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Manager's Message

I wish you all a very Happy 2014.

Seaview Marina has started the year on a positive note with good take-up of berths and trailer parks. The boatyard has been quieter than normal for this time of year but is beginning to pick up.

The newly formed Seaview Marina Users Association has queried the Board's capital expenditure programme on what is seen as nonessential developments, such as the new walkways and seating. I thought it might be useful to clarify the business structure of Seaview Marina. We are an independent self-supporting business – a Council Controlled Trading Organization (CCTO). We operate under a document called the Statement of Intent (SOI), which lays out what our only shareholder, Hutt City Council, requires of the business.

One area the Statement of Intent makes clear demands relates to improving the marina's environment to encourage the Hutt City general public to our facility. This has been the reason behind improvements in the landscaping along Port Road and also within the marina with the development of walkways and seating areas.

Since being set up in April 2003 the marina has operated very successfully. Our Shareholder, while specifying a return on investment of 5%, has never required a dividend to be paid, nor have they provided any financial support to the marina over this time.

Every year the business has returned a profit and this has been rein-



vested into improving and expanding the facilities and services provided. These have included improved security access and video monitoring, the building of a new office and ablution facility, replacing both trailer park gates, creation of a first class hardstand, purchase of a new travelift, extending trailer park A, building of additional piers and the construction of the Sea Centre. The marina is now classed as one of the best and most progressive in New Zealand.

So far the Shareholder has been happy with the increasing asset value of Seaview Marina, which has occurred over the period.

The development of core facilities in tandem with public amenities will continue and future improvements to our marina will only be possible under the present business structure.

Regards

Alan McLellan, CEO

Seaview Marina Weather Station Launched

You can now get live weather information from Seaview Marina. Just go to the marina website homepage at www.seaviewmarina.co.nz and click on the weather station icon on the top right hand corner (pictured).





Historical video of the marina construction • Pier refurbishment • New marine weather App • approved contractors • safe boating • fuel saving tips • One Day Deals.• Electrical Warrant of Fitness reminder • Living aboard on the boatyard • Storage of items on piers • Location of safety equipment on site •

View the Construction of Seaview Marina on film

If you have ever wondered how Seaview Marina was built, click on the image right to watch a 1991 video about the construction of the marina or go to YouTube and type 'Seaview Marina Construction' into the search bar.

It's a fascinating insight into the complex task of building the sea wall and reclamation in Wellingtons sometimes difficult sea conditions and with the challenges presented by the unique geology of the Seaview area.





Book your boat park or marina berth before 31 March 2014 and be into win

> a.\$500 voucher from Burnsco Marine & Leisure, Port Road, Seaview

For booking details contact admin@seaviewmarina.co.nz or phone **04 568 3736**



Trailer Boat wash-down area to be upgraded



Feedback from customers using our boat ramp has indicated they would like us to improve the drainage at the trailer boat wash-down area.

In response to this we are currently seeking prices for construction of a raised pad for vessels to park on while washing down. This will improve drainage of excess water to the adjacent garden and eliminate ponding and silting underfoot.

Once a successful tender is approved work will get underway and we should soon have a much improved facility for trailer boat owners.

Marina maintenance update

Replacement of Floating Rings Continues



The cleaning and replacement of floating rings is part of our on-going pier maintenance programme.

A number of old floating rings have recently been replaced. Because the cost of a new ring is \$400-\$500, replacements must be staged over several years.

Please help us extend the life of your floating

rings by:

- Advising staff of any repairs needed
- Attaching your lines directly to the rings without using shackles
- Removing old or unused shackles
- Ensuring fore and aft lines attached to floating rings are clear of mussel growth. Mussel encrusted lines are heavy, they drag lines down and considerably reduce the



This image shows the correct way to attach your mooring lines to a floating ring.

The mooring line is tied directly to the floating ring without using metal rings or shackles



Meet the Pier Refurbishment Team



The father and son team of Piet and Aaron Lanser (pictured) were employed in January to undertake a complete refurbishment of power pedestals on piers A -D. The plywood base of many of the pedestals had rotted since their installation over 20 years ago, making many unstable.

Over a two week period Piet and Aaron removed the worn bases and reattached and secured all affected pedestals. Thank you to all customers on piers A-D for your patience during the power outages required during this work.

With this first contract completed, Piet and Aaron have now moved on to the considerably larger task of identifying and replacing all through-bolts classified as unsound. The through-bolts hold the floating walkways and fingers together.

