

# THE MARINA MAILER

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## Marina Team News

**Welcome back to another season on the water. We have been spring cleaning at the Marina and over the past month every pontoon has been water-blasted.**

We have noticed that boaties are starting to get ready for another sailing season. Travel lift bookings are high for September and October so if you want to get your boat out before Christmas, ring the Marina office to make a booking.

Even if you aren't taking your boat of the water, now is a good time for maintenance and we have a few dos and don'ts for you:

- Check the wear and suitability of the mooring lines on your boat, and the condition of your fenders. Spring can be blustery - winds of 65 knots have been recorded inside the Marina.
- Come down to the Marina after a heavy rain event and ensure that water isn't pooling in covers on your boat (or worse, inside).
- Check your bilges, but remember you can't pump any contaminated water into the Marina. The Marina office takes contaminated liquids for safe disposal, as well as used oil for recycling.

- If you are working on your vessel, please make sure that this is in a safe manner and that no rubbish or material falls into the water as a result of sanding or other repair work. Use a vacuum cleaner if necessary.
- 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. Ph. 03 548 2099 or email: [harbourmaster@portnelson.co.nz](mailto:harbourmaster@portnelson.co.nz)

**Bruce and the team are always happy to hear from berth-holders – both brickbats and bouquets are welcome. Staff are available in the office from 9.00am – 4.00pm. The Marina Office has a 24-hour Phone: 03 546 7768 and can be contacted in emergency situations e.g. fire, sunk vessel or oil spill. Or you can email us on [marina@nelmac.co.nz](mailto:marina@nelmac.co.nz)**

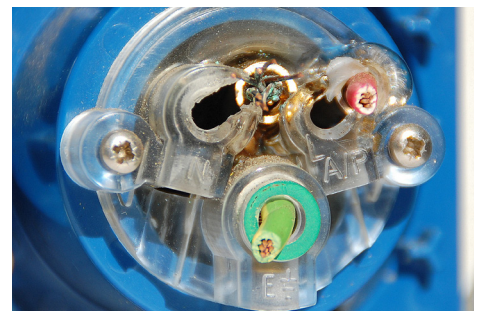
## Environment: Your Wastewater Treatment

**Onboard sewage management isn't much fun to think about but is a necessary part of boating. Please check that 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. This pump is an improvement on the old one and very easy to use. If you are unsure what to do, Marina staff are very happy to assist you.

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.



## Power Connections Reminder

**Please ensure the lock ring on your power connection is tightened correctly to prevent blowing fuses and fire to your and/or your neighbour's boat. This plug was connected with an incorrectly locked ring and melted into the position shown.**

**Do you want to help the Nelson Coastguard with its fundraising towards a new rescue boat for Nelson? The total cost is \$1.3m and around two-thirds of that has been raised so far. The new boat will be larger, more seaworthy, and safer for both crew and those in need of rescue. Donations can be made at [www.givealittle.co.nz/org](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/org) or contact Pete Kara on Phone: 027 246 8672.**



# Profile: Ocean Vagabonds on a mission

**Ross Porter is on a mission to save the world and is doing it with help from his partner, Carla, and their two-month-old.**

Their baby was born on Flutterby – a 1979 Swan 47 charter yacht – in the Nelson Marina early one July morning. While the intention had been to go to a birthing unit, Ernie (short for Earwyn) was keen to arrive and start living. He is the first baby to be born aboard in the Marina.

Ross and Carla had originally intended Nelson to be a stop-over on a return trip to the United Kingdom. However, somewhere on the US west coast, Carla discovered that it wasn't the sea making her sick, but pregnancy. "So, we decided to stay in Nelson to have our first child and wait for the next weather window before continuing to the UK. Our stop-over turned into an eight-month stay," says Ross.

Ross is an experienced yacht delivery captain, marine engineer and a NZ

Coastguard Skipper. Nelson Coastguard has benefited from Ross's extensive knowledge and love of the sea during his stay. He runs volunteer training sessions on medical emergencies and search and rescue.

"It is a great way to engage with the community. If I was here longer, I would update my lapsed skipper tickets because Nelson Coastguard is looking for another skipper. If anyone is interested, they should contact Nelson Coastguard," says Ross.

Ross is also founder of Voyagevert, a fledgling project that aims to help move people around the world sustainably. VoyageVert's long-term vision is a fleet of sailing vessels (with sustainably-powered auxiliary engines) each transporting hundreds of passengers across the globe.



"We're at the market research phase. What I now need is a crew of four – including two keen sailors – to sail back to the United Kingdom with me," says Ross. If you want to join Ross for part, or all, of this trip go to: [www.voyagevert.org/project](http://www.voyagevert.org/project)

This vision aligns closely with the work that Greta Thunberg is doing around climate change – see [@Gretathunberg](https://www.instagram.com/gretathunberg) on Instagram or Twitter.

## Environment: Managing Our Waste

**Waste management at the Marina is very costly and waste reduction is becoming an increasingly hot topic. Nelson City Council recently completed a review of waste at the Marina and is now working on options to minimise waste.**

One option is to create a waste compound area which will be available to berth holders with some form of key system. It is likely to include recycling for plastics, cans, and glass, general waste. Composting is also being considered. Council thanks berth holders for their patience while a system to benefit the environment is developed. Meanwhile, all berth-holders are encouraged to minimise their waste production, encourage recycling, and prevent members of public who do not pay berth holder fees from accessing the bins.



## What not to do with flares

**If anyone has any information about who left three flares in the glass recycling bin located at the end of M pontoon, please let the Marina office know. Clearly, it's unacceptable, hazardous and threatens all recycling efforts at the Marina. Expired flares can be dropped into Burnsco or Survitec for safe and free disposal. Both businesses are located on Vickerman Street.**

## Marina Noticeboard

- The extension of the launching ramp car park is on track and works should not start later than end of September depending on sub-contractor availability.
- The hardstand project is still under design process. Some options have been submitted and Nelson City Council managers have required further investigations.
- If you have lost your sunglasses, or other property around the Marina, please call in the Marina Office as we have a large collection of items looking for their owners.
- The Marina is fully occupied and there are no free berths for boats 10m and over. Those wanting a berth need to go on a wait list, which currently can be more than three years. This situation has arisen because there is a low departure rate from berths. A long-term solution is needed to address the berth shortage.

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