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## MARINA GUIDE

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# Bay of Islands

Port Opua



# Marina

New Zealand



What to see and do  
during your stay in  
stunning Northland

A complete guide to  
our marina facilities  
and services

*Welcome to the  
Bay of Islands*



# Marina Office

The Marina office is open every day except Christmas Day, from 8.15am to 5.00pm, and via VHF Channel 73. Call in and see us for information about the marina, the local area and the marine services available in the Opuia Marine Precinct.

## OPENING HOURS

0815 - 1700

Every day (except Christmas Day)

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"We love The Bay of Islands Marina - Opuia, being so self-contained with everything we need including a cafe and shop within walking distance."

**Launch - Kawhiti  
(Local Boat)**





# Welcome to the Bay of Islands Marina

**We warmly welcome you to the Bay of Islands, Northland, and our stunning cruising paradise! Whether you have travelled from near or far, we know you will love spending time in our beautiful region as much as we do. And our friendly marina team are here to help in any way we can.**

The Bay of Islands Marina is a full service facility with 450 berths catering from local sailors to superyachts. For those of you coming from overseas, we are perfectly

situated to welcome you into New Zealand waters, day or night, with a dedicated customs team at Opua and excellent marine servicing in the Opua Marine Precinct. Once you have settled in, you will find the Bay of Islands is a sailing paradise, with more than 100 islands for you to discover and enjoy. You will find most of your marine and day-to-day living needs available in Opua or nearby Paihia (just a 5 minute drive away), including all your everyday amenities such as supermarkets, cafes, restaurants, medical care (pharmacies and doctors), as well as banking services.

**We hope you enjoy your stay!**

*Cruising at its best*



# Our Crew

## The Marina Team

Whether you are a regular visitor to the Bay of Islands or this is your first port of call in New Zealand, our friendly and knowledgeable Marina team look forward to welcoming you. On your arrival, the team will direct you to your berth and assist with the necessary paperwork before providing a brief orientation of the marina facilities and surrounding area. Our team are all knowledgeable locals and are always happy to help with anything you need, so you can sit back, relax and enjoy all that the Bay of Islands has to offer.

## The Boatyard Team

Our friendly, professional boatyard team offer the full range of commercial boatyard services, right from the Opua Marine precinct. The team is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Travel Lift, Slipway and Hardstand areas. With a combined 40+ years of industry experience, all our team members are qualified professionals and always on hand to offer assistance to ensure an easy and stress-free experience.

## The Marine Painters

Our painting team is led by Chad Holmes, an 18-year veteran who started his career here as a junior painter. The team offers a full range of marine painting solutions, from sanding, anti-fouling, Propspeed, gloss touch ups and detailing right through to full boat repaints. They are committed to ensuring the highest level of quality and customer satisfaction. The painting team can also assist with hire equipment, including vacuum sanders and scaffolding sets. No job is too big or too small, and Chad always delivers with a smile!



**Elizabeth**



**Fleur**



**Monika**



**Charlee**



**Isabelle**



**Jane**



**Shane**



**Ross**



## Rhys Dempster

### Marina and Boatyard Manager

Rhys is responsible for the day to day running of the Bay of Islands Boatyard. Rhys has been around the water all his life, and is a community minded person who holds roles in numerous club committees including Executive of the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club.

A former New Zealand Police member and Senior Customs Officer, Rhys is proficient with systems and safety, and brings a real team focus to the Boat Yard. He's always up for a chat, and looks forward to assisting boaties with their needs so they can get back out and enjoy the water.

### You can contact Rhys at:

rhys@boimarina.co.nz or call him on 027 246 9423.



## Chris Galbraith CMM

### General Manager Bay of Islands Marina Ltd

Chris Galbraith is the Marina and Boatyard General Manager and works behind the scenes to help strengthen and grow Bay of Islands' marina development. Chris is passionate about promoting Northland to the world, and as a keen boatie, he especially loves sharing the amazing Bay of Islands with others. He has been instrumental in growing the marina to its current success today and has exciting plans for the marina and the wider marine precinct in the future. Chris also chairs the New Zealand Marina Operators Association.



# Marina Facilities

**At Bay of Islands Marina, we encourage visitors to make themselves at home, with the help of our modern facilities and friendly support staff at the Marina office.**

To ensure your stay in the Bay of Islands is as relaxing and enjoyable as possible, you have 24/7 exclusive access to our customer lounge (located above the Marina office) and other members only facilities, such as the modern bathrooms with hot

showers, commercial-grade laundry, free WiFi, complimentary marina carparking, free pump out facilities and access to our floating 24 hour fuel dock plus the marina refuse and recycling centre.

All new members will receive an access code and/or key FOB to provide access to these facilities, as well as your designated marine row.

We are very careful to protect our pristine local environment, so please carefully read all facility instructions regarding water, waste and sewage carefully so you can help us to keep New Zealand beautiful.

## SECURITY

We pride ourselves on excellent security for you and your vessel. Marina pier gates are locked 24/7 for your security and access is authorised by electronic FOB or via pin codes issued from the Marina office. Our carparks all have security lighting and there are several security patrols throughout the night backed up with 40 CCTV security cameras operating over the whole marina estate.

## CUSTOMER LOUNGE

Our modern and comfortable customer lounge overlooks the marina and is open 24/7 for you to enjoy some relaxed time away from your boat.

You can choose to watch TV (including local New Zealand television or Netflix) and access our free WiFi. Wireless providers are available (we can help you arrange payment online by credit card through PayPal).



