

THE MARINA MAILER

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Coastguard Nelson: Keeping people safe on the water

Did you know that Nelson Coastguard rescued 88 people in 2018?

Our Coastguard region spans Whanganui Inlet on the West Coast to D'Urville Island in the Marlborough Sounds – and includes challenging sea conditions. Here are options for you to get involved in this important volunteer service that helps to save lives:

- Become a member for \$115 annually. Money goes to the local region and membership gives you a discount on boating education courses, and access to free non-urgent assistance at sea.
- Do some boating education, either online or locally, to help you enjoy boating even more and potentially save lives. Courses coming up in the Upper South Island in 2019 are:

Nelson: 15-16 June: Day Skipper (15 hours) and 21 September: Maritime VHF Radio Operator Certificate (6 hours)

Picton: 29-30 June and 16-17 October: Day Skipper (15 hours), 7 September: Maritime VHF Radio Operator Certificate (6 hours) and 19th – 22 November: Boatmaster (30 hours)

Email: bookings@boatingeducation.org.nz or
Phone: 0800 40 80 90 to find out more.

- Make a donation towards a new rescue boat for Nelson. The total cost is \$1.3m and \$500,000 has been raised so far. Another \$500,000 must be raised by the end of 2019. Nelson Coastguard president Pete Kara says the current rescue vessel is struggling to cope with the increasing demands for help and is at the edge of its capability. The new boat will be larger, more seaworthy, and safer for both crew and those in need of rescue. As Coastguard only receives about 12 per cent of its budget from central government, with none going towards capital costs for new vessels, community support is needed.

Donations can be made at www.givealittle.co.nz/org/coastguard-nelson or contact Pete Kara on
Phone: 027 246 8672.



Environment: Keeping the Marlborough Sounds pristine

Are you thinking of visiting a Marlborough Sounds Marina?

If so, you will need evidence that your boat has been:

- Anti-fouled in the last SIX months OR
- Lifted and washed in the last ONE month.

This new requirement aims to prevent the spread and incursions of marine pests. The owner or person in charge of a craft entering Marlborough must ensure that fouling on the hull and niche areas do not exceed 'light fouling'. Light fouling means small patches up to 100 millimetres in diameter of visible fouling, totalling less than 5% of the hull and niche areas. A slime layer and / or goose barnacles are included in this definition.

Research has shown a strong correlation between the level of fouling on a vessels hull and the number of unwanted organisms that it harbours. Therefore by placing a restriction on the level of fouling that is acceptable when a vessel comes into Marlborough, the risk of unwanted organisms is significantly reduced.

It is possible that similar rules may be introduced into Nelson Marina.

For more information, go to: <http://bit.ly/MDCMarineBiosecurity>
Or contact the Marlborough District Council at Email:
biosecurity@marlborough.govt.nz and Phone: 03 520 7400.

Please Help Us: Marina Office team records about berthed vessels

A requirement of the berthholder licence is that up-to-date vessel insurance details are provided to the Marina Office.

Please advise us of your current insurance expiry date and provide proof of insurance policy payment. Also, if you have gas on board, check if you need a Gas Certificate for your insurance to be valid.

Are you an out-of-town berth-holder? If so, please ensure you have provided alternative emergency contact details to the Marina Office (in addition to yours) so that we can contact them in an emergency. After heavy rain or a storm, it is also a good idea to get someone in Nelson to go and check your boat for leaks and lines.



Barrie Forrest, Marine Biologist with Undaria

Biosecurity: Get your anti-fouling right

Good hull maintenance ensures you use less fuel, get to your destination faster, and don't spread marine pests.

TOS Marine Biosecurity Partnership (which includes Marlborough, Tasman and Nelson Councils) recently teamed up with Carboline New Zealand, a manufacturer of marine paints, to talk about the whys, dos, and don'ts of anti-fouling. About 35 people attended training at the Nelson Marina hardstand.

Effective anti-fouling requires your vessel to be hauled out onto a hard stand. Typical steps are to:

1. Waterblast the surfaces to be painted to remove salts, slime, marine growth and failed coatings. The higher the water pressure the better as this will reduce your overall workload. Ideally pressure should be 3,500 – 4,000 psi.
2. Thoroughly wet or dry sand all anti-fouled surfaces with 80 grit paper to remove any remaining hydrolysed (spent) anti-fouling and residual slime. Use a vacuum sander for dry and a pole sander for wet.
3. Spot prime and fully repaint your vessel with the anti-foul system. Use a hard antifoul for high-speed vessels that are used regularly, or a soft ablative antifoul for low-speed boats or ones that are used infrequently. Using your boat keeps anti-foul working.

Remember:

- Thorough surface preparation is the secret to the success. Poor preparation will result in poor performance, coating failures and expensive repairs. Cutting corners will also lead to an increased risk of severe biofouling.
- Anti-fouling between tides without proper drying times wastes money, time and increases biosecurity risks. You will not be able to effectively prepare the surface and the new paint cannot dry in such a short time, leading to early failure.
- Never add anything to anti-foul paint – like oil or herbicide. If the manufacturers could make the paint more effective, they would add such things themselves.

Business: Nelson Marine Servicing Ltd

Neville Shields is the man behind Nelson Marine Servicing.

Neville's love of boats results in him being a live-aboard at the Marina for the past nine years; today he shares his piece of paradise with his partner and two children (aged 5 years and 11 months). Neville just can't stay away from boats and in his spare time is an active member of Coastguard Nelson as a skipper on the rescue boat.

Neville urges boaties to keep on top of maintenance because the harsh sea environment means that boat parts are subject to corrosion. It may seem tiresome and expensive to service items, but it can save a lot of money. Neville's services include engine servicing, winches, pumps, plumbing and anything mechanical.

He operates out of a shed at 219 Akersten Street in Port Nelson, though you are just as likely to see him driving around in a white van.

He can be contacted on Phone (027) 5391130 or Email: admin@nelsonmarineservicing.co.nz



Marina Noticeboard

- The volume of rubbish being left at the Marina has gone up significantly due to people dumping their household waste and recycling. We don't have the capacity or budget to deal with this amount of waste. In addition, the paper recycling bins have been contaminated with the likes of glass, steel waste and household rubbish. As a short-term solution we have removed the bins while work is being done on a solution. If you have any ideas please contact Karen Driver who is leading this project on Email: karen@envision.nz
- The trailer boat storage yard – now located by the hard stand – is fully occupied with 60 craft. If you know of anyone wanting space, they will need to contact the Marina Office and go on a wait list.
- There is plenty of room on the hard stand at the moment, but bookings will soon become busy. Winter is the time to catch up on maintenance and you are encouraged to do work now to avoid a bottle-neck in spring. Work is continuing on developing the hard stand site with 11 consented bays for anti-foul painting. This will be completed later this year.

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