

# THE MARINA MAILER

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## Preparing for Summer

Welcome back to another season on the water. Hopefully you haven't ignored your boat over the winter, but in any case, now is a good time for maintenance.

Firstly, check ropes and ensure your boat is secure. Spring can be blustery and winds of 65 knots have been recorded inside the Marina. If boats aren't well secured they can come loose and get damaged, or worse still, damage neighbouring boats. Check fenders for wear and replace as necessary, inspect lines for chafing and ensure they're heavy enough for the weight of your boat.

The Marina's operations are covered by the Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012 (No. 218), which is aimed at providing a safe and secure environment for all users. Boaties should always work on vessels in a safe manner and no rubbish or material must fall into the water as a result of sanding or other repair work. One way to prevent this happening is to use a vacuum cleaner.

To carry out hot work (welding, flame cutting, grinding or prolonged use of power tools or air spray apparatus) at the Marina you must obtain a permit from the Harbour Master. (03) 5482099/ harbourmaster@portnelson.co.nz

## Marina Survey - have your say

We will soon be sending out emails inviting berth-holders to take part in an online survey.



We want to hear your thoughts on fees, parking, staff, security, wi-fi, maintenance and lots more. The survey is anonymous and the information we receive will be used to guide future decision-making, investment priorities and marina management. Where we do not hold a berth-holder's email address, survey forms can be posted.

If you wish to receive a hard copy of the survey please ring the Marina Office on (03) 546 7768.

## Berthholder Licence 2015

The new Berth-holder Licence is much the same as the old one with a couple of differences. It requires licence holders to provide to the Marina Office with details of *all* who live on-board, evidence of insurance and, if connected to shore-power, an Electrical WOF.

## Safety using antifouling

Now is the time of year to antifoul your boat and, as this contains toxins, there are risks to be aware of. Be sure to use protective covering when you are applying or removing antifouling. This includes goggles, full body overall, covered shoes and chemical-resistant gloves.

Minimise the release of product to the surrounding environment. Don't use excessive abrasion or hosing on your boat and limit dust and run-off. Protect surfaces from over-spray with tarpaulins and sheeting (brushes or rollers are preferred to sprays). Spray painting and antifoul maintenance should be done in calm weather. Finally do not allow run-off to enter waterways and treat all antifouling paints as contaminated waste – collect scrapings and debris for disposal. For more: [http://www.epa.govt.nz/Publications/Safely\\_using\\_antifouling\\_paints.pdf](http://www.epa.govt.nz/Publications/Safely_using_antifouling_paints.pdf)

## Ahoy there

With the warmer weather boat traffic increases along with kayaks, waka and rowing skiffs. Please watch out for these users, particularly around the public boat ramp at weekends when the area can get congested.

## Pump it - Don't dump it

Onboard sewage management isn't much fun to think about but is a necessary part of boating. Please check your boat's Marine Sanitation Device is working and that onboard heads, marine sanitation devices and portable toilets are doing what they should.

Nelson Marina offers sewage pump-out facilities at pontoon F, at the end of the visitor berth. We recommend that you pump at high tide since there is a 4 metre head difference at low tide and the pump has limited lifting capacity. If unsure ask Marina staff.

There have been recent incidents of people flushing toilet waste into the Marina. Under the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998, it is illegal to discharge sewerage directly into the Marina. Also, it is prohibited to discharge untreated sewage within 500 metres of shore or a marine farm, 200 metres of a marine reserve, or in water less than 5m deep. If caught you may be prosecuted. Boat sewage is a serious risk to health and the environment by introducing bacteria, nutrients, and hazardous chemicals.

## Want to polish up your sailing skills?

Sail Nelson has moved across the marina to Berth L6 and if you, or someone you know, wants to learn to sail, improve their skill level and confidence, or is considering buying a boat it's worth giving Chris Roff a call.

The new location is handy for out-of-towners to stay at the Harbourside Lodge, get a meal at the Anchor Restaurant and browse yachts for sale at NZ Boat Sales.

As a Royal Yachting Association Yachtmaster Instructor and MNZ commercial skipper, Chris is passionate about giving people the skills to enjoy sailing to the full. Sail Nelson's courses are recognised worldwide and are great for people who haven't grown up yachting. All Sail Nelson instructors are RYA trained and qualified, and have covered thousands of sea miles over many years.



Sail Nelson offers sailing courses to suit all levels of skill and experience ranging from a two-day 'taster', to five-day Competent Crew, Day Skipper, Coastal Skipper or Yachtmaster course. Courses usually take place on Manaia, the school's 34ft Farr 1020 but own-boat tuition is also available. For more information, contact Chris Roff: info@sailnelson.co.nz

Bins for **recycling** glass, cardboard, plastics and oil are located by the Marina Office - please contact marina staff to use the oil receptical. Please use these free facilities and help protect our environment.



## Marina Noticeboard

- Under the Berth-holder licence 2015, every temporary and permanent berth-holder must have public liability (third party) **insurance** to a minimum value of \$2m in the event of loss or damage to property or claims from berth use. All vessels and property at Nelson Marina should also be fully insured against loss or damage by fire, explosion, storm, tempest, earthquake etc.
- Boat-owners have a responsibility to **anti-foul** their hull regularly to prevent the spread of marine pests. If the fouling level exceeds 15%, you could be fined \$750. Port Nelson has had divers looking at growth on boats and has fined boats in the Port area. They could do the same with boats in the Marina.
- The **Marina Management Committee** had its first meeting in August. This body has 2 representatives from each of Nelmac, NCC and the Berth-holders' Association. The Harbour Master is also a member.
- Nelson City Council is appointing an external consultant to develop a **10 year Marina Strategy**. The brief includes consulting with Marina users, which will take place between now and December.
- The Marina had 95% **occupancy** in the 2014/15 year, and while we would love to accommodate more boats we just don't have sufficient turnover. The wait-list for a 12-14m berth in particular is growing.
- There are **security cameras** around the Marina to encourage people to play nicely and by the rules. Cameras by the boat ramp and in the inner harbour area are monitored by Port Nelson and can also be used to identify boaties who are speeding.
- You will have received a letter about **dredging** in Nelson Marina. We apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause you. Dredging is part of regular maintenance - the focus is on areas with less than 1.8m minimum draught. This work will make the Marina easier to use, particularly during low tides. We would appreciate it if you could keep well clear of dredging equipment and give the divers safe space to work. Some boats may need to be moved while dredging is underway and this will be coordinated by the Marina Supervisor. Nelson City Council is currently undertaking Tender Evaluation and negotiating with a preferred Contractor for this project. We expect dredging to be finished by the end of the year. If you have questions contact the Marina Office or Kayleen Goldthorpe at the Council on (03) 546 0307 or email kayleen.goldthorpe@ncc.govt.nz).

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