# Eat & Drink

There is a good variety of food and drink in the Opuia community for all your daily needs and all within walking distance, whether you want a coffee, a delicious meal or fresh bread, fruit and vegetables. Beyond Opuia, a 10 minute drive takes you to the Paihia waterfront, home to a large number of cafes and restaurants, as well as a large supermarket. Beyond Paihia, there are also large service centres in the cities of Kerikeri and Whangārei.

## Opuia Marina Cafe

Open Wednesday to Monday from 8am - 4pm with a wide range of breakfast, lunch and coffee options. Located right next to the Marina Office, the Opuia Marina Cafe is also open Thursday to Sunday from 5:30pm until late for dinner. Phone [09 402 6991](tel:094026991)

## Opuia Cruising Club

Open from 4:30pm every day (kitchen open from 5.30pm); 7 days. Just a five minute walk from the marina, the Opuia Cruising Club is a fun and family-friendly yacht club where all are welcome. Join in with regular races and social evenings, or just pop into the bar and bistro for delicious food and drinks at great prices. Everyone is welcome. Phone [09 402 6924](tel:094026924)

## Opuia General Store

Open from 6:30am-7pm (summer) and 6pm (winter); 7 days. At the entrance to the marina, the Opuia General Store offers a great range of groceries, quality coffee, fresh bread daily, local fruit and vegetables, postal services, fishing gear and takeaway pizzas. Phone [09 402 7575](tel:094027575)

## Road Runner Tavern

Open 7 days from 11am, the Road Runner Tavern is a relaxed kiwi roadside pub, offering a full bar and a wide range of delicious simple meals, including burgers, fish and chips and seafood. Five minutes drive from the marina. Phone [09 402 7199](tel:094027199)







"We were very impressed with the showers, visitor's lounge and laundry facilities"  
*Sailing Yacht - Synergy (NZ Yacht)*



## BATHROOMS & LAUNDRY

Adjacent to the lounge area are newly refurbished, spacious bathrooms, where hot showers are available. Disabled facilities are also available. The marina laundry is open from 7am until late, offering commercial quality washing machines (hot and cold wash) and dryers. Ironing boards are also available from the Marina office.

## SUPERYACHTS

We are pleased to cater to boats up to 100m at Bay of Islands Marina, with boats up to 50m berthed on a floating marina on the inside of the Opuia Wharf and vessels up to 100m catered for on floating docks on the outside of the wharf. Facilities include customs clearance, power, bunkering, fresh water, pump out/discharge, provisioning services, parking and security checks.



## Marina Social Events

We encourage social events at the marina, and the Bay of Islands Marina is home to Bay of Islands Cruisers Festival, Millennium Cup Superyacht Regatta and CRC Bay of Islands Sailing Week – New Zealand's largest multi-class regatta. There are also many other fun social events run by Opuia Cruising Club and other organisations operating from the marina.

# Explore the local region

**With unbelievable natural beauty and 144 islands scattered across its coastline, the Bay of Islands is an idyllic aquatic playground.**

Your vessel offers you the perfect vantage point to explore the picturesque towns of Paihia, Russell and Kerikeri, as well as sailing and even fishing and swimming with dolphins, or finding your own deserted beach for a spot of relaxation and sun soaking.

The Bay of Islands' towns all carry the charm of small-town New Zealand, where you will meet authentic locals who are happy to share their stories, their time and their advice if you need it. Despite its sparse population, the Bay of Islands caters well to its visitors and there is a great range of restaurants, cafés and bars at Paihia, Russell, Kerikeri and beyond, as well as

all services and amenities necessary for your boat and day-to-day living.

Visit the local markets to meet local growers and discover fresh local produce. Check out the range of activities for adventure-seekers, including scuba diving, parasailing and skydiving. Explore the Bay of Islands on foot or bike, with many walking and cycle trails in the region. Visit the historical township of Russell, including the historically significant Te Maiki/ Flagstaff Hill, Russell Museum, and New Zealand's first licensed hotel, the Duke of Marlborough Tavern.

Explore Waitangi, one of New Zealand's most significant historic sites, where the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed in 1840 between the British Crown and more than 500 Māori chiefs. Today the Treaty Grounds offer an opportunity to learn about Māori culture and the history of New Zealand.

Enjoy the quirky town of Kawakawa, with public toilets designed by the world famous Austrian-born New Zealand artist Frederick Hundertwasser and a railway track through the centre of its commercial main street.





## Cape Reinga

Take a drive north to Cape Reinga and be rewarded with spectacular views across this remote and stunningly beautiful peninsular. Witness the dramatic meeting of the Pacific Ocean and Tasman Sea and the place where Māori spirits depart to return to their ancestral homeland.

## Hundertwasser toilets in Kawakawa

The public toilets in Kawakawa are a must see, built by renowned Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser who conceived the idea as a way to support the Kawakawa community, where he was considered a 'local' after living in here for many years.



## Visit the Kerikeri Farmers Markets

The Kerikeri Farmers Market is the Bay of Islands' largest market, held every Saturday and Sunday and offering a great range of fresh local produce, meat, wine, beer, seafood, baked goods, deli items, coffee, arts and crafts.

## Enjoy Paihia restaurants

Paihia is home to plenty of friendly and relaxed cafes, restaurants and bars offering a delicious range of meals, with flavours inspired by fresh local produce and international cuisine.







# Māori Culture & Heritage

**Over a thousand years ago, Aotearoa (New Zealand) was discovered by the great Kupe, who had travelled thousands of miles across the Pacific Ocean guided by the stars.**

Today, many iwi trace their ancestry back to Kupe and some of the oldest traces of Māori settlement can be found in Northland, making the region a rich source of cultural and historical storytelling.

