

CEO's Message

F and G Piers nearly full

Over the last twelve months the marina has expanded with the completion of F and G Piers. This has provided another 46 x 10m berths, 5 x 14m catamaran berths, 5 x 18m catamaran berths and 1 x 20m mono-hull berth - increasing the number of floating berths from 259 to 317. In addition, 6 trailer parks have been added by filling in an area close to the marina office. It will take time to fill these new spaces but the process is well underway. Berth occupancy has already increased to 85% and trailer parks to 95%.

More in-water development planned

Our shareholder, the Hutt City Council, has approved the business case for the final in-water development at Seaview Marina.

The first stage will be the installation of the walkway for Pier H to provide protection for the vessels on G Pier in strong southerly conditions. Total Marine Services will commence work on this pier in mid-September.

Planning for Stage 2, a commercial pier, is underway but will depend on getting commitment from new commercial operators. In all, a further 60 berths will be installed over the coming few years.

New tenants for Wellington Marine Centre

We are pleased to announce that two of the vacant Wellington Marine Centre units have been leased.

Burnsco Marine and Leisure are taking over Unit 7 for use as a storeroom. Their existing store will be incorporated into the shop giving them an additional 40m² of retail space. Their alterations will be finished by the end of August.

Matt Gottard of MG Composites has set up a boat building workshop in Unit 4. More details of the type of work Matt specialises in is outlined inside this newsletter.

Pier refurbishment continues

The scheduled upgrade of marina in-water structures has progressed significantly and will continue over the next couple of years with work on remaining through-bolts, corner brackets, pile guides and floating mooring rings.

NZ Marina Operators to visit Wellington

Delegates from the New Zealand Marina Operators Association will be in Wellington in August for their AGM and conference. Part of the conference will involve a tour of all Wellington marinas including Seaview Marina.

The marina is seen as one of the best in New Zealand and delegates are keen to view the changes that have been made since they were last in Wellington in 2011.

Mark Cousins Resignation

It is with regret that I accepted Mark' Cousins's resignation from Seaview Marina. Mark has secured a senior position at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. He will be leaving at the end of August.

We will be advertising for a replacement for Mark over the next few weeks and hope to be able to make an appointment within the next month or two. In the meantime Mike Croft will be the sole person working on the boatyard and operating the travel lift. We will try to maintain the Saturday morning boat hoist schedule, but there may be occasions when this may not be possible. We wish Mark well in his new position.

Alan McLellan
CEO, Seaview Marina

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What's on at Lowry Yacht Club



It might be Winter but Lowry Bay Yacht Club is still running some events on the water plus things are heating up indoors at the Clubhouse.

There will still be the occasional cruising event arranged over Winter but most of the cruisers can now be found indoors at the Club with quiz evenings, movie nights and the like. There are also some one-off events coming up such as a diesel maintenance course.

Yacht racing continues but is reduced to fortnightly at this time of the year. With some warm clothing it's the



ideal way to spend a Sunday afternoon, especially as we can get sunny days with light winds at this time of the year. New yachts are always welcome to join the fleet and a number of the yachts would love to have some extra crew. If you or someone you know wants to have a go then then please get in touch.

If you're not already a regular, why not pop in to the Clubhouse on a Friday night for a drink and meal? We're keen to meet our fellow boaters and visitors are most welcome. The restaurant and bar are open almost every Friday; with the bar also open most Saturday afternoons and on Sunday afternoons if there has been a yacht race. You can find opening hours each week on our website and on the Marina noticeboards.

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Behind the Scenes on the Boat Yard

Colder weather has slowed down work outside on the boat yard but the same can't be said for activity in the Wellington Marine Centre sheds. Behind the scenes a number of interesting more traditional projects are underway

Carvel Dinghy Gets a Makeover



Jim and Russell about to insert a rib—note the steam coming out of the steam box on the right by the shed door.



The image above shows two newly inserted ribs, fastened with copper nails, alongside existing ribs. For those of you wondering, as I did, why the nails aren't in a straight line — to do so would risk causing a split in the ribs.

