



2020 – a year that will be remembered for a long time to come! Starting with a fantastic summer with great boating, although some days turned quite apocalyptic with the afternoons getting dark as the sun was shielded behind ash and smoke clouds from the Australian bush fires. Then a very long dry spell putting restrictions on water usage leaving us at “level 4 water restrictions” for nearly 3 months and then the BIG one. Covid-19 hit the country forcing the government to “lockdown” New Zealand and telling us to all “stay home and save lives”, leaving us stuck at home with even more beautiful weather dreaming about our boats. These were challenging times for us all and here at the marina we were kept busy tending to the daily needs of the marina and working on policies and procedures to ensure we complied with the ever changing government requirements to allow boat owners back onsite as we transitioned down through the alert levels.

Good news is (for now) we are getting back to normal; we would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding through these challenging times. The marina and boatyard soon became it's normal busy place once the doors were unlocked and in general there is a very positive feel in the estate – Let's hope NZ continues to progress back to normality quickly and we can all get back to what we love, Boating in the Bay of Islands

NOTE: You may find articles here that you have read before, please read them again as they are important and we do have many new berth holders that need to be advised and kept up to date.

ANNUAL FEES

Please find attached to this email your annual fees invoice plus a statement of accounts. A decision was taken not to implement the full CPI adjustment of 2.5% given our recent challenges around water and access and this has been halved to 1.25%.

We are still providing the option for quarterly payments which you will need to set up yourselves by internet banking, the direct debit forms that we have been providing in the past proved to be underutilised for the amount of work required.

For those that take up the quarterly option, payments are due before:

1 st instalment:	before 31 st July 2020
2 nd instalment:	before 1 st October 2020
3 rd instalment:	before 1 st January 2021
4 th instalment:	before 1 st April 2021

If you wish to pay the full amount - this is due by 31st July 2020.

Your car pass can be collected from the Marina Office, as in the past one car pass per berth.

If you have multiple vehicles may we suggest laminating or adhering to a CD case or piece of perspex or glass and leaving on board your vessel.

MARINA STAFF

Things never stay the same and we all make life changing decisions at some point, so it is with a heavy heart that we said goodbye to Marilyn at the end of February this year. After 17 years of loyal service she is sorely missed, we wish her all the best in her retirement. We hope to see Marilyn enjoy some leisure time in the marina.



Joining Jane, Cheryl, Monika, Alivya and Sarianna at the customer service desk is Lucy Hutchinson to continue offering great service to our customers many needs. Please pop in anytime to say hello - we are open every day except Christmas Day.

BOATYARD NEWS

There has been a changing of the guards at the Boatyard office also. Unfortunately, when you employ good people there is always someone trying to lure them away and unfortunately for us, this was the case with Jeanette who was offered a role on Hamilton Island that could not be turned down. Jeanette was a great asset to our team and will be missed but we wish her and her family all the best in their new ventures on Hamilton Island – We welcome Sally Steeds as our new Boatyard Administrator, please come and welcome her next time you are in the marina.

Although the 2019-20 season saw us (like all other businesses) lose 6 weeks of productivity it has been another record breaking year for the Boatyard with 795 boats lifted to the hardstand and over 2,000 individual travel lift movements making BOI Boatyard one of NZ's busiest boat yards.

May 4th was a very exciting day for the team with the arrival of our long awaited Roodberg Haulout trailer, giving us capacity to haul catamarans and wider mono-hulls to the hardstand which has seen a quick uptake by vessel owners with 5 haul outs in our first week of operation.

The haulout trailer is the first piece of a large puzzle that will see new projects undertaken in the yard over the coming year which include the removal of the slipway and construction of a new ramp, a second wash down pad, installation of yard trade waste and storm water system and additional power plinths.

We are all looking forward to the coming season with some great infrastructure improvement and new services to offer.



FNHL NEWS

An application for Consent has been lodged with the Northland Regional Council for a marine contractors' reclamation, inclusive of barge dock and ramp south of the Boatyard. This will enable the commercial ramp operations such as the Oyster operators to move out of operating on the recreational boat ramp.

WINTERS HERE

A timely reminder in regard to using dehumidifiers. These are considered a high fire risk within the marine industry. They are not designed to be run continuously so you must not place the hose in the sink to drain. The dehumidifier must turn off automatically when full. For all of you that are running dehumidifiers please make sure you adhere to these standards ASAP.

It is also time to check your lines and make sure your vessel is well secured before we get any winter blows coming through. If the Marina staff have had to replace any lines in a storm, please be considerate and replace them with your own and return our lines to the office ASAP. They may be the ones that will help your vessel next time!

WATER

Although our water restrictions have been lifted it is a timely reminder to please always conserve water.



Opua and Paihia numbers swell in the summer months so we need to get into the habit to avoid any more restrictions this summer. Please make sure you turn taps off properly after use, return the hose to the reel and do not leave the hose in the tank and allow water to unnecessarily overflow into the sea.

Please report any water leaks or issues to the marina office.

