



May 2011

Only a few days left before we are officially in winter. Summer seemed to pass so fast. Please take the opportunity next time you are at the marina to check your lines. Tighten up where needed and check fraying in those vulnerable places. The strong winds we have had lately gave rise to marina staff having to tie several boats and change some lines. We do what we can but it is your responsibility at the end of the day to ensure your boat is secure.

The boats heading north for the winter are nearly all gone. The last ones leaving at the end of the month and so the marina is quieting down and the time of maintenance steps up.

FUEL

Everyone is feeling the pinch at the pump. Opening our discount cards up to the local community who are members of the Whitianga Coast Guard has been well received and a lot of cards have been requested.

We have recently upgraded the poles and pulleys at the fuel berth and the way in which they were connected to the pontoon.

There is a cover being made as I write for the card reader so the screen will be easier to read in bright light.

NAVIGATION WARNING ENTRANCE CHANNEL

Please be aware that with the weather events we have had there has been a huge shift of silt throughout the harbour. It would appear that our entrance channel has been affected due to this.

There are two mounds of sand build up on the port side of the channel when entering the marina. These are about 40 to 50 mtrs back from the rock wall. They have become a hazard at low tide, especially the King tide events we have had recently. Dredging of the channel will be starting towards the end of June. We have done some remedial work to alleviate the problem but if you have a draft over 1.8 mtrs then you need to be aware.

LEASE ON RECLAMATION

Frustratingly we are not really any closer to the finalisation of the lease. The only hold up is waiting for DOC to put the final stamp on the lease document.

ELECTRICAL

Now winter is here please remember that unless you have a EWOFF registered with our office you will not be able to leave a dehumidifier operating on your boat when you are not in attendance.

We will not be responsible for loss of goods in fridges and freezers because you have not complied with the Electrical Standards of NZ.

We still have available at the office a box and lead that is fully compliant when installed. This will take about 15mins and comes with a 4 year EWOFF.

\$328.00 incl. gst is not a lot to pay for you and your family's safety and the safety of those around you.

LPG



At Easter Weekend a boat was lost and two people injured in a gas explosion on their boat at sea. When used on a boat it is normally in a confined space and so becomes extremely dangerous. LPG is heavier than air and sits in the bottom of bilges. If undetected it is an explosion waiting to happen.

Always have gas installations done by a qualified gas installer and get it certified.
Fit gas detectors in your boat bilge area.

If you smell gas inside your boat:

- Turn off all valves to gas appliances if it can be done safely.
- Turn off gas from the cylinder.
- Keep flames and cigarettes out of the room and away from the area.
- Never operate any electrical switches when a gas leak is suspected.
- Don't use your mobile phone in the area.
- Open hatches and doors to ventilate the area.
- Contact your gas retailer or a licenced gas worker to check the installation. (Use a telephone away from the gas leak area).

As in Australia it will not be long before all gas installations will need to be certified the same as your Electrical Warrant of Fitness.

Check your insurance policy to make sure you are covered if you do not have your LPG fit out certified.

If you have a certified Gas installation already and you would like the marina office to file that information against your vessel in case you need it we are more than happy to do that.

For detailed information please see NZS 5428:2006-LPG installations for non-propulsive purposes in caravans and boats and AS/NZS 1596:2008 – The storage and handling of LP Gas.

MARINA MAINTENANCE

There will be a piling barge working in the marina during July. We will be replacing 12 piles that have been infested with worm.

We have had good success with obtaining new consents to replace those expiring.

We are still hopeful of having our new waste water and storm water under way this year. This will include hot mixing over the existing seal for a smooth easy clean surface on the hard stand and some wind breaks.

We are continuing to progress the replacement of through bolts on the pontoons. We will also be starting the replacement and refurbishment of corner brackets and pole rings. This will continue over the next 5 years.

Dredging of the channel will start in late June early July.

The pontoons have nearly all been sprayed to kill fungi and mould. It will take a little time for this to work but the first ones done are already looking very good.

CLEAN MARINAS

The rubbish recycling at the South end of the marina has been very successful and a big thank you to everyone who has got behind this and done their part. We will continue to work with those few who do not play the game.

We were unsure if the recycling would save us any money but knew we had to do it. I am happy however to report that the process is in fact saving us a considerable amount.

