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## Members HELPING OTHERS

From *Jess Shears*

Thank you to everyone who has dropped in items for donation to Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae!

Recently, OBC office staffers Anna and Deidre headed off to the Marae with a car-load of household goods, clothes, children's toys and car seats. All these were kindly donated by OBC members for the benefit of those who are less fortunate and sometimes need a little helping hand from others.

Rising costs and inflation mean a growing number of people are suffering financial difficulties. So these donated items were very gratefully received by the Marae



OBC staffer Deidre (left) with Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae's Kaiwhakahaere (marae manager) Val Teraitua and the mountain of donated goods.



Thanks to OBC members' generosity Deidre and Anna headed to the Marae with a wide variety of useful items.

and will be distributed accordingly. Your kind generosity is appreciated.

Any time you are having a clear out at home, or even if you just come across something in your cupboard that's surplus to requirements, spare a thought for those who need a helping hand. The Club is happy to accept donations throughout the year, and can arrange for the safe delivery to the Marae of any items that are in a good condition and crying out to be rehomed.

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Club AGM had, unfortunately, to be postponed until September 13, as the annual accounts audit was held up due to covid at the audit practice. The upside is that the Council lease over Hakumau Reserve became available from the Council and a decision to accept the lease can now be made by ballot at the AGM. I encourage members to support the AGM and take the opportunity to vote on this significant step for the future of the Club. An explanatory booklet will be circulated with the AGM Notice of Meeting.

I have discussed in the past the need to update our 2012 Club Strategic Plan. It has remained a moot exercise until we have certainty about the future of our tenure over Hakumau Reserve. We will have that answer at the AGM. A recent structural survey of the Clubhouse has confirmed previous surveys revealing the poor state of the pilings and joists under the Clubhouse, and that action will need to be taken within two to four years. At the moment it is unsure whether strengthening is practical, or replacement will be required. This is only one of the significant projects the Club must face up to in the next few years. Priorities need to be set and funding plans set in place to achieve the strategic goals. This will be a priority for the new Executive. It is intended that members be asked for their input to this plan.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers who give up many hours of their time to help the smooth running of the Club. For example, there is the roster of members who turn up weekly to do the safety inspections on new boats, the members who run the monthly new members' nights, members who assist Executive sub-committees, the members who assist with ramp cleaning, help staff with odd jobs around the property, assist with fishing contests, Christmas functions - the list goes on. And of course, the Executive Committee. The selfless contribution of all the volunteers' time and expertise does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

Good boating and stay safe out there.

- Phil Allen

## TAMAKI DRIVE CLOSURE

Please be advised that on Saturday October 1, 2022, Tamaki Drive between Ngapipi Road and Long Drive will be closed between the hours of 5.00am and 12.30pm, for the IRONMÄORI run/cycle/swim event (swimmers in the Okahu Bay water off Orakei Domain). Ngapipi Street remains open and access to the OBC is unaffected.

## DON'T GO OVERBOARD

But if you did happen to, we're sure you'd be pleased that your fellow crew would know what to do to make sure you were back on board quickly and safely. So, with the boating season just ahead, it's a good time to practice a 'man overboard drill'.

If the boat's in motion, the roar of the engine could drown out voices. So make sure whoever sees the person go overboard shouts out in a loud voice! The words 'MAN OVERBOARD' will make it very clear what has happened. The person that shouts, should then throw a life ring, life jacket (in the event the person overboard isn't already wearing one) or even a rope - anything brightly coloured and that will float, for the person in the water to grab onto. Have someone point continuously at the area where the person is floating, so the skipper, who has quickly turned the boat around, knows where to go. When you get to the 'man overboard' keep the person as close to the boat as possible, while remembering to avoid injury by keeping the boat's stern away from them, while they are brought back on board.