Piet, who is an engineer, has designed a purpose-built frame, constructed by the local firm Best Engineering, to make this task easier.

Is Your Contractor Approved?

Seaview Marina wishes to ensure that all contractors and companies working in and around the marina understand their legal obligations and responsibilities in regard to Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and Environmental legislation.

As part of our commitment to security, safety and professionalism in service delivery and the environment, we will be requiring all contractors to register before being given access to undertake work in and around the marina.



Contractors will also be required to complete an induction onto the site and provide confirmation of insurance cover.

Seaview Marina currently requires a minimum of \$2 million worth of Public Liability and/or Ship Repairers insurance.

In many cases, the contracting firm may choose to hold more insurance cover based on the value of the vessels they are working on.

So you can be confident that the contractor or firm you are hiring holds appropriate insurance and is aware of the correct health and safety responsibilities we will be listing the names of approved contractors on our website, on a printed list in the marina office and on our approved contractors business card boards in the main office and Sea Centre.

To support safe working practices and to protect yourself please do not hire unapproved contractors.

If you have any questions about Seaview Marinas policy on contractors or if you are a contractor wishing to register please contact the marina office phone: 05 568-3736.

New Marine App Available



MetService and Maritime New Zealand have joined forces to bring Kiwis a new marine weather app for iPhones and Android smartphones.

The app includes all the

coastal and recreational marine forecasts from metservice.com plus heaps more—in one handy app. Features include:

- Opens with todays marine forecast for the location of your choice—just swipe for all the details.
- * Forecasts for all New Zealand coastal and recreational marine areas.
- * Severe weather information.
- * Set favorites for your most used forecast and tide locations.
- Local tide information for all New Zealand Tasman Sea-New Zealand area surface pressure charts.
- * Live regional rain radar and 3-day rain forecast
- Upload your own boating photos for each location

The MetService Marine app is free thanks to Maritime New Zealand Sponsorship.

Another Way to Get Your Weather— METPHONE



When you are out and about and need a fast forecast sometimes it's easier to have it read to you.

That's when Metphone is worth a call.

You Tube

Calls cost \$1.30 per minute plus any applicable mobile call rates. Calls take about a minute.

Call 0900 999 04 for a Wellington Region forecast.

Follow us





New Bike Stand on its way



Biking is becoming very popular, especially amongst our liveaboards. Most bikes are being stored under the marina office, chained to the deck posts and space there is getting tight. To ease congestion and pro-

vide better security and protection for your bikes, a new 10 stand bike rack like that pictured has been ordered and delivery is expected within 2-3 weeks.

SEAVIEW MARINA BOATYARD One Day Deals



Over the next few weeks we will be offering you more of our great one-day deals on the boatyard

Keep checking your emails for the latest specials and freebies on cradle and water-blaster hire

Communication and Insurance - are we up to date?

Do we have your current contact details?

We need your primary and alternate phone numbers, mobile and email addresses. Our preference is to contact customers by email and/or phone rather than mail whenever possible. Please don't forget to contact us if you move house or change email or mobile details.

Have you given us an emergency contact?

If we can't contact you in an emergency is there another person we could call? Please supply us with contact details for your preferred back-up person.

Have you renewed your boat insurance?

Insurance policies come to us throughout the year (hopefully with the recommended \$5,000,000 Third Party Liability) but we don't automatically get your policy updates. When you get your renewal advice please make sure we have a copy also.

Either bring in a copy for us to photocopy, scan and email it to us, or ask your broker to email a copy directly to us admin@seaviewmarina.co.nz.



This trailer number plate was found in trailer park A in January. Please contact the marina office if you are the owner.

Before you go -Know the boating safety CODE 5 Simple steps to keep you safe

You never know what can happen out on the water. These five simple safety tips will help to keep you safe no matter what kind of boat you use:

1 Life Jackets – take them – wear them

Boats, especially ones under 6m in length, can sink very quickly. Wearing a life jacket increases your survival time in the water.

2 Skipper Responsibility

The skipper is responsible for the safety of everyone on board and for the safe operation of the boat. Stay within the limits of your vessel and your experience.

3 Communications

Take two separate waterproof ways of communicating so we can help you if you get into difficulties. Log a trip report with Coastguard. A distress beacon (EPIRB or PLB) and a handheld, waterproof marine VHF radio are the most reliable forms of emergency communication.