You will find examples of Māori language, culture, stories and traditions throughout the region, whether in an intricate bone or pounamu (greenstone) carving, Māori pou (carved wooden posts), visual shows, museums, historic sites, waka trips or guided forest walks, our history is everywhere.

## Waitangi

At Waitangi you will find the award-winning Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where you can learn New Zealand's story of two peoples coming together as one, under the Treaty of Waitangi, Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The Waitangi Treaty Grounds offer an inspiring and interactive full day experience through Waitangi's contemporary museum, powerful Māori cultural performances in an authentic Meeting House, entertaining guided tours, engaging visitor centre, lush native forest and gardens, inspiring art gallery and carving studio, traditional Māori waka (canoe) and hāngi, tranquil café and so much more.

## Kauri Forests at Waipoua

Experience a journey into the world's largest remaining Kauri forest, Waipoua. Local tour guides with teach you about the wonders of the magnificent Kauri trees and their

environment and you will hear stories and chants handed down through generations of local tangata whenua (people of the land). Meet the mighty Te Matua Ngahere ('The Father of the Forest') - a kauri tree estimated to be between 2,500 and 3,000 years old, with a girth of 16 metres wide.

## Paddle a Waka

Waka, or war canoes, played a key role in Māori history, allowing tribes to move across New Zealand to join with others and claim new territory. Through their tours based in Waitangi, members of Northland's Ngapuhi tribe share ancient tribal customs, rituals, traditions and storytelling, to share the ancient histories during a 2 hour voyage of the Waitangi River and tidal estuaries on a 50ft War Canoes (Waka).





# Further afield

**Northland is all about sunshine and warmth (even in winter we rarely get below 5°C) from our beautiful beaches and lush subtropical forests, with stunning walks and cycleways all over the region.**

Wherever you go, you'll find people keen to stop and chat, go out of their way to give directions and perhaps even invite you home to share a meal. You'll be hard-pushed to find a crowd or a queue, and you'll be blown away by the delicious, organic, home-grown fruit, veggies and meat from the local markets, made even tastier after your time at sea!

New Zealanders enjoy a way of life unlike anywhere else in the world, and you will find yourself relaxing into the slow pace, open friendships and enjoying the clean, natural environment. In fact, the longer you stay, the more friends you will make and the harder it will be to leave!

## TWO CONTRASTING COASTLINES



### East

Take a trip up the east coast and enjoy one stunning sandy beach after another. Swim, walk, fish, surf, kayak or soak up the sun to your heart's content. There's local artists and galleries dotted right across the region while Northland's only city, Whangārei has a buoyant retail centre, art galleries, museums, restaurants, cafés and bars.



### West

A drive up the west coast will reveal Northland's incredible, ancient kauri forests, the giant sand dunes of Opononi and on to Cape Reinga, where, according to Māori oral history, the spirits of deceased Māori leap into the ocean to return to their ancestral homeland of Hawaiki.

# Bay of Islands Marina Pou

**Standing proudly around Bay of Islands Marina are four pou (pillars) which represent four creatures from Māori mythology, including the Gods of the Sea, Wind, and Peace. Each of these pou have been carved by local Iwi, Ngati Manu, with every face, pattern and shape telling a story.**

Māori legends begin with the separation of Papatūānuku, the Earth Mother, and Ranginui, the Sky Father, a loving couple who are forced apart by their children (the Gods) because they no longer want to live in the dark, cramped space between the pair. The separation brings light, and life, to earth.

## **1. Tangaroa, God of Sea Creatures**

Tangaroa is represented in the form of a Tohora (whale), a majestic creature held in awe and high regard by the Māori people. The eyes of Tangaroa represent the coming and going of the tides. Side by side above Tangaroa is Kiwa and Tawhaki, who also share the form of a whale. These two gods represent the two oceans surrounding New Zealand, the Pacific Ocean and the Southern Tasman Ocean.

## **2. Hinemoana, Ocean Maiden**

Hinemoana is the goddess of ocean currents, waves, seafood and fish. She is forever washing upon the shores of Papatūānuku (Earth Mother) and it is here we see her rise and fall of the tides that control and dictate a whole ecosystem of life. The paua shell eye represents the coming and going of the tides and the manaia figures represent Hinemoana's children. Hinemoana's heru iwi (hair comb) represents her whakapaka (geneology).

## **3. Tawhirimatea, God of Wind**

After the separation between Papatūānuku and Ranginui, Tawhiri decided to reside by his father Ranginui. Angry that his father was left upset by the separation, he chose to fight his earth brothers. Tawhirimatea fought Tanemahuta (god of the forest) and Tumatauenga (god of war), who ultimately defies him. The never-ending battle between Tawhirimatea and Tumatauenga is represented by the Puhoro pattern, while Tawhirimatea is represented by the spiraling column of air; the eye of the storm.







#### 4. Ko Hatu punga, anchor stone

The anchor stone represents the Bay of Islands as the anchor of New Zealand, for sailors from near and far. The carvings into the stone feature a 13th century voyaging ship, an 8th century Polynesian voyaging waka and 21st century America's Cup Catamaran.

#### 5. Rongo-marae-roa, God of Peace

Rongo-marae-roa in this pou is represented in the human figure at the top of the pou holding a kumara plant as an offering of peace. Rongo-marae-roa is the god of peace and of cultivated plants. The shape of the pou in its kape (curved pattern like an eyebrow) form is from a Rongo Whakapakoko rākau (god stick). The pattern is called ritorito or puwerewere, both of which are foliage designs, in carving.



#### 6. Ko Te Kohatu Manea o Ngati Manu

The Manea stone of Ngati Manu was sourced from a bluestone quarry at Te Karetu. It has been carved in the shape of a bird's head which is symbolic of a Putoto, a sacred bird to the Ngati Manu people. A Manea stone embodies the female energy and it is infused with sacred karakia prayers to allow its protective properties come to the fore. People are encouraged to touch it as this allows any negative energy to be dissipated.