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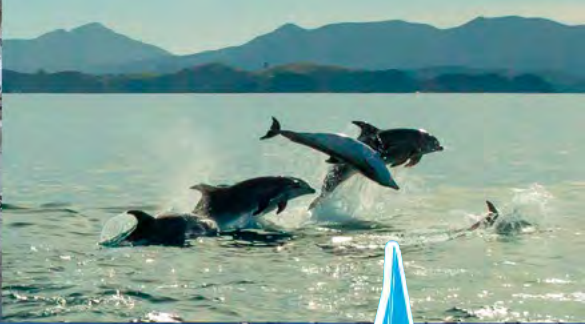
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## An introduction to marine biosecurity for boat owners



As boaties, you could say our relationship with marine biosecurity is complicated. Marine pests take many forms and spread in a bunch of ways. As boaties, we have a responsibility to make sure that we don't carry hitchhikers - whether on our hull, underwater fittings, or on our fishing and dive gear, anchor chains or holding tanks. Making that happen is easier said than done, so OBC and the marine biosecurity team at Auckland Council invite you to a free event to help demystify marine biosecurity and to provide advice and information about how we can help stop the spread of marine pests.

### YOU'LL LEARN:

*Why marine biosecurity is important.*  
*Pets, pests and biodiversity on our islands.*  
*Understanding where and how you can clean your boat safely.*  
*The latest big threat: Caulerpa.*  
**Prevent the spread - an intro to marine biosecurity for boat owners** will be held on Tuesday September 27,

6.30pm, at the OBC. Head to the OBC website events page ([www.obc.co.nz/social/events/an-introduction-to-marine-biosecurity-preventing-the-spread-of-invasive-species.aspx](http://www.obc.co.nz/social/events/an-introduction-to-marine-biosecurity-preventing-the-spread-of-invasive-species.aspx)) and follow the link to register. Non-members welcome, so encourage all your boatie mates to register and come along too.

# SEAL OF APPROVAL

Check out the accompanying pic of the New Zealand fur seal that's been making itself at home around the OBC Marina lately... all he needs now is a copy of the Outboarder to read!

Unlike our interloping friend however, having a copy of the Outboarder - and a photo of you reading it - is exactly what you need to be in to win a prize. Here's how it works... Firstly, when you're heading off on a trip, or maybe just visiting a local attraction, take your copy of the latest Outboarder with you. Then, get someone to take a photo of you reading Outboarder while you're away - selfies also accepted.

Once you've got your pic, send a high resolution copy by email to [events@obc.co.nz](mailto:events@obc.co.nz), drop/mail prints to the club, and/or upload and correctly tag the OBC (#OBC Auckland) on your Facebook or Instagram

pages. And that's it, you'll be in the running. Photos will be posted on OBC social media, and selected images will also appear in the Outboarder magazine during the course of the competition. Competition closes on December 31, 2022.



A New Zealand fur seal making himself comfortable on a boat in the OBC Marina. Just waiting for a coffee and a copy of the Outboarder.

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## OPERATIONS REPORT

As summer starts to creep closer the wildlife is becoming more active around the Club. In the hardstand area we have a couple of pairs of lapwing plovers and we have noticed that they have recently hatched some chicks. They will let you know when you are getting too close to their nest, so please be aware of these and give them a wide berth. We are also lucky enough to have numerous dotterel pairs living at the OBC, as well as oyster catchers. This month we have had a visiting seal moving around the Marina. It often comes up on Marina fingers to rest and lie in the sun. As cute as it may be, if you see it, please do not approach it as it is a wild animal and may attack if it feels threatened. There have been some fantastic days

over the last month. The weather is finally showing signs of starting to turn, with fewer days that are windy and raining, and more sunny, mild days. Great to see members out using their boats again, but the fishing is still a bit patchy by the sound of things.

### OBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As many of you will be aware, this year's AGM has had to be delayed due to our Auditors not being able to complete the Club's financial audit in time due to covid. We hope to have received the Audited accounts mid-August, and will have them out to you in the Annual Report booklet before the AGM on September 13. This year there will be a vote on the future of the Club's lease over Hakumau Reserve. The reserve is important to the Club, as it goes to the heart of what the Club is here to do - provide a facility to its members to enjoy safe boating. For the hundreds of members that are not on the hardstand, this is of great importance to you. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the issues and to vote.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

Efforts continue on the eastern ramps, with work starting on the extension to the second finger the week of August 15, so we can have all four fingers up and running before Labour weekend. Unfortunately, there has been a serious issue with the new replacement pontoons on the first finger, which has meant that the supplier will need to re-make them before they can be installed. During August, all the fastenings that attach the non-corner bracket mooring lines to the pier on the Marina were replaced. After 28 years most were looking a little sad, so new 16mm bolts have been installed.



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# FISHING REPORT

From Adam Clancey

Mussel farms have become a great go-to for Hauraki Gulf anglers.

## FISHING FARMS

It's always great to have new or different fishing experiences. For some fishers, location is everything, while others gauge success by fish in the bin.

One destination that has become a go-to for anglers fishing around the Hauraki Gulf and surrounding waters has been the mussel farms. With good reason:

structure, food and good water are the key ingredients for a good fishing spot. The shellfish farms have all of these ingredients. In saying that, there are still tricks that can make fishing the farms more successful.

When we talk about aquaculture around Auckland most people's thoughts turn to the mussel farms of the Coromandel and the few on the Auckland side of the Firth of Thames. There are also quite a few oyster farms and, mussel or oyster, all of these will provide good fishing options. Without doubt one of the best times to fish the farms is when they are harvesting, as the snapper and other fish quite literally will swim around on the surface gobbling up morsels of food. If you go to the farms and they are not harvesting, you can create the same effect with a heavy burley trail. In either of these situations you need to fish right on top of the action and be prepared for the fish to switch off as quickly as they start feeding.

You would think that shellfish baits are best, but in most cases squid or pilchards will work fine. Small soft baits will definitely provide good action when the fish are on. Use small 4-inch baits, brown, yellow, pink or white soft baits with quite light jig heads so they float down like a bit of shellfish or burley.

When the farms are not being worked they still hold good numbers of fish, as bait

fish use the mussel lines and buoys for shelter. This in turn attracts predators. Kingfish patrol the fringes of the farms looking for a feed. Fishing live baits in the farms will get strikes, but landing the fish close to all the structure can be futile, with bust-offs being the common result. A good way to target kingfish around the farms is using a popper or stick bait cast near the perimeter of the farm and retrieved away from cover. Kingfish will chase the lures and hook-ups will come in an area where there is a chance to muscle the fish away to open water to play it.

Another common predator found hanging around the farms is the tasty and interesting John Dory. As these fish are not strong fighters it is easy to target them with a live mackerel or other bait fish rigged on a dropper rig and set on the bottom with an oversized sinker.

Boat positioning is very important when fishing farms. You want to anchor so that your burley will drift into the structure and you do need to get quite close. Electric



Snapper will make the most of mussel harvesting time, and so can you.

motors can be great for this style of fishing as you can anchor lock in tight areas and make adjustments without the worry of fouling the anchor lines of the farms. Wind direction and current and tide will also play a big part in boat positioning so be prepared to move if conditions change, as being on the spot really makes a difference when you fish the farms.

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How can this be? The Hauraki Gulf supports the most abundant Australasian snapper fishery in the world. The many reefs and ecosystems of the Gulf are supposed to support a variety of marine life.

Yet despite all the unique ecosystems, fishing methods that cause seafloor damage, such as bottom trawling and scallop dredging, are still allowed.

Over on the west coast, the snapper fishery has rebuilt after decades of overfishing, mainly by bottom trawling, which caused a snapper population collapse that affected thousands of west coast families, leaving them unable to catch fish for dinner.

Now, west coast snapper populations are steady. A significant contributor to the west coast snapper rebuild was the introduction of trawl exclusion zones. Originally placed to restrict some fishing, a no trawl zone spanning from shore out to two nautical

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miles was established, and extended in 2008, to help prevent the decline of Māui dolphins. This was a big change for the commercial fishing industry that relied heavily on close inshore trawl fishing on the west coast.

