 2010 from 9.30am – 4.30pm. Wednesday 28th July has been set as an alternative date if there is bad weather on the 27th.

Alternative power arrangements are being made with our commercial building tenants however it will not be possible to provide power to the jetties during the power outage.

Please note that the outage will affect the Waikawa Marina fuel facilities – so if you're likely to be using your vessel on the 27th we encourage you to refuel in advance of the power being shut down.

We do apologise for this inconvenience - if you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to contact the Waikawa Marina supervisor (03 5203395 or 0212229512).

Complying with Electrical Warrant of Fitness Requirements - A Cost-effective Solution

In order to comply with current electrical regulations all vessels connected to marina shore power and left unattended must display a current Electrical Warrant of Fitness (EWOFF).

Unfortunately there are still quite a number of vessels connected to shore power outlets that are either not displaying an Electrical Warrant of Fitness or the EWOFF has expired. We are notifying these customers, explaining that there is a 14-day period in which to contact the marina supervisor after which the vessel will be disconnected from the power outlet.

The good news is that in conjunction with Laser Electrical we have developed a cost-effective way to help you comply with the EWOFF regulations.

The distribution box (pictured) is MCB & RCD protected, has four 15 Amp outlets (accepts standard plugs), 20 meter flex and 16 Amp round pin plug. This distribution box must be permanently attached to the vessel and the flex protected from any external damage.

Once it has been installed an electrical inspector must still inspect and approve the installation (and the EWOFF sticker must be displayed on the vessel in a prominent position).

These distribution boxes can be purchased for \$250 (GST inclusive) from your marina supervisor.

For further information please contact us on:

Havelock (03) 574 2366 or 021 242 9165

Picton (03) 520 3390 or 021 704 920

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For installation and EWOFF advice contact:

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RCD Protected outlet

Fuel Supplies

Marinas throughout the country are faced with sourcing new fuel suppliers as major international companies including Shell, Caltex and BP streamline their operations and cut out smaller parts of their customer base (which, it seems, includes recreational boating).

Supply changes have been happening quickly and we are working hard to achieve a smooth transition in services to marina users.

The major changes so far have been the replacement of Shell with Petroleum Logistics at Picton and Havelock, and the withdrawal of Caltex from Havelock. Caltex will be replaced with an alternative supplier at Waikawa before the summer season. This means Caltex Star Cards will no longer work at either marina.

In general, the previous suppliers (Caltex and others) enjoyed financial benefits of scale over new, smaller suppliers. Therefore we expect minor increases in pump prices for fuel, and are working hard to keep these to an absolute minimum.

Looking Ahead

A brief note to advise of marinas maintenance/development activity coming up:

Waikawa - resealing of the Day car park on the East and West sides of the marina

Havelock - hydrographic survey of the channel as part of our on-going maintenance activity

Picton - to prepare for redevelopment of the remaining inner basin berths, demolition of the A & B boatsheds is currently scheduled for early 2011.

Help Support the Picton Emergency Operations Centre Trust

You may have seen the new Picton Emergency Operations Centre under construction in Memorial Park, near Picton Marina. The emergency centre will become the joint headquarters for Picton St John Ambulance and Coastguard Marlborough, plus - as it is very much a community project - it will be available for use by all emergency services in the area. This fantastic asset will provide 24/7 emergency care for the greater Picton and Marlborough Sounds area.

The building is expected to be completed in mid-August this year at a total project cost of \$1.073 million. To date some \$830,000 has been raised thanks to overwhelming community support for the project (including a contribution of \$200,000 from the Marlborough District Council and \$100,000 each from Coastguard Marlborough and St John).

With a balance of just over \$240,000 left to raise the Picton Emergency Operations Centre Trust urges all Marlborough Sounds boaties to support the fundraising efforts to help complete this unique facility.

Inserted with this newsletter is a brochure that provides more information about the emergency centre, along with the bank account details of the Picton Emergency Operations Centre Trust to help you support the cause via direct deposit - all donations welcome!

Waikawa Marine Centre

Waikawa Marina is home to a group of very capable marine maintenance businesses. It's our job to provide a great environment in which these operators can provide a comprehensive range of high quality, efficient and cost-effective services to boat owners.

We now refer collectively to the maintenance businesses at Waikawa as the 'Waikawa Marine Centre' and have developed a specific page on the marinas website as a directory of these businesses. Check it out at www.marlboroughmarinas.co.nz

We're also making some physical improvements. Next time you're at Waikawa, take a look at the block to the west of Waikawa Boating Club. The former car-parking area is being developed for future additional maintenance hard-stand. The travel lift path is being re-routed slightly to the west, to make way for a new building which will house two existing maintenance businesses in larger premises. New stormwater systems are being installed that will give a higher standard of environmental waste management. (Alternative arrangements are being made for over-flow trailer parking prior to the summer season.)

In the medium term (target is end 2012) we plan to have larger haul-out capacity in place at Waikawa, probably through installation of a 75 Tonne travel lift.



Your Chance to Support the Waikawa Bay Moorings and Marina Development

Long term accommodation of Waikawa swing moorings and expansion of Waikawa Marina came a step closer mid-June when Marlborough District Council advertised the Waikawa Bay Plan Change for public submissions.

The Plan Change is the result of more than 18 months collaborative work involving Port Marlborough, the Marlborough Berth and Mooring Association, the Harbourmaster and the Marlborough District Council.

PLEASE HELP THE PLAN CHANGE HAPPEN by making a submission in support.

For more information about the proposed changes or to access a downloadable submission form visit our website www.marlboroughmarinas.co.nz



Permanent Extra Showers at Waikawa Marina

Last summer, temporary showers were on hand at Waikawa for the summer season to avoid frustrating shower queues. The extra showers were a huge success, so permanent shower upgrades are being made this winter.

When alterations finish in late September, each toilet block will contain two spacious unisex shower cubicles and a wheel-chair accessible toilet/shower room.

The shower facilities in the Trust Berth area will not be affected.



Waikawa Boatshed Toilet

The boatsheds at Waikawa are proving to be an inconveniently long way from the marina toilets. To remedy this, a toilet is being installed at the Eastern end of the row of large boatsheds (next to shed No 74) - access keys will be issued to all boatshed tenants.