# Cruising the Bay of Islands

**With 144 islands to visit and explore, you'll always find a new view to discover, and perhaps wake up to, in the Bay of Islands.**

If you've sailed in from the South Pacific, you'll quickly find New Zealand is the strong and sturdy anchor to the region, providing a safe sailing haven complete with first class marine services and a relaxed and comfortable lifestyle among soon-to-be-made friends.

And for our Kiwi visitors, you will find the safe sailing in the Bay and the relaxed pace of life in Northland the perfect recipe for a truly enjoyable sailing experience.

Offshore sailors are welcomed from the moment they arrive into New Zealand waters and you will start to discover that this warm and welcoming hospitality is simply a part of the world renowned 'Kiwi' experience, to be extended to you wherever you travel throughout the country.

Starting with a friendly greeting from our customs team, you will feel at home before you even reach your mooring. And once ashore, we know that after all those long days at sea, there's nothing more appealing than a relaxing hot shower, fully equipped laundry, comfortable cruisers lounge and WiFi to let friends and family know you made it!

We want you to feel right at home, and our friendly team are there to help you with anything from where to get boat parts and repairs to where to buy delicious fresh food, including meat, fruit and veggies. Once you've had a chance to find your bearings and settle in, you will look around to find yourself in one of the most pristine natural environments in the world, with stunning coastline perfect for exploring once you've had a chance to catch up on your sleep and enjoy being back on terra firma for a day or two!

**While most offshore sailors plan on coming for a season or two, some love it so much they never leave, and we also love welcoming back plenty of Kiwis every year too!**

We welcome every boat like an old friend, and before long you'll find yourself having a drink or two with the locals, who will want to regale you with their tall tales from the sea as well as hear all about your voyage.

If, once you're ready to leave us, your plans take you offshore, the settled weather conditions in New Zealand provide ample opportunity for fair weather sailing and the summer months from October to April are particularly enjoyable, especially in the warm, sunny north.

There are boundless choices for day sailing or voyaging from the Bay of Islands or Whangārei. This stunning marine playground with endless islands to explore, proffers a new

adventure every day, complete with safe, accessible anchorages and clean sandy beaches around every corner.

You'll enjoy refreshing swims from your boat and delicious seafood and fish that you're able to catch or collect along the way. Or, if you prefer, with your mask and snorkel, you can experience Northland's underwater world up close, with an array of sealife to discover.

If you've come from across the Pacific, you will have also heard that New Zealand is renowned for exceptional boat building and marine services - so if you've arrived with any concerns about your vessel, you're in the right place. Whether you need a refit, rigging, haul-out or any onboard repairs, Bay of Islands and Whangārei both offer a full complement of marine services for all vessels, including catamarans and superyachts. Even better, friendly marina staff will point you in the right direction, so you'll know you're getting expert advice from reputable companies. This means you can enjoy exploring the local area, knowing your boat is in safe hands and will be ready to head back out to sea when you are.

With the option of securing long or short term berths, you may find yourself wanting to stay a little longer than planned. But don't worry - you'll find everything you need - excellent healthcare, high quality public schools (if you're here with your family) and all the other services and amenities you might need, including well stocked supermarkets, dentists, hairdressers and an airport if you need to make a trip back home.



## Hole in the Rock

The Hole in the Rock is an iconic local landmark, with a large tunnel carved into the 148m high cliffs that is large enough for some boats to traverse through.



Hole in the Rock

Marsden Cross

Te Puna Inlet

Deep Water Cove

Urupukapuka Island

Moturua Island – Waiwhapuku Bay

Motuarohia Island (Robertson)

Oke Bay

Whangamumu Harbour

Bay of Islands Marina

## Moturua Island

On Moturua Island you will discover many archaeological sites as well as extensive regeneration of native forest. The tree planting is the work of Project Island Song, a conservation effort to attract native birds back to the islands.



## Urupukapuka Island

Urupukapuka Island is one of the largest in the Bay and offers a great haven for vessels in Otehei Bay, as well as camp sites if you feel like staying on the island.

## Meet our local wildlife

The Bay of Islands is home to some of the world's most magical wildlife, including rare native flora and fauna and the famous bottlenose dolphins, who enjoy welcoming visitors to the area.





## Russell township

The charming township of Russell, known as Kororareka in the early 19th century, was the first permanent European settlement and seaport in New Zealand.

Today the town is a relaxed and peaceful haven with a range of historical sites, craft shops, cafes and restaurants, walks and beaches to enjoy. There is a regular ferry crossing between Russell and Paihia.



## Marsden Cross

The Marsden Cross in Rangihoua Bay marks the location where Samuel Marsden preached his first sermon in New Zealand, on Christmas Day 1814.

Marsden was an English missionary who had come to the Bay of Islands to establish a mission to bring Christianity to New Zealand and to Māori in particular.

## Waewaetorea Island

Waewaetorea is the perfect place for a day anchorage, to soak in the warm sun, the refreshing waters and the stunning views of the Bay of Islands.

A short climb to the island's apex gives you spectacular 360 degree views across the Bay of Islands, and a chance to ponder the cultural, historical and ecological significance of the Bay's 144 island havens.





An aerial photograph of Motuarohia Island, showing its two lagoons, a grassy peninsula, and rocky shorelines. Numerous sailboats are anchored in the turquoise water. A white circular overlay on the left contains the title and descriptive text.

