

# sPrat chat



Summer's definitely here, with the water temperature up to 23° C and the price of petrol coming down again, there's no reason why dad can't get you out on our beautiful harbour and start having some fun. There are fish in close, so remember to fish your feet first.

We thank everyone who sent their entries in for our fishing competition – good luck to all who have entered, and remember the Family Fishing competition is a family

affair and for all of you to enjoy!

**See your name in print!** As always, we are very interested in receiving your stories or drawings for Sprat Chat. Send anything of interest to Mark Culley, C/- OBC Office, PO Box 42056, Orakei, Auckland or fax to 522 0774 and we'll print them in the next 'Outboarder'. Or you can email us at [culley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:culley@xtra.co.nz). Remember to include your name and age.

## MEET US KIDS...

Here is a very interesting story we received from Nicole and Scott Atkinson...

Our names are Nicole and Scott Atkinson. We fished the kids fishing competition last year with our parents. We had a nice day dressing up as pirates and had a lot of fun catching some fish. We both caught some fish and my brother was very happy to catch a very large sprat.

My Dad suggested that we should take all the caught sprats and other fish to the Bird Lady in Green Bay. Lyn McDonald looks after all the sick birds and helps them get better so they can go back to the wild. The birds eat a lot of fish and they are always hungry. After we had all finished fishing and we were on the way home, we dropped all the sprats



*This is a picture of the penguin eating one of the sprats.*

to Lyn and we even watched Lyn give a sprat to a penguin which was being looked after at the centre. The penguin was very happy to have sprats. Lyn looks after other birds which are hurt and sick, at the centre were some gannets, sea gulls, and other sea birds.

This year we would like to catch a lot more fish to give to Lyn as the birds need the food to get well. All the fish caught this year will be going again to Lyn McDonald to help the sea birds.

## PIRATES ON THE PIER

What are you doing on Sunday March 29? Dress up as a pirate, bring your life-jacket and come down to the OBC between 11.00am and 2.00pm for the Mark Culley Kids Fishing Competition.

See what you can catch off A pier, win prizes and enjoy a FREE barbeque (kids only, for everyone else it's a gold coin donation). Check out the advert on page 23 and the 'events diary' for all the info.