

CEO's Message

It is the end of another year and Christmas is only a few weeks away. Both the office and hardstand will provide normal services to our customers over the holiday period, except for statutory holidays. For full details of our opening hours please check inside this newsletter.

Looking back at 2015 it can be seen that Seaview Marina has had a busy year with a lot of activity, both in the water and on the land.

F and G Pier Completion

This year we have completed the redevelopment of F and G piers and commissioned 43 new long-awaited 10m berths. This enabled us to rationalise boat sizes to berth sizes and move many small vessels which were in larger berths. We have been able to save these customers money by providing them with smaller 10m berths.

Included in the G Pier redevelopment were 12 new Catamaran berths. We now have the only purpose-designed catamaran berths in Wellington Harbour and they have also been successful. At time of writing we have only 4 out of the 12 berths free. One of these has been reserved for use by Sailability to run their fantastic sailing programme. Overall F & G Piers are running at 90% occupancy.

H Pier

To provide protection for G Pier the Board agreed to install the walkway of the next pier – Pier H. The walkway is wider than all others in the marina at 1.8m. This provides excellent protection for piers F and G in strong southerly conditions. Eventually berths will be established but this is not planned for 2-3 years. We may use the northern side for casual parallel berthing of vessels.

Trailer Boat Storage

The trailer boat storage parks are bursting at the seams. There has been a rush on leasing space and we are now almost full. This poses a difficulty for the future with no more land available for expansion. It's time to start considering the possibility of a dry-stack system for storing trailer boats!

The Wellington Marine Centre

The Wellington Marine Centre is now almost 90% occupied. We struggled last year with five empty units out of the 12 in the building. Because tenants must operate marine related businesses we are restricted in whom we can market the space to. Fortunately we have now leased out three of the five to long term tenants.



The Seaview Marina Board, Management and staff wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to being of service to you in 2016.

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The Boat Yard

The boat yard operation is also booming. Over the last three months we have seen a steady increase in the lifting and storage of vessels, both on the boat yard and within the spray booth in the Marine Centre.

We have been marketing the services on the boat yard, including our marine tenants, to commercial boat owners in the Chatham Islands and there have been five vessels from there lifted out for extended periods. The owners have been very positive about the service and facilities provided by Seaview Marina.

Next Year

The commercial pier project is planned to begin by June 2016, but will be dependent on demand. This development will be constructed in a number of stages. Larger berths for commercial vessels will be developed once commitment is secured.

The marina team wish you all a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Alan McLellan



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OFFICE & BOAT YARD HOURS



The marina office will be closed on the following days over the Christmas and New Year period:
Friday 25 - Monday 28 December 2015 inclusive-
Friday 1 - Monday 5 January 2016 inclusive

The boatyard will be closed on the above days and also on: Saturday 26 December 2015 and Saturday 2 January 2015

At all other times the marina office and boatyard will be open for business as usual.
In the event of an urgent enquiry during this period please contact:
Alan McLellan: 0274435330



‘New’ Face at Seaview Marina

Boat builder Tony Kelly, a familiar face around Seaview Marina, has joined the marina team to replace Mark Cousins.

Tony has been repairing boats for over eighteen years, the last sixteen of those have seen him based out of Seaview Marina – first with Wellington Boat Builders and then with Boatworks. He is currently enjoying being on the other side of the travel lift and learning the subtle joys of a well tended sump.

When not working Tony enjoys a quiet life around the bays with wife Deb and daughter Holly.

Seaview Marina Vision Revealed



We are very excited to share our long term vision for Seaview Marina – a great facility in our stunning harbour.

The marina has reached a stage where the Board believed it was timely to develop a long term view of future development options. Under the existing District Plan Seaview Marina is classified as a 'Special Marine Recreational Area'. With this classification comes a range of very tight conditions e.g. a building can be no more than 8m high. These conditions severely restrict opportunities for future development. For instance the current height restriction would preclude the building of a dry-stack facility to provide storage for trailer boats.

The Board was made aware that the Hutt City Council was reviewing the District Plan as it relates to recreational areas. These reviews are done on a rolling basis every 10 years. They decided it was timely to take the opportunity to make representation for changes to the District Plan in relation to Seaview Marina.

To build up a picture of what possible initiatives could be developed the Board decided to prepare a long term vision for the marina. With this in mind an approach was made to the Hutt City Council Planning Department who agreed the preparation of the long term vision was a sensible start and agreed to fund 50% of the cost of a planning consultant.