# Motuarohia Island

Motuarohia Island (also known as Roberton) is best known for its two stunningly beautiful twin lagoons, which become safe swimming pools towards high tide. Steeped in fascinating Māori and colonial history, Motuarohia means 'Beloved Island' and in 1839 was also named Roberton after John Roberton, a former whaling ship captain who purchased the island from Ngapuhi chiefs.



# Getting around

**From your base at the Bay of Islands Marina, we have great options to get out and about and explore our unique and stunning natural region.**

## Rental cars

Travelling Northland by car will give you the freedom to plan your own itinerary, staying longer when it suits you, and returning back to the marina when you are ready to switch from land to sea. Heading north from Opuia, you will travel through the Bay of Islands, Kerikeri, Doubtless Bay and Karikari Peninsula, ending up at the magnificent Cape Reinga.

Heading west, you will experience the inland towns of Northland, rich in history, creativity and culture, before reaching the beautiful harbour of Hokianga and the welcoming communities of Opononi and Omapere. From here you can head down the West Coast through the sacred kauri forests of Waipoua and Tounson.

Heading south, you will find the city of Whangārei, ideal for stocking up on supplies or seeking specialist marine services.

There is a full range of rental cars available from the Bay of Islands Marina all year round. Choose from half day rentals to pick up supplies from Paihia or Whangārei, through to longer term arrangements.

## Shuttle Services

If you're looking for a quick ride to town to grab a few groceries or head out to dinner in Paihia, there are shared shuttle services running at regular intervals from Opuia. Check with the Marina office as times change depending on the season.

## Ferries

With Northland's focus on life in and around the water, there are ferries running regular trips every day, from Paihia to Russell (passenger only), Russell to Opuia and Rawene to Kohukohu on the west coast (car and passenger ferries).

## Tourism Adventures



Northland and the Bay of Islands was recently named the #3 Destination in the Lonely Planet Asia Pacific Guide and there are many local tourism providers across the region ready to show you what makes this region so special!

Choose from a range of fantastic sightseeing trips around Northland, including guided bus tours to Cape Reinga, Sand Safaris (driving down the famous Ninety Mile Beach), or a full experience across the region.

This is your chance to sit back and learn about the local culture and history, as well as discover ancient kauri forests, glow worm caves, local kiwi (bird) habitats, heritage sites and more!



# Take your bike

The Twin Coast Cycle Trail - Pou Herenga Tai - connects the beautiful sandy shores of the Bay of Islands on the east coast, all the way across to the remote and picturesque Hokianga Harbour on the west coast. Because of Northland's mild climate, this trail is open all year round and is suitable for everyone from experienced cyclists through to novices, as the 87km trail is conveniently divided into four sections and can be ridden in either direction. The terrain is generally flat, with large sections following an old railway line.

The trail takes you through diverse and stunning scenery, on a fascinating journey through some of New Zealand's earliest Māori and European settlements.

There are a number of bike hire companies, including right here at the marina, who will hire you a bike and happily provide shuttle services back to the marina at the end of your ride. Choose from a quality range of electric bikes or mountain bikes. Prices range from \$55 per day for basic bikes to \$75 per day for premium bikes.



**Talk to our friendly team at the Marina office to find out more about any of these services.**





# Enjoy the local hospitality

Bay of Islands sailing events attract hundreds of yachties from around New Zealand and overseas, making them a great way to meet other like-minded sailors and enjoy plenty of fun, both on and off the water. The strong local boating contingent and friendly wider community means you are assured welcoming hospitality and fantastic sailing in a stunning location.





# Sailing Events

**We are proud to host a number of events in the beautiful Bay of Islands, bringing together our overseas visitors and local sailors to enjoy our spectacular nautical playground.**

## **BAY OF ISLANDS CRUISERS FESTIVAL**

A week of making new friends, catching up with other cruisers, meeting the locals, learning new things and having fun! The Bay of Islands Cruisers Festival is eight days of entertainment, local food, seminars and fun activities, starting with a traditional Māori welcome.

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:** Princess of the Pacific Party, Explore Magic Boat, Boatyard Burger Night and Talent with Pizza.

You can also take part in bread baking demonstrations, sail repair workshops, tips for marine electrics and charging, and hints on keeping your gelcoat and paintwork glossy, and expert advice for exploring this world renown cruising area.

## **TALL SHIPS REGATTA**

Held in January each year, the Tall Ships Regatta has been run by Russell Boating Club since 1977 in the Bay of Islands.

## **NEW ZEALAND MILLENNIUM CUP**

The New Zealand Millennium Cup is the South Pacific's premier superyacht regatta, held out of Russell in the Bay of Islands every summer. The Bay of Islands Marina is proud to be a Gold Sponsor of the only superyacht regatta in the southern hemisphere. Managed under the auspices of the Russell Boating Club, the regatta attracts close to 1000 people every year to the Bay.

## **BAY OF ISLANDS SAILING WEEK**

Held in January each year, the Bay of Islands Sailing Week is the biggest regatta of its kind in New Zealand, and one of the Southern Hemisphere's premier yachting events, attracting entries from around New Zealand and overseas. It has been running since 2000, with over 120 entries each year.





# Fishing

**The Bay of Islands is the ultimate destination for recreational fishing, with a deep natural harbour and 144 islands providing a sheltered nursery for healthy fisheries and world-class fishing all year round.**

The island's rugged volcanic shore and many reefs are home to a wide variety of fish species, including kingfish, red and golden snapper, trevally, tarakihi, gurnard, john dory and hapuka on the deeper reefs. The islands are also an ideal nursery for many other species and the perfect feeding ground for large game fish, including marlin and tuna.

