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35 Tonne "Marina Travelift with extension beam to accommodate forestays on yachts, as ordered for Waikawa.



MARINE  TRAVELIFT

Independent Waikawa Marine Centre Hardstand and Haulout a Step Closer

At Waikawa, development of an independent hardstand area took a step forward in September when a new 'best practice' stormwater management plant was commissioned to treat effluent and run-off from the new hardstand area adjacent to Jetty 1W. The rest of the hardstand (the remaining area previously used as over-flow carparking) will be completed in the coming autumn and will be open for business soon after.

The new hardstand will be available for use by individual boat owners, and will not be specifically aligned to any particular boat maintenance business.

A new travelift, operated by Marlborough Sounds Marinas, will provide services to all Waikawa Marine Centre hardstand areas and commercial tenants. A new 35 Tonne 'Marine Travelift' has been ordered and is under construction in the USA for delivery in 2012. While the 35 Tonne machine will provide an 'entry level' equivalent to existing capacity, all hardstand and haul-road areas are constructed with the expectation of carrying a 75 Tonne machine in the medium term.

Coordinated Investment Strategy for Havelock Port and Marina

Over the last year or so we've been working closely with our customers and the Havelock community to make sure we understand the current environment, and future needs for the port and Marina.

We've undertaken formal research with some of our Havelock marina berth users to understand what makes Havelock and the Pelorus 'special' to them – and to find out what the challenges are.

We then met with our Board of Directors on-site at Havelock to develop a long-term investment and development strategy for the port and marina. There are a number of inter-related issues that, collectively, influence the user-friendliness of Havelock facilities.

Inevitably in the short term, the generally slow economy and the challenges facing Christchurch are having an effect on berth uptake. But we have confidence in the long-term future of Havelock, and we are committed to on-going investment in our facilities there. We have a clear commitment to support a thriving, relevant port and marina environment that meets the needs of our customers and endorses the economic and social aspirations of Havelock township.

Primary strategic issues and actions are:

Providing for Customers	Make sure we understand and provide for the unique needs and expectations of our Havelock customers, including trailer boat users.
Managing the Access Channel	<p>A full and accurate hydrographic survey of the channel has been carried out from the marina entrance right through to Blacks Point.</p> <p>Localised high-spots near the marina entrance have been dredged.</p> <p>In association with the Harbourmaster, channel marker locations and frequency are being reviewed and upgraded (work in progress to be completed 2012).</p> <p>Investigate realignment (by dredging) of a pinch point in the outer channel between Cullen's Point and Blacks Point.</p>
Maintenance Haulout Ramp	<p>Larger vessels requiring maintenance are presently hauled out across the trailer boat ramp beside the Slip Inn. This sometimes delays recreational ramp users, and presents safety and environmental management issues.</p> <p>A purpose built commercial haulout ramp is planned for the space between the southern sheet-pile wharf and the log barge ramp.</p> <p>This will be serviced by best-practice environmental (wash-down) facilities to contain and treat marine materials and other contaminants (eg: antifouling paints).</p>
Boat Maintenance	<p>We recognise that users of the marina need access to quality boat maintenance services.</p> <p>We are working with existing operators to provide improved facilities for boat maintenance at Havelock, with a focus on best practice environmental management.</p>
Log Yard Management	We continue to work closely with the operators of the log yard to ensure that dust does not adversely affect other marina or port users.
Community Integration	In conjunction with Marlborough District Council's regional planning work, we're working closely with the Havelock Community to improve interaction and physical integration between the township and the marina – in particular looking connecting Neil Street through to the centre of the marina.



Changing Times for the Picton Marina Inner Basin

The New Year will see the end of an era in the inner basin of Picton Marina, with the removal of remaining water-side boatsheds and the old central jetty (J3). Constructed in the mid-1960's, these structures have reached the end of their lives and will be replaced with new jetties in the style of existing Jetties 4, 5 and 6 which were built in 2009. The basin will be widened slightly and the road realigned. Works will start after Waitangi Weekend and to be completed by September 2012.

As we go to print, work is starting on the new Picton Marina Customer Service Centre near the northern end of the Coathanger Bridge. This more central location will provide more visible and convenient access to our Picton customers and visitors.

Later development, (Stage 3), will address realignment and rejuvenation of the launching ramp, parking and stream area. Planning is underway in consultation with neighbours and users of the area.



Havelock and Sounds Water Taxis

Havelock and Sounds Water Taxis is a new water transport service operating from Havelock to D'Urville Island and everywhere in between.

Owner Del Carrodus is looking to provide a unique on water experience, with fast (30 knots) service, a soft comfortable ride and complimentary tea, coffee and hot chocolate for passengers.

Del reports that he's had his vessel out in "9 metre swells with 45 + knots off Mana Island, through breaking surf and it handled it like a dream". It is equipped with an on-board toilet and aft-POS facilities.

Del has some 14 years experience in the Sounds, most recently as a skipper and harvest supervisor for Pacifica Salmon. His partner Chelle Forbes is restaurant manager at the Slip Inn, where Del was head chef until recently.