Their role was to look at New Zealand marina development in context of the Seaview Marina site and provide a vision of what the marina could become in a 20 to 30 year timeframe. It was an interesting exercise and a wide range

of activities and developments were reviewed. At the end of this process a document was prepared outlining what might be possible here in the future.

The vision was:

To establish Seaview Marina as a vibrant waterfront destination with commercial, recreational, office and boat storage facilities along with high quality residential and public spaces. The Marina would be a multipurpose landscape that maximises land use opportunities by creating a multi-layered landscape with a range of uses and users. It would have an enhanced environment, enable connection with the natural environment and celebrate and draw upon the local community.

Presentations have been made to Hutt City Councillors on the vision. The Hutt City Council Planning Department are preparing a programme of public consultation on the vision and the changes that would need to be made to the District Plan. The vision is an exciting view of what might be possible at Seaview Marina. There is a lot of work to be done in consulting with all interested parties and all will have opportunities to provide input. Any changes to the District Plan will be done within the normal framework of a District Plan change. The 3D perspective (pictured above) prepared by the consultants shows what Seaview Marina could look like once fully developed.

In the meantime Seaview Marina will continue its development plans for completing the additional in-water berths as demand dictates.



Please take care of your children in the Marina



Children are very welcome at Seaview Marina but we ask those in charge of them to please ensure they are closely supervised at all times.

Summer is a busy season on the marina with lots of activity both on and off the water.

In particular please take extra care whenever children are near the water, around all car parking areas and on the boatyard.



Pavement artist Nicole Heydenrijk from Body FX, who also lives aboard the yacht Millenium Spirit was joined by fellow liveaboard Raewyn Watt and her daughter Georgia recently to create some great pavement art at the marina.

Dawnie Oeta (pictured right) then took the opportunity to test drive the completed design!

The group are keen to make more art on site so watch this space for more!



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Positive year for club

Lowry Bay Yacht Club, based at Seaview Marina, is enjoying an expanding membership and is now looking to add harbour moorings for its cruisers.

Over the last year there has been a noticeable increase in liveaboards and cruisers using the club as awareness grows that it is for all boaties and is not limited to yacht racing.

A new membership structure introduced in September is expected to help grow the club further, with the cost of membership having reduced from \$340 to \$150 per year. The cost for partners has reduced to \$85 per year. The reduction in fees was made possible through the introduction of a separate racing fee (paid only by those boats which race) and increased income from the growing popularity of the clubhouse as a venue for business functions, weddings and birthday parties. Membership fees are pro-rated, so people joining in January only need to pay \$75 through to June (or \$42.50 for a partner).

Club members have been working hard to get moorings installed around the harbour. It will be possible to hook up to moorings in five bays, making it easy to find a sheltered spot without the hassle of anchoring. Seaview Marina are lending their support to the initiative,

including providing storage for the mooring blocks which can be seen on the hardstand while the club awaits resource consent to install them.

Yacht racing is also growing at the club, with a resurgence in trailer yachts bringing in new boats and younger members. The Club expects that the trailer yacht fleet will continue to grow as a result of the competition the existing yachts will provide and the convenience of using the Seaview Marina trailer parks and launching ramp.

The Club provides quality racing for its more competitive members but it's biggest fleets are still for the more casual Friday night races which are without spinnakers and which see the slower boats get a head start.

Commodore Gareth Edwards says that the Club is a very friendly place and visitors are welcome anytime to pop in to have a chat about what the Club might be able to offer. A good time to call in is Friday nights when the restaurant and bar are open.



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New marina software upgrade

Visitors to the marina office will have noticed a large monitor mounted on the wall displaying a birds eye view of the marina. This is part of an upgrade of the marina software supplied by MMS Pacsoft which has been in use at Seaview Marina for 10 years.

The new software allows customers to view available berths and marina facilities on screen for the first time and helps staff to manage bookings and boat movements more efficiently and tune into the entire administration and billing process far more easily. The new programme has also brought some changes in our accounting reports such as invoices and statements.

With over 500 stored vessels, the boat yard, launching ramp and Wellington Marine Centre businesses to manage, plus varying health and safety, environmental and asset management concerns, Seaview Marina has become a much more diverse and complex business to run since it opened in 1993. The new system goes a long way towards streamlining office and management processes whilst allowing for the special complexities found in the marina business.