The Bay of Islands Swordfish Club has clubhouses in both Russell and Paihia and runs competitions from November through to June. All visitors to the Bay of Islands are welcome to take part in the events, which are held over 2-3 days and are focused around a specific species or fisher group, with competitions for junior anglers and female anglers as well as targeted yellowfin tuna events.

The Bay of Islands and surrounding Pacific Ocean is world famous for its saltwater fishing and while there is no requirement for a license for recreational fishing, there are strict daily limits and minimum sizes that you must adhere to.

There is a strong tradition in New Zealand for deep water or game fishing, chasing the ultimate fight





## FIND OUT ABOUT LOCAL FISHING GUIDELINES

To learn more about gathering seasons and catch requirements, as well as strict daily limits and minimum species sizes for fish and shellfish, we recommend you talk with our friendly staff in the Marina office before you head out.

with a billfish, including striped, blue and black marlin, yellowfin tuna, short-billed spearfish, mahimahi and broadbill swordfish. There is also abundant fresh shellfish throughout the Bay of Islands, including scallops, oysters and mussels.

If you're looking for the popular local fishing spots in the Bay of Islands, check out the following landmarks or if you can't find them on your map, just ask a friendly local: Nine Pin, Cape Brett, Middle Reef, Red Head, Hapuku Rock, Bird Rock, The Capstan and Waiwiri Rock.

To find out when the next fishing tournament is, we recommend visiting [www.swordfish.co.nz](http://www.swordfish.co.nz) or calling in to the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club clubhouses in Russell or Paihia. As well as signing up for the next competition, you can see amazing exhibits of historic fishing photographs, tackle and memorabilia and enjoy a full bar and restaurant.





# Bay of Islands Marina MARINE SERVICES

Located at the southern end of Bay of Islands Marina, the Bay of Islands Boatyard is New Zealand's most northern full service commercially operated boatyard and one of the country's top haul-out and wash-down facilities.

Operating the latest technology in boat handling equipment, the Bay of Islands Boatyard employs a skilled and dedicated team to ensure your vessel is lifted from the water with great care, then high pressure washed, transported and supported on one of the 60 hardstand spaces with a minimum of fuss.

Utilising our 50-tonne Travel Lift or 60-tonne haulout trailer, we have a solution for lifting your vessel. Once on the hardstand there is a full complement of service providers onsite in the Opuia Marine Precinct ready to assist with any of your maintenance requirements.

Also available are 20 work berths (up 20m in length) for any maintenance requirements that can be completed while your vessel remains in the water. Call in and see the team in the Boatyard office if you have any queries or would like to make a booking.

Services available in the Opuia Marine Precinct include boat building, maintenance and repair; boat charters, chandlery, computers / marine PCs / IT support; diesel servicing and hydraulics; electrical; engineering - mechanical and fabricating; refrigeration; rigging services; sails; stainless steel fabrication; upholstery and canvas; watermakers and generators, to name a few.







## Boatyard Haul Out and Hardstand

Our haul-out facility is located at the southern end of the marina, where a diverse range of marine-related services are available. Our hardstand, which can accommodate up to 61 vessels, is positioned close to marine service providers. We can arrange boat haulage or Hiab trucks. There is easy access for all registered contractors and power and water is available at all sites.

If you are planning on undertaking work on your own vessel please remember that our environment is very important to us, so please check with the Boatyard office if there is any special requirements for the work you wish to undertake.

## Haul Out

The Bay of Islands Boatyard has a 50-tonne, 5.2m beam travel lift and a 60-tonne haulout trailer for vessels up to 35m. Once on the hard there is a full complement of service providers onsite in the marina precinct ready to assist with any of your maintenance requirements.

## Boat Repair

A number of experienced boat builders are based in the Opuia Marine Precinct, providing refit services as well as boat building, cabinet making, marine painting and engineering. Purpose built facilities can easily accommodate vessels up to 10m in height and 25m in length.

There are also qualified electricians, engineers - both mechanical and electrical, refrigeration specialists and many more trade service

providers ready to help with any repairs or upgrades you may require for your vessel.

## Sails and Rigging

Opuia is home to a number of well regarded sails and rigging companies, offering everything from repairs right through to complete refurbishment of your boat, as well as sailmaking, servicing, upholstery and covers. You will also find expert support and advice on rigging and marine engineering solutions, delivering everything from a complete replacement mast, new standing and running rigging, through to a simple rig check and tune up.

**Please turn over to see the location of all marina services...**





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- 02. 36° Brokers
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- 03. Total Marine Services
- 04. Opua Cruising Club
- 05. Quarantine Dock
- 06. Fuel Dock
- 06. Sewerage pump out
- 06. Water
- 07. Intercity Group
- 08. Northland Spars & Rigging
- 09. JB Marine
- 09. Opua Auto & Marine
- 10. Far North Rentals
- 10. E Bike and Scooter Hire
- 10. Twin Coast Cycle Transport
- 11. Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI)
- 11. New Zealand Customs
- 11. Gulf Group Brokers
- 11. Toilets / Showers
- 12. Burnsco
- 13. Breakwaters (x2)
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- 15. Opua School
- 16. Bay of Islands Marina Office
- 16. Laundromat
- 16. Marina Café
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- 16. Visitors Lounge / Toilets / Showers / Media Office
- 17. Boat Ramp
- 18. Dinghy Docks
- 19. RaD Car Hire
- 19a. Stage/Pous
- 20. Northland Regional Council (NRC)
- 20. Seapower
- 20. Opua Canvas
- 20. Cater Marine
- 20. NSR Boat Builders
- 21. Total Yacht Care
- 21. Northfreeze
- 21. Marine Electrics
- 21. Opua Boat Builders Ltd
- 21. Opua Marine Engineering
- 21. NZ Stainless Cleaning
- 21. North Sails
- 21. South Pacific Marine Canvas
- 21. Far North Holdings
- 22. Total Engineering
- 23. Open Ocean Watermakers
- 23. FNHL Maintenance Division
- 24. Storage Units
- 25. Bluefix Boatworks
- 26. Bay of Islands Boatyard Office
- 27. Bay of Islands Boatyard Painters
- 28. Bay of Islands Marina work jetty
- 29. Hardstand

# MARINA INFORMATION

## On arrival

Our Marina office is here to support you so please ask for their advice. They have a wealth of information, including about local activities and events, and are here to help make your stay enjoyable.