The trawl exclusion zone undoubtedly contributed to the stable growth of snapper populations, protecting juveniles and their nurseries, while reducing bycatch and seafloor damage.

Around 2500 bottom trawl events occur in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park each year. The inner Gulf is protected by a trawl exclusion zone, as longlining is more viable around inshore reefs. But the outer Gulf and eastern Coromandel are not as well protected, with bottom trawling and some scallop dredging still permitted.

If we removed bottom trawling and scallop dredging, seabed communities could regrow and snapper and other species



The west coast snapper population has rebuilt after decades of overfishing. Sign the petition at [haurakigulfalliance.nz/petition](http://haurakigulfalliance.nz/petition) to support the removal of bottom contact fishing methods from our inshore waters. (Conor Meredith pic)

could rebuild, leading to healthier ecosystems. After all, the inner and outer Gulf ecosystems are connected.

The Outboard Boating Club of Auckland supports a healthier Hauraki Gulf, and the removal of mobile bottom contact fishing methods from our inshore waters. If you want bottom trawling, scallop dredging and Danish seining out of the Gulf, please sign our petition at:

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## COOK THE CATCH

# Saucy Tuscan BUTTER SHRIMP



Delicious over pasta, or with fresh, crusty bread for dipping. Recipe serves 4.

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbs olive oil
- 450-500gm shrimp, peeled, deveined, and tails removed
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 3 tbs butter
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 3 cups baby spinach

- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/4 cup basil, thinly sliced
- Lemon wedges, for serving

### METHOD

1. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season shrimp with salt and pepper. When oil is shimmering (not smoking), add shrimp and sear until golden, then flip and cook until opaque. Remove from skillet and set aside.
2. Reduce heat to medium and add butter. Once melted, stir in garlic and cook until fragrant. Add cherry tomatoes and more salt and pepper. Cook until tomatoes are beginning to burst, add spinach and cook until it begins to wilt.
3. Stir in heavy cream, Parmesan and basil and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low and simmer until sauce is slightly reduced, about 3 mins.
4. Return shrimp to skillet and stir to combine. Cook until shrimp is heated through, garnish with more basil and squeeze lemon on top before serving.

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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held August 3, 2022, (postponed from July 28), with seven Committee members present, along with OBC General Manager Phil Davenport.**

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Commodore advised that the new date of the AGM will be advised by newsletter to ensure all members receive sufficient notice and can make adequate preparations.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

The OBC Operations Health and Safety Checklist was circulated and taken as read. The General Manager updated the Committee on the continuing development of the H&S report.

## FINANCIALS

The June 2022 financials for the OBC and for the Whakatakataka Bay Marina were circulated and taken as read. Acceptance was

moved and approved.

## OPERATIONS REPORT

The operations report was circulated and discussed.

- **INSURANCE:** The Club insurer will be Crombie Lockwood. Bill Berry highlighted that Marina compliance issues must be properly documented and provided to the insurer. Greg Batkin proposed that a comprehensive plan covering all compliance issues needs to be developed and this plan needs to be discussed with the Marina Trustees at the upcoming meeting (Phil Allen to follow up).
- **MARINA REFURBISHMENT PROJECT:** Refer General Business.
- **CLUBHOUSE:** A structural integrity report, due soon, regarding the state of the Clubhouse will inform decisions on the degree of work required, whether that will be remediation or a rebuild.

## ADMIN AND OFFICE REPORT

The report was circulated and discussed.

## EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PROPERTY AND PLANNING:** Bill Berry asked if a resolution had already been passed to go ahead with the seabed licence renewal. The Commodore will check with Bill McGarry and ask for an update on progress with the Marina resource consent process. Karen Foley requested a summary schedule showing key consents and critical events upcoming over the next few years. The General Manager agreed to look into developing this.

**MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS:** Jess Shears was unexpectedly called away on family business so no report this month.

## MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the July MMC meeting were circulated and discussed. Commodore and

General Manager will report key points from this meeting to members of the MMC.

## MEMBERSHIP

New members: 13 Resignations: 3  
Total net: 1914

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- **HAKUMAU RESERVE LEASE:** Vote on acceptance of the Auckland Council lease proposal will be taken at the (postponed) AGM. A booklet discussing the proposal will be sent out with the Notice of Meeting.
- **CLUB SURVEY:** John Cochrane tabled a paper discussing the need for the Club to revisit the Strategic Plan (2012) and in anticipation of that has proposed a survey of members asking for their views on needs and expectations from the Club. The General Manager will investigate suitable research companies and draft a questionnaire.
- **MARINA REFURBISHMENT UPDATE:**

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The Club has received Version 2 of the Shorewise report that includes comment on the condition of the concrete pontoons. Shorewise concluded that the Marina piers are generally in poor condition. It was agreed that the responsibility for the refurbishment programme lies with the General Manager.

The project will be managed by the General Manager in collaboration with two MMC representatives, following the process documented in the most recent Shorewise report (V2) and input from MMC representatives.

All contractor quotes are to be received by August 26, and a decision will be made after recommendations from the MMC before requiring endorsement by the Executive.

Marina maintenance fund needs to be reviewed carefully to ensure sufficient funds will be available at each stage of the refurbishment process.

There will be a meeting with the Marina Trustees to discuss the Shore-wise report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- **MARINA TRUSTEES:** There will be a meeting with the Marina Trustees to discuss recent legal correspondence, as well as other issues of mutual interest.
- **LEGASEA MEETING:** The Commodore discussed the upcoming LegaSea meeting at the marae, and invited Committee members to attend, however it was noted that additional information needs to be sought on marae protocols.

Meeting concluded 9.00pm.

**NEXT MEETING:  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

OBC members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings and may address the Committee on any one specific topic from 7.15pm. Outside of this time, members may be present as observers and cannot speak to any subjects raised.

# BURNSCO CUP

## INTERCLUB FISHING COMPETITION 2022

# SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

[RAIN DATE SUNDAY NOV 6]

## LENGTH COMPETITION



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- Average length snapper

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**Target:** Snapper, kahawai, kingfish

**Method:** Rod and reel or hand-line only

**Measure:** One picture, per person, per species

must be uploaded to the website by 1800hrs to be eligible.

Late entries will not be considered. The OBC will have a measure station outside the club office from 1500hrs – 1800hrs to help with any upload issues.

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Bar open 1500hrs, Dinner 1900hrs

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# BOAT REVIEW

AirCat 625

The AirCat is an imposing boat that looks purposeful.

## Prototype TO PRODUCTION

Trailerable alloy powercats are not common in New Zealand, but they do have their followers. Last year, when Barry Thompson reviewed the prototype for the AirCat, he wrote: "Wow, what a ride!" Recently, the magazine was given the opportunity to sample the production version. The test this time was no different; in fact it would be fair to say, the ride and handling was even better.

The AirCat 625 ride is exemplary. Test conditions were a light to moderate breeze, but with a 2- 3m swell. Just the conditions the AirCat was designed for. Extremely stable at speed and confidence inspiring, the AirCat slips on to the plane with no noticeable hump out of the hole and accelerates to top speed softly and effortlessly powered by the 200hp Honda. The AirCat turns flat and controllably, with no lean out and no cavitation. It creates an air of confidence in the boat that is quite reassuring, making you think that no matter how hard you push it in rough water, it will remain controllable with a soft ride. Although the AirCat 625 incorporates a number of refinements above the waterline and the overall length has been increased by 500mm to 5.85m, the hull shape is fundamentally the same.

The AirCat is an imposing boat that looks purposeful. Aiding the look are the carbon wrapped hull sides and console, and hard wood trimming on the hard top, console and trailer steps is a nice touch.