We have a defibrillator in the marina office



A defibrillator is a life-saving machine that delivers an electrical stimulus to the heart to re-start or stabilize heart function.

All marina staff are fully trained in the use of our defibrillator but without training anyone can use them effectively.

Our defibrillator has full instructions with it.

If the marina office is closed and you need a defibrillator—dial 111.

From the Boatyard

MG Composites launches latest sports boat

Walking into the workshop of Matt Gottard of MG Composites is always interesting and invariably he has more than one boat under construction at a time.

Matt's latest build is a Bakewell-

White designed 640 sport boat named *Fantail*. Built and painted in the Seaview Marine Centre, *Fantail* was launched and commissioned in Auckland with NZ Rigging and mast and Evolution sails.

Fantail is now on her way (by ship) to Sydney and her new owner. She

is destined for local club racing around Manly but after the successful sea trial in Auckland, there are already plans afoot for a tilt at some of the Australian Sports Boat regattas once the boat and crew are fully worked up.

Matt's next project (pictured below) is a Shaw 7m sport boat, which is due to be launched in January.



Fantail under construction



Fantail during sea trials in Auckland



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Enjoying Life to the Full



James and Hannah Herne and their three children; Joshua (10), Sadie (6) and Jacob (4) are living a life that many boaties dream of—cruising the world in their yacht *Carpe Diem*. Never was a boat more aptly named for this intrepid family who arrived at Seaview Marina in December 2014 after three years cruising.

We asked James to share a bit about their voyage: 'I was asked by a colleague, just days before our departure—'What would be the things you would mostly miss when you set sail?' I stood there thinking, I must admit, I

have never been asked that question before. Most questions asked were negative and only related to the so-called normal every day living. The problem was, we were not your every day family, we were different in many ways. Going back to the question! It was about 30 seconds before I could confirm an answer and said 'I don't think I would miss anything from the daily rat race, but I do know what I really want.'

After leaving the United Kingdom we travelled via Spain, Portugal, Madeira, Canary Islands, Cape Verde Islands, Ascension, St Helena, South Africa, Brazil, Lesser Antilles, Great Antilles, Panama, Galapagos, Marquesas, Tuamotus, Society Islands, Cook Islands, Tonga, Minerva Reef to New Zealand. We can clearly say that the Tuamotu Archipelago is our most favourite place in the world so far. The scenery is just stunning, the lagoons amazing to swim in and the fish in abundance. But it was the families living amongst the lush vegetation and only a few metres above sea level that inspired us, sharing warmth and friendship.

Exploring with our kids and watching them grow in a world that was not manipulated by TV and electronic gadgets and only used in moderation, it is just amazing! We found that we grew closer as a family and fitted in well with the local cultures, to an extent that we were treated as locals due to our tans of different shades.

There were the everyday tasks, which didn't change much



as we cruised the islands. We still had the mundane jobs of doing laundry and cooking etc. Then there was the daily schooling and maintenance of the boat. But, there was always time to enjoy the moments and we learnt to appreciate what we had.

The Tuamotus are so far from the reality of most people and can just be seen in the middle of a Pacific geographic charts, yet there is so much to do and see. Life here was beautiful, stress free and will always have a place in our hearts and minds.

With three years of sailing behind us, we are enjoying New Zealand after arriving in Opuia in November. Hannah is now home after living most of her life in England and able to see her family in person. The children are in school and are doing very well.

Carpe Diem is berthed on Pier A in Seaview Marina. Probably one of the best marinas we have visited and I assure you we have seen many. The tidy facilities here are where they should be and we find the staff friendly and helpful. It is said that people make the place.

Pier A is not only hospitable but active too, with yacht racing or cruising weekly. It's almost embarrassing when we get back to our yacht after a day out and find most of the yachts out sailing. But we do have an excuse and clearly we are giving *Carpe Diem* a well deserved break.



At the beginning of our travels, we were informed by other sailors not to go to Wellington. No-one sails down there, it's always windy and you will find yourself stuck in the marina. How wrong are they! Where in the world would you get 40 knots of wind and flat seas, especially from the north? We do find the southerly a little cold in the winter, but it's a little to bear.

We are going to enjoy our sailing in Wellington to the full and I plan to sail on every racing yacht in Seaview Marina if I'm allowed!



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