### Customs and Biosecurity

The Bay of Islands Marina (Port Opuia) is a 'First Point of Entry' to New Zealand and has both Customs New Zealand and Ministry of Primary Industries offices onsite in the marina. These are located above the northern carpark ablutions block. Northland Regional Council also have an office in the marina to answer any local Biosecurity questions you may have.

### Dockside Assistance

The Marina office staff are on hand from 8.15am to 5pm 7 days a week and can be contacted on VHF channel 73 for assistance with lines when arriving or departing. Tender assistance is also available for those skippers needing extra help whilst in the marina.

### Power and Water

All our marina berths have water and electricity connections. Water is supplied free of charge and electricity is metered and users are invoiced for their individual usage. Electricity supplied is 240v 50Hz and all vessels wishing to plug in must have a current NZ Electrical Warrant of Fitness (EwoF) Please speak to Marina office staff if more information is required.

If your vessel is not hard-wired please discuss options with the Marina staff before plugging in.

- 240 Volt 50Hz, Connection: Blue 67 male connector (3 pronged marina type)
- Power charges are daily or monthly unless metered (see Marina Rates for charges)

### Insurance

All vessels in the marina and boatyard are required to have a minimum of \$5 million third party insurance, copy to be provided. Short term policies are available from the Marina office.

### Marina Access

All new members will receive an access code and/or key FOB to provide access to these facilities, as well as your designated marine row.

- Access code provided on check in, to gain access to pier gates, showers, toilets, customer lounge and refuse centres
- These codes are not to be shared with unauthorised users
- Pier gates must be closed by berth users and must not be wedged open

### Lines

- Please use your own lines. If provided these are the berth holders lines and are not to be altered.

### Payments

Marina accounts can be settled at the Marina office electronically or with cash between the hours of 8.15am – 5.00pm 7 days a week. Electronic payments can also be made at the Boatyard office 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday

- Daily or monthly rates are available; if paying monthly these are required in advance to take advantage of the monthly discount

### VHF

Please use your VHF on low power within the Marina & Swing Mooring area.

- Marina office – VHF Channel: 73 – Call sign: Bay of Islands Marina

### Liveaboards

Short or long term liveaboards are permitted – holding tanks & onshore facilities must be used.

- Liveaboard charges available on daily or monthly rates (see current marina rates sheets for charges)

### Check Out Times

Check out time is 12pm, please ensure that you have vacated the berth by this time. If for any reason this is not possible the Marina office must be notified as soon as possible.



## CONTACT US

The friendly Marina office team are here to help, from settling in on arrival to preparing for departure.

enquiries@boimarina.co.nz  
Phone 09 402 7124

# Customer facilities

## Customer Lounge

Our modern and comfortable customer lounge overlooks the marina and is open 24/7 for you to enjoy some relaxed time away from your boat.

- Available to marina users – entry by access code or FOB (upstairs above laundry)
- Television available (including local New Zealand television and Netflix)
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

## Free WIFI

Free WiFi available for marina users – see Marina office for ticket.

- Wireless providers are available (we can help you arrange payment online by credit card through PayPal)

## Bathrooms

Our modern, spacious bathrooms are open 24/7 for your convenience.

- Showers and toilets are available in the customer lounge and also under the Customs office
- Hot showers are \$2.00 coin for 5 minutes - coins are available from the Marina office
- Disabled facilities are available under Customs office

## Laundry

Our commercial-grade laundry is available to all Bay of Islands Marina customers from 7am until late.

- Washing machine usage is \$4.00 for a hot or cold wash
- Dryer usage is \$2.00 for 15 minutes
- Ironing boards are available from the Marina office
- Coins are available from the Marina office

## Car Parking

Berth occupiers are entitled to one free car pass with their berthage. Pass is to be displayed on the dashboard. The Marina car park is a tow away area.

## Cash Out Facilities

Limited cash out facilities are available at Marina office. An ATM is located in the Opuia General Store and there are banks in Paihia.

## Security

All marina facilities (including piers, rubbish compound, customer lounge and ablution blocks) are accessed via electronic FOB or pin code. There are 43 CCTV cameras operating 24/7 with night patrols operating at various times during the hours of darkness. With many "live aboard" boat owners in the marina, there is the added advantage of always having someone watching.

## Fuel Dock

The diesel-only fuel dock is at the north end of the marina and takes EFTPOS, Mastercard and Visa with a PIN.

- Fuel is available 24/7 via self service.
- GST exclusive fuel is available for vessels departing New Zealand - please contact the Marina office for more details.
- Strong tidal eddies can occur at the fuel berth in peak tidal flow conditions on an outgoing tide. If you are unfamiliar with the marina we suggest that you visit the fuel berth around slack water or on an incoming tide.

## Telephones, Mail and Storage

Public phones are available at the Opuia General Store and Opuia Cruising Club.

- Inwards mail pick-up, fax and photocopying services are available at the Marina office.
- Storage units are available for those wanting to go travelling

## Barbecue & Playground

An electric barbeque is available free of charge for all marina customers on the grassed area in front of the Marina Office, and a seafront playground for the kids to enjoy.