Those walking past Unit 4 in the Wellington Marine Centre this month have been treated to a demonstration of boat building, as it used to be.

Jim Carey has been engaged in the restoration of an old carvel dinghy that had been about to be scrapped. Built by Island Bay fishermen and originally launched in 1957 the dinghy required strengthening of the hull with new ribs and then caulking and painting.

On the day we passed by, Jim had enlisted the help of Seaview boat builder Russell Smith to assist with the job of putting new ribs inside the hull. With, as Jim noted, 'over 100 years of boat building between them' Jim and Russell made the task of steaming and fastening the oak ribs look easy.

Steam bending ribs involves placing the ribs inside a steam box or tunnel to heat and soften them so they can be curved. Once ready, the ribs are removed from the box and while still hot, curved around the inside of the hull and nailed in place alongside existing ribs.



A steam box in action



The finished dinghy featuring a few new ribs and a re-caulked hull and freshly painted hull and interior.

Sea Scout Cutter Repair

Also in Unit 4, Russell Smith is at work repairing a damaged cutter belonging to the Ngati Toa Sea Scouts who are based in Mana.

The 17-foot timber clinker built cutter is the principal boat design used by New Zealand Sea Scouts. The concept of having a specific boat for Sea Scouts originated



in 1944 with clinker built boats constructed using Kauri as the main timber. Their rig was gunter designed so that all the spars could be stowed inside the boat for towing. They continued to be built in the original manner until the early 1970s with around 140 built over this period. The wooden cutters are still in use today, including the first built.

In the late 1960s early 1970 fibreglass versions of the cutters began to be produced, the hull being identical in shape and size but with the gunter rig replaced with a Bermudan design using aluminium mast and boom. These boats are still in production.



Kevin & Leonie Ryan's Launch makes great progress

In our November 2013 newsletter we ran a feature on a new build under construction in Unit 6 - Kevin and Leonie Ryan's 12m alloy launch.



At that time Kevin was eight months into the project and had fabricated the hull stem, frames and stringers and completed hull plating and welding. Next on the

programme was work on fuel and water tanks, hull stiffeners, engine bearers, deck beams, deck plating and hatches and bulwark capping.

Nearly two years on we checked in on Kevin to see how the boat was progressing. The yet to be named fishing vessel has advanced steadily over the last 24 months. The wheelhouse has been structured in two halves with the top half removable to enable the vessels exit from the workshop under the limited roller door height. Once outside the two halves will be reassembled and permanently welded watertight. Just completed is the transport cradle, which is set on pipe rollers to enable roll out from the workshop.

Work is now starting on the wheelhouse roof plating, which is the last of the exterior sheathing to take place. This leaves minor interior partitioning to complete. Work to the engine room, tank supports, and services will follow.



Vessel specifications are:

Length: 12m

Beam: 4m

Motor: 450hp

Flush deck work area is 24 sq.m

Construction: Aluminium, semi-displacement design, single prop

New tenant for Marine Centre

MG Composites to set up a workshop in Unit 4

Matt Gottard, who will already be a familiar face to many marina customers, will be setting up a boatbuilding workshop in Unit 4 of the Wellington Marine Centre from 1 August.

Matt began his boatbuilding career in 1999 as an apprentice at Kelly Archer Boats (Auckland) working with glass fibre & woodwork on 70-90 foot luxury sailing yachts, before moving to Cookson Boats in 2001. There he worked on building and modifying a variety of boats - from Cookson 12m cruiser racers to 100 foot maxi yachts.



Matt made the move to Wellington in 2005 to work at Hakes Marine until 2012, also taking some time out to shore crew on Trans Pac 52's in the Mediterranean and on the

Green Dragon in the 2008-2009 Volvo Ocean Race.

Matt has been actively sailing and racing in Wellington on a variety of yachts over the years, including building and campaigning his Shaw 650 "Monkey Business" for several seasons.