The Havelock and Sounds Water Taxis service is available to for all manner of water transport needs and is located at berth FJ1-A.



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Marlborough Marine Radio Association Needs Your Support

The Marlborough Marine Radio Association's 2011 Annual General Meeting in September saw longstanding and popular President David Baker not seek re-election. Dave has been the face of the Association and 'Mr MMR' for a 16 year tenure, having first been elected as president in 1995.

The newly elected 2011/12 executive management team comprises: Peter Broad (President), Gordon Low (Vice President), Stephen Riley (Secretary / Treasurer) and executive members: Louise Wilson, Reade Moorhouse and Nadine Taylor plus David Baker as immediate Past President.

In conjunction with the operations team of administrator Lesley Pincombe and radio operators: Joan Henson, Robert Wardhaugh, Judith Allen, Bev Foote, Colleen Logue, Simon Caley and Gary Roberts, the Association is gearing up for another busy summer season helping monitor marine communication in the Marlborough Sounds, Cook Strait and Tasman Bay regions.

Operation of the Marlborough Marine Radio Association's privately-owned VHF radio marine channels 01,05,63,65, and 66 is self-funded via membership subscriptions plus community sponsorship. All Marlborough boaties are being encouraged to join and reap the advantages of ongoing membership, including enhanced safety at sea and belonging to Marlborough's largest extended boating family.

Further details can be obtained by phoning the MMR office on 03) 573 8871 or visiting our website at www.mmr.org.nz



You can make a difference! Protect our waters.

Unwanted marine plants and animals will affect you and our beautiful marine playground.

It is important to regularly clean and antifoul your boat's hull as marine pests can easily be spread as fouling growth from one location to another. They can also be moved on dirty dive gear, fishing equipment, buoys etc.

Hitchhiking marine pests are one of the biggest risks to our magnificent waters.

Keep any fouling growth on your boat to no more than a light slime layer and clean and thoroughly dry your water equipment between use in different locations.

Also, have a look around when you are out on the water this summer. Get to know some of the local marine life, so you do notice something new or different.

If you believe you've seen any unwanted pests, or anything else that appears out of the ordinary to you, carefully note its location, take a sample if you can and immediately ring MAF's free hotline: 0800 80 99 66.



CLEAN BOATS - LIVING SEAS

TECH TALK



Refuelling Safely

Petrol vapours are heavier than air and will find their way to the lower part of a boat, where a naked light or spark could cause an explosion. A cupful of petrol that has vaporized in a closed space has the same explosive force as 2.5kg of dynamite.

Please take a few moments to review the list below to ensure that you are using petrol safely.

When refuelling:

- Have your boat properly secured fore and aft at the jetty to reduce unnecessary movement.
- Allow no smoking or naked flames of any kind.
- Switch off and isolate the stove.
- Close all portholes, hatches and doors that could allow vapours to enter lower parts of the vessel.
- Switch off all electrical equipment at the main and do not throw switches when refuelling.
- Have a suitable fire extinguisher at hand.
- If any spillage occurs wipe it up immediately.
- Do not over fill tanks as the fuel may expand and over flow from the breathers.
- Never leave the nozzle unattended while refuelling.
- If any spillage occurs and enters the water please contact the marina supervisor. Our supervisors are trained in the appropriate response procedures and have access to spill equipment.

When refuelling is completed, close all fuel fittings tightly, clean up any spillage, and open up hatches to assist with ventilation of bilges. Only start the engine when the boat is free of fumes.

MOORING LINE DISCOUNT OFFER

Waikawa Marine & Rigging is a rigging and engineering business based at the Waikawa Marina.

We are offering a discounted service to new marina berth holders and those with relocated vessels, to supply and fit the mooring line requirements for your berth.

We only use top quality materials and are very experienced in providing a safe, secure and easy to use system.

Please call Geoff Robinson on **03 573 7104** to discuss your requirements.



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Christmas Parking

Please take note of the large illuminated sign on Waikawa road 200 meters back from the Picton marina entrance advising launching ramp customers of the status of Picton & Waikawa marina launching facilities as well as the Waikawa Bay ramp.

Waikawa Marina:

The provision of free long-term parking to the south of the boatsheds via Beach Road has proven popular over the busy Christmas period and we will continue this over the 2011/12 season. Please remember the car and trailer parking closest to the launching ramp is reserved for one-day use only and this will be strictly enforced this year.

Picton Marina:

We ask launching ramp customers to consider using the Picton facilities as this relieves congestion at Waikawa Marina. There will always be plenty of overflow parking provided in the grassed area to the north of the main car park and it will be clearly sign posted this season.

Havelock Marina:

As usual we have the use of the sports ground to the west of the main launching ramp car park to accommodate overflow parking. We ask that if you are going to be staying out in the Sounds for a while, please consider using this area and leaving the parks closer to the ramp for day users.

Marinas Administrator Sally Wright on the move out to Waikawa Marina

Our marinas administrator Sally Wright has relocated to the Waikawa Marina Customer Service Centre.

Sally's move will enable us to provide a much more comprehensive service during office hours, and will allow our supervisors to spend more time out around the marina keeping an eye on our customers vessels etc.

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