# Protecting our pristine marine environment

"Keep up your good work and we look forward to our next visit."  
*Sailing Catamaran - Laguz (Offshore Cruiser)*

The Bay of Islands Marina is a credited 'Clean Marina' and proud to be doing our part to protect our local environment. The marina is a 'NO Discharge Area'. Holding tanks must be used, with pump out at the sewage pump station on the fuel jetty at the marina entrance.

## Marine Pests

Please note if you are coming from (or have spent time in) Whangārei or further south you must supply proof that your boat has been antifouled in the last 6 months (or been waterblasted in the last month) prior to arrival due to the Mediterranean Fan Worm problem.

## Transfer Of Fuel

Under no circumstances is any vessel permitted to refuel in the marina, on the wharf or boatyard jetty, by their own personal means, be that privately owned fuel tanker or jerry can. For further information on the Regulations under the Maritime Transport Act please see the Marina office.

## Sewage

Waste pump out facilities are located on the floating fuel dock at the entrance of the marina – free of charge. The Marina & Mooring Field are NO DISCHARGE AREAS. Please use your holding tanks and the onshore facilities.

- Seals are provided to seal toilet outlets on check-in, this is compulsory, and our monitoring officer will ask to check that your boat is complying, we appreciate your support
- A portable unit than can be brought to your berth on request (there is a charge for this service). Please book at the Marina office.

## Recycling & Rubbish

The marina has two large recycling centres onsite (located in the northern and southern carparks). These facilities are for marina customers only and are accessed via security codes.

- Refuse and recycling centres located opposite B and I Piers for marina users only
- Casual users are welcomed with a charge of \$5 per bag (contact Marina office for access)
- Waste oils, solvents, gas bottles and old batteries can be disposed of at the boatyard. Oil must be uncontaminated – NO diesel

## Water

Water is drinkable: to avoid tainted water, please use your own hoses and not the fire hoses. Water does contain chlorine. Please conserve water over the summer months.

## Swimming & Fishing

Swimming and fishing (including shellfish gathering) are prohibited within the marina.

## Bay of Islands Marine Mammal Sanctuary:

Please also be aware when entering the Bay of Islands Cruising area to note rules around the DOC Marine Mammal Sanctuary. These are:

- No one in the water within 300m of a marine mammal
- No vessel to approach within 300m of marine mammal.
- You must travel 5 knots or less while within marine mammal safe zones.

**Visit [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) for more information.**





# Local services

A local business directory is available free of charge in the Marina office.

**Grocery stores:** Opuā General Store.  
By car: Paihia 10 minutes, Kerikeri 30 minutes, Whangārei 1 hour

**Gas bottle fills:** Caltex Service Station in Paihia and swap-a-bottle at Total Marine Engineering, Opuā

**Banking:** banking services are available in Paihia and Kerikeri

**Phones:** public phones located at the Opuā General Store and Opuā Cruising Club

**Mail Services:** inwards mail pick-up, fax and photocopying services at Marina office

**Internet:** Free WiFi for all marina users in the customer lounge. Wireless providers available (pay online with credit card through PayPal)

**Restaurants:** Marina Café & Opuā Cruising Club (check blackboard outside for hours)

**Medical:** Doctors and Chemists are located in Paihia. Hospitals in Kawakawa and Whangārei. Refer to Page 2 of the Gateway Magazine for contact details.

**Public transport:** There are four local taxi companies, as well as a shuttle bus from the Bay of Islands Marina to Paihia (seasonal), Intercity Buses to Whangārei and Auckland

(daily). Casual car hire (half day) is located in the marina.

**Schools:** Opuā Primary School is walking distance from the marina. Bay of Islands College is situated in Kawakawa (school bus available from Opuā) for secondary pupils

**Other Local Services:** Rental Cars, Boatyard, Boat Haulout, Boat Builders, Marine Engineers, Rigger, Sailmaker, Marine Painter, Ships Chandlery, Refrigeration, Upholstery, Marine Electrical, Vehicle Servicing, Insurance Brokers, Boat Brokers, Canvas Trimmers, Stainless work and more!

# Marina health and safety

## Vessel Maintenance

Work berths are available for vessel maintenance. Please contact the Marina office to make arrangements.

- NO welding, grinding, sand/water blasting or spray painting is allowed within the Marina
- When employing a contractor to work on your vessel it is the boat owner's responsibility to ensure that the contractor has signed in with the Marina or Boatyard office and has current Contractors Insurance

## Emergency Equipment

Fire hoses and extinguishers are located at intervals along piers, and spill kits and life buoys are located at the bottom of each pier gangway.

## Emergencies

In the event of an emergency dial 111. Report all incidents to the marina or Boatyard offices.

- In event of Fire – Dial 111 for Fire Service and notify marina or Boatyard offices ASAP

## Dinghys

Do not park dinghys in empty berths or leave them floating in the waterways.

- Please keep your outboard down and do not side-tie to dinghy dock
- Dinghy docks are available near the boat ramp and next to the Opuā General Store and Opuā Cruising Club

**Please report any concerns to Marina or Boatyard offices.**

"Great spot.  
Quality marina fittings.  
Pleasurable and friendly."

Launch - Yankee  
(Berth Holder)



**Please don't hesitate  
to ask if you need any  
further information.**

*Enjoy your stay*

**Marina Office Hours:** 08:15 to 17:00 (seven days a week)

**Ph:** 09 402 7124 **Fax:** 09 402 6124

**Email:** [enquiries@boimarina.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@boimarina.co.nz)

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