We are now ready to move into recycling at the North end which should be up and running by end of June/July.

The North end recycling will be inside the shelter area at the rear of the toilet block. It will be accessed by your security swipe card, so will no longer be available to the public. The smelly bin at that end will then be taken away.

It is easier for you to think about separating rubbish when you are at sea than to have to go through your rubbish on return.

The bins are visible by cameras which we use to pick up the worst offenders. Most of us recycle at home now and this is no different.

Consider your environment. Help us to be a clean marina.



WASTE OIL

We are still finding oil filters in the general rubbish.

Please place all filters upside down in the tray provided at the waste oil shed so they can drain properly, do not put them in the rubbish please.

NEWS FROM BLUE WATER MARINE SERVICES LTD, WHITIANGA

Hi to all the boat owners

We have expanded our business, and will be open all year round for your boating needs.

Included in our NZQA qualified staff we have boat builders, marine spray painter and interior joiner working with us. We are servicing the Whitianga Marina Hardstand for all your Boat maintenance and repair.

We have opened a new workshop at 29b Bryce St, Whitianga, next to Pacific Coast Marine and Diesel and we are looking forward to providing you the best and fastest service.

Call Craig and ask about our July and August antifoul and polishing specials.

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New: Workshop and covered boat shed at 29b Bryce Street, Whitianga!

See us at the workshop on Bryce Street or at Whitianga Marina, Hardstand
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HAUL OUT AND HARD STAND

The end of Autumn has seen a steady increase in hard stand activity and though not full has been encouraging to see a marked increase in numbers hauling out.

All going well we are hoping to start the revamp of the waste water and hot mix re-seal to be finished before summer. This will mean some disruptions on the hard stand but we will endeavour to manage it so that the hard stand does stay operational throughout.

If things do not fall into place quite as we hope then we may have to postpone the job until post summer so as not to interrupt the preseason haul outs.

Annual Fees

We are pleased to announce there will be **NO** increase in the annual OPEX fees this year. The marina is running to budget and next year budgets have been set without need to increase fees.

Annual accounts will be sent out in June for payment by end of July. All security cards are now linked to that date. They will automatically be re-activated as payments and updated information is received.

If you have your berth privately rented out you will need to give us that person's updated information. Upon receiving that information your private renters security card will be re-activated.

This procedure ensures we go into the new year with confidence that those who have security cards are those who should have them. Please help us to keep you and your vessel as secure as is possible.



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H&M Pascoe is able to carry out a wide range of boat repairs & maintenance from traditional wooden boat repairs to GRP & composite repairs including boat painting & antifouling. We are the local applicators for PropSpeed. Our boatbuilding work includes installing transducers, bowthrusters & engines. We also offer a valet & cut & polish service and we have a steam cleaner which can wash your marine carpets etc.

This business uses the expertise gained from two generations of boat building & repairs using qualified tradesmen. We have a full workshop at 1 Dundas St, along with a shed capable of housing a 12m vessel, as well as being based at the Marina hardstand. We are also able to partially cover boats for specific jobs at the Marina hardstand.

We carry a wide range of anodes, stock Altex & International paints, Jabsco pumps & impellers, gland packing, Meguiars & NanoShield products, Tallon Systems & SALT FREE amongst others. We have the knowledge to source anything we don't stock.

Boat Ramp

New fender strips are being fitted to the boat ramp pontoons. The seal at the top of the ramp is very cut up and a number of pot holes have appeared. This will be addressed later in the year before summer.

Scallop Festival

The Scallop Festival has been reduced in size this year and the marina management has met with festival organisers to ensure the set out will not have any chance of interrupting our fuel supplies and cause as little inconvenience in the parking area of the Northern Reclamation as is possible.

SAFETY

Recently a fire hose was vandalised on E finger. Not only was the nozzle cut off but half the hose is missing. If someone knows anything about the persons responsible for this please contact the office. We will take action against anyone found tampering with fire and safety equipment.

Water Blaster

When hauling out if you wish to water blast and are going to do it yourself, please be aware that you will need shoes or boots and head to toe covering whilst water blasting or working with someone who is water blasting. No one under the age of 15 is to use the water blaster and anyone that is not actively water blasting is to remain outside the painted yellow lines of the wash down pad.

The committee and team at Whitianga Marina hope you have some great winter boating. Stay safe.