4 Marine Weather – If in doubt, don't go out

New Zealand's weather can be highly unpredictable. Check the local marine weather forecast before you go and expect both weather and sea-state changes.

5 Avoid Alcohol

Safe boating and alcohol do not mix. Things can change so quickly on the water. You need to stay alert and aware. Alcohol impairs judgment and balance, and its effects are exaggerated on the water.



Fancy a BBQ after a day on the water?

With the summer weather warming up at last the BBQ area below the marina office is proving a popular spot with not only marina customers and staff but also passers-by. Using the electric BBQ is simple—all you need to do is place a \$2 coin in the machine, pour a beer and start cooking!



Location of Emergency Equipment at Seaview Marina

Your safety is very important to us. We have a range of equipment on site for use in emergencies. Please note the equipment type and location – it will save time and could save a life!

Fist Aid Kits

Defibrillator Telephones Mobile Fire Pump Fire Extinguishers Marina Office and Sea Centre lunchroom Marina Office Marina Office Ablution Block, under office On all piers, in the Marina, Office and Sea Centre

All marina staff are fully trained in Workplace First Aid and in the use of the defibrillator. Please report all emergencies or hazards to the marina office on phone: 04 568-3736.

For after-hours medical or other emergencies please call 111 and ask for the appropriate service.



Congratulations to Kenneth Chandler

the lucky winner of a \$500 voucher from Burnsco Marine & Leisure

Kenneth booked a trailer park prior to 29 November 2013 and went in the draw to win the voucher



Have you lost this winch handle? It was found in trailer park B, near park 59. Another similar blue winch handle is also in our possession. They can be collected from the marina office. Phone: 04 468-3736.

Electrical Warrant of Fitness Reminder



Seaview Marina recently underwent a four yearly electrical compliance inspection. This highlighted the fact that many vessels with connectible installations either do not have an electrical warrant of fitness (EWoF) or have one that has expired.

It is illegal for Seaview Marina to supply power to a vessel that has a connectible installation that does not have a current EWoF. We also require all licensed liveaboards to have a connectible installation with a current warrant of fitness.

Over the next few weeks we will be contacting owners of vessels who do not have a current EWOF to assist them in bringing this up to date.

If you have any queries about your obligations regarding an Electrical Warrant of Fitness for your vessel please contact Mike Croft - Mobile: 0275 022 888



You can now pay your rental by Direct Debit

Seaview Marina is set up to accept marina berth, trailer park or pole mooring rental payments by monthly direct debit.

Direct debit takes the hassle out of paying your rental by automatically debiting your account on the first of the month for the exact amount owing. These amounts are automatically adjusted for you when rates change so you don't need to visit your bank. Each month you will continue to receive an invoice showing the amount and date of agreed deductions in that period.

If you wish to arrange a monthly direct debit for your marina berth, trailer park or pole mooring rental please contact the office and ask to be sent an application form.

Marina Office: 04 568 3736 Email: admin@seaviewmarina.co.nz

Why it is no longer possible to live aboard your vessel while it is on the boatyard

A number of customers have questioned the recent decision by Seaview Marina to not allow boat owners to live aboard their vessels while they are on the boatyard.

The Seaview Marina boatyard is a workplace which is governed by Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) regulations. Before implementing this policy we checked with the local OSH officials. OSH regulations firmly state that Seaview Marina is liable and can be prosecuted for any accidents occurring on the boatyard. While we regret that this policy will inconvenience some customers it has been introduced to mitigate such risk.



Storage of items on piers - please consider others

We have had complaints from some berth-holders about marina users storing items on fingers and walkways.

Please note that under the terms of your Marina Berth Licence (Clause 5.2 (d)) a Licensee has an obligation to not allow any of their property, gear or equipment to be stored on the marina (including the Marina walkways, fingers or foreshore) without the consent of Seaview Marina.

So all marina users can enjoy uninterrupted access and use of piers and berths please keep the main walkway and all finger piers clear of, but not limited to, dinghies, fishing gear, vessel equipment or personal effects.

Dock steps placed on the finger are allowed but must be no wider than one-half the width of the finger and no longer than 2 metres. Please don't fasten dock steps to fingers.

Over the next few weeks marina staff will be contacting all berth-holders with items stored on fingers or walkways to request that their property be removed. Please assist us by removing items as soon as possible.