OPUA WHARF

The events & superyacht pontoon on the outside of Opua wharf was finished as scheduled and we have had a selection of offshore and local visitors that have given us glowing references. We hope to welcome many more in the future.

REFUSE & RECYCLING

Something that became very evident during Covid-19 lockdown was the amount of unauthorised dumping of waste and recycling that is happening in the marina waste centres. The boatyard which had no activity in it over the lockdown period accumulated 9m3 (4ton) of waste. The marina had 60-70 people living aboard during this period and no boating activity but still the rubbish compounds filled up with no noticeable reduction in waste or recycling. Marina staff regularly spoke to people accessing the compounds that were not authorised or were berth holders that were clearly disposing of household waste (they had driven in with their waste) – The Refuse and Recycling Centres are for waste generated in your boating activities (not household waste) and the disposal of this waste is a significant operational cost that is passed onto berth holders. Marina staff will continue to speak to users to try and curb this increasing cost, so please do not be offended if you are questioned by staff – we are only trying to save you money.

DOCK TROLLEY

Always a contentious topic as there never seems to be one where and when you need one – earlier this year another 10 trollies were added to our fleet making the total number of 45, this gives us 4-5 trollies per dock. Our dock walking staff made a conservative effort this summer to make sure the trollies remained at the pier gates when not in use by keeping two trollies on every pier inside the gate, but as you can imagine this can be (and was) a very time consuming task. As users you can help with this by returning trollies to the pier gates as soon as you have finished with it with consideration of the next user – As the old saying goes “if you can't find something it is generally where you left it”.



DOCKS

Please remember that all fingers/piers must be kept clear at all times – no dinghies, anchors, rubbish etc.

If you require fendering in your berth please check with the marina office for installation requirements – all changes or additions to the marina infrastructure **must** be agreed to by marina management before proceeding.



DEFIBRILLATORS

It is important to note in case of emergencies there are two defibrillators located in the marina, one in the Laundry next to the marina office and one outside the General Store.

DIVING & HULL CLEANING

A reminder that diving and in-water hull cleaning is not permitted in the marina either by certified commercial divers or yourselves. There are exceptional circumstances where diving can be permitted but this must go through an extensive review process with marina management and be executed by a commercial dive company that complies with health and safety and environmental legislation.

Diving in marinas is extremely unsafe.



ELECTRICITY

Please remember if you are wanting to plug into the marina's electricity supply you must comply with NZ regulations, if you are not sure please contact marina staff for clarification.

If the vessel is 'hard-wired' you must have a NZ EWOFF – Electrical Warrant of Fitness – it is valid for 4 years and your cord must be tagged and tested each year.

Alternatively, if your vessel is not 'hard-wired' you will require a power unit [secondary circuit breaker] and this also needs to be tagged/tested annually, this must not be left unattended and is placed inside the vessel.

The marina office must sight your EWOFF and tagged/tested leads.

Please do not wrap your power cords around the power plinths stands

Make sure your locking ring is secure and your RCD cover in place

MARINE PESTS



Please make sure if travelling within NZ waters that you have proof on board that you can show local authorities that you have had a waterblast within the last month or an antifoul within the last six months of arriving.

We can always email you a copy if you forget to take one with you, provided you have had the required waterblast/antifoul carried out in Opuia, just call the office on 09 402 7124.

Do not forget we also require the same information on returning to Opuia after for example if you have wintered elsewhere and are coming 'home' for the summer.

SAILING WEEK 2021

Race days for the 19th Bay of Islands Sailing Week Regatta for 2021 are Tuesday 26th January to Friday 29th January. Most contestants require berths from the Saturday 23rd to Saturday 30th so if you are planning on being away around that time please let the Marina Office know ASAP as we already have a long waitlist. Berths with good water are always in demand.

This is a great event and Opuia is full of enthusiastic sailors fighting it out on the water, everyone is welcome to join them for refreshments and entertainment after the day's events in the marquee.



MAINTENANCE

Divers will be surveying finger piles over the next month. This is to assess their suitability to being sleeved with HDPE significantly improving the remaining life of the piles. Poor ones will be replaced, and all will be sleeved. The divers will also be measuring the size of the pile at seabed to enable the correct size sleeve being used. The piling work is expected to take place late this year or in to next depending on the availability of a contractor – which have been difficult to get access to with all the work on in Auckland.

REMINDERS

- Insurance for your vessel must be at least a minimum of \$5 million third party for the Marina and Boatyard and is to be supplied to the marina office each year on renewal.
 - If you require electricity please make sure that you meet the correct requirements in regard to EWOFF and tag and tested lead.
 - No welding, grinding, sanding, water blasting or spray painting in the marina. Work berths can be booked through the boatyard or marina office.
 - Contractors: make sure that the contractor working on your vessel is a registered contractor with the marina and signs in before commencing the job. They must have the required **Contractors Public Liability and Ship Repairers Insurance** - \$5 million liability cover for each policy.
 - Contact details: please keep us advised with your current contact details and email address.
 - Dogs must be kept on leads on all marina and boatyard facilities and please do the 'poop and scoop'.
 - Decanting of fuel within the Marina is prohibited.
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