Matt is fully qualified in both wooden and composite boatbuilding. This year Matt and the MG Composites team have several exciting projects underway, including two Shaw 7 metre sport boats, (one of which will be the new Monkey Business) and a BAKEWELL-WHITE 640 sport boat for a Sydney client.

With their network of specialist staff, contractors and suppliers MG Composites can help with any of your boat building and repair projects.



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THE SEAVIEW MARINA SECTOR LIGHT— How it works

A question has been raised about the location of the sector lights set up to provide a safe bearing to traverse the marina entrance at night. It was suggested that at low tides following the using the sector light could result in a vessel ending up in shallow water.

The lights have been checked and they are set in the right position. The only way a vessel could get into trouble using the sector lights is by following the white light too far, which would end up on the rocks by the Eastern Bays Marine Drive.

The sector light is a navigational guide to allow a vessel to safely traverse the entrance channel between the two breakwaters. Once a vessel has passed the end of the northern breakwater a port turn is required to get to the marina berths.

The sector light does not provide an indication as to when a skipper should turn to port after entering the marina basin. This is left to the judgement of the skipper. There is plenty of water depth and turning space to make this port turn after reaching the end of the entrance channel.

Just to remind you of the operation of the sector light please note the following.

The light provides sectors of green, white and red. The colors that are used in the sector light are as follows:

White this sector is in the middle of the safe channel

Red indicates the port edge of the channel for vessels approaching the light source.

Green indicates the starboard edge of the channel for vessels approaching the light source.

The diagram below shows how these are set up at Seaview Marina.



We're Switching to LED Lighting

We have begun the process of replacing all existing marina lighting with LED alternatives.

Initially we will replace all the fluorescent tubes in the ablation block with LED conversion kits and then move on to changing over all the pedestal lights on marina piers.

LED lights not only last longer but also cost less to run and we expect to make power savings in the order of 30%. In addition, the setup costs have also come right back in recent times.

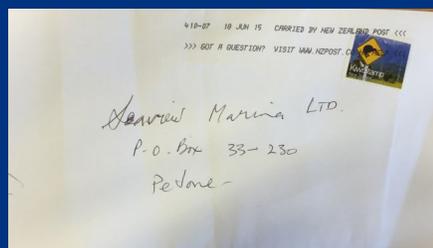
This work should not inconvenience anyone but people may notice a slightly different tone of lighting.

Is this your writing?

The envelope pictured below was sent to Seaview Marina, but arrived at our post box open and empty. There was also no sender address provided.

If you recognise this writing please contact the marina office as you may need to cancel a payment and/or resend a cheque to us.

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Have you dropped any valuables into the marina?

Local dive company Dive HQ have offered to do a clean-up of the marina seabed on Saturday 12 September. They will use this as a training event for their dive masters.

If you have dropped something valuable below your boat let the marina office know before the event and we will ask the divers to have a look for the lost item. No guarantees though!

The diving will be properly supervised. It will only be removing material from the marina seabed. No cleaning of hulls will be allowed, as this is against the marina policy.

The event coincides with 'Keep New Zealand Green' week. Something our Clean Green Marina status promotes.

What to do if you are undertaking welding or hot work in the marina



If you, or a contractor employed by you is going to be undertaking welding or hot work in the marina you require a Hot Work Permit.

If the hot work is to be carried out on a vessel *in the water*, then the person who is conducting the work needs to apply to the Wellington Harbour Master for a permit to carry out that work. He can be contacted on phone: 04 3845708.

If hot work is to be undertaken *on the hardstand* then a hot work permit can be issued by the Seaview Marina office.

In both cases, this must be done before the work commences. For more details call the marina office: 04 5683736



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Name Change for Wellington Sea Centre



The Seaview Marina Board decided at their May meeting to change the name of the Wellington Sea Centre building to the Wellington Marine Centre.

The Board made this change because they felt that the word 'marine' is more widely used and appropriate in our industry.



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