You will be given sufficient time to remove property, however, should items not be removed, Seaview Marina staff reserve the right to remove any or all loose items from your dock area. You will be advised of this action and items will not be unreasonably removed. All property will be held and owner notified for pick up, then discarded after 30 days if not claimed.

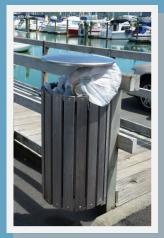
If you have any questions or concerns about this matter please contact Alan McLellan: Phone: 04 568-3736 Email: alan@seaviewmarina.co.nz





Keeping Rubbish Under Control

Please don't over-fill the pier rubbish bins with supermarket bags full of rubbish or place recyclable materials (bottles, plastics, cans and cardboard) in them. These bins are only intended for small, nonrecyclable items.



All large or nonrecyclable items and overflow should be placed in the orange skips located south of the ablution block and by E Pier. Please do your bit and take a few seconds to sort your glass, cans and plastic rubbish into the three recycling bins by the south wall of the ablution block.

The large blue skip is for cardboard, paper and cling film ONLY. We are not charged for emptying this bin—but if it is contaminated by other rubbish we are charged.

This week someone placed a heater, stereo and polystyrene in it meaning not only that we will have to pay for the bin to be emptied but that the whole bin load is taken to the tip and not recycled.

Sailability Wellington now has a permanent home at Seaview Marina



In September 2011 Sailability Wellington began a trial programme of sailing in Access Dinghies for people with disabilities, at Seaview Marina.

It was no easy task, as the boats had to be borrowed from Evans Bay and then returned there each week in their container. Seaview Marina provided use of their RIB as support boat free of charge and the boats sailed in the lagoon off G pier.

A group of volunteers, mostly experienced sailors from Lowry Bay Yacht Club, led by John Rushton, developed a system to unpack, rig and launch four boats, complete with weighted centreboards and furling rigs consisting of job and mainsail. The volunteers also skippered the yachts and took sailors out, for some a therapeutic experience and for others a chance to learn the rudiments of sailing.

The target was 150 sailors, preferably from the Hutt Valley re

gion. The outcome was 116 new sailors and 16 teachers and caregivers. The time each sailor spent on the water varied from some minutes to up to half an hour, depending on the time available and the keenness of the individual sailor. The number of sailors was usually around 25 to 30 per day, the maximum being 40.

With the blessing of the board and management it was decided to make the programme a permanent feature at Seaview Marina in 2012. Boats were still ferried from one side of the harbour to the other and quite quickly, the programme developed a life of its own. Lowry Bay Yacht club provided a place to hold meetings and gatherings and the use of their safety boat *Kiore*.

It soon became apparent that Sailability needed to have a fleet of yachts based at Seaview rather than transporting them weekly from Evans Bay. At nearly \$15,000 per boat and the added cost of a container as well as life jackets, this was no easy undertaking. The Sailability Trust has raised almost all the money needed and the new Sailability container (pictured below) is now based at Seaview Marina opposite G Pier.

During 2013, with more and more people wanting to come sailing, all with a disability of one sort or another, many of them with multiple problems, another trial day of sailing was added on a Wednesday. It proved just as popular as the first. Today Sailability have just over 80 sailors who will come sailing every week of the year from Seaview Marina with a waiting list of 35 people.

This has been made possible by the consistent efforts of Sailability volunteers, John Rushton, Sue and Graham Eathorne, Dean Apps, Peter Scott, Ian Blair, Richard Grocott, Remy Thomassen and Eleonore van der Reyden and the good will of the Seaview Marina staff and management, as well as the Hutt City Council.



Tips for reducing fuel usage



- Slower speeds on the water will reduce fuel usage.
- Proper use of trim tabs reduce drag, especially while accelerating up to planing speeds.
- Minimize the amount of time that you idle at the dock.
- Minimize the use of onboard generators.
- Use dock-side electrical power in lieu of generators.
- Have a float plan so you know exactly where you're going.
- Make sure your hull is clean.
- Don't under-power your boat. It's important you have enough motor to handle the load.
- Check your propeller. If your boat is slow 'out of the hole' or lacks top-end speed, you might have the wrong propeller.
- A well-tuned engine uses less fuel.
- Use the grade of fuel specified by the engine manufacturer.



Don't leave shore without one



Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws require you to carry lifejackets of appropriate sizes for everyone on board your boat. (bylaw 2.1)





Seaview Marina Hours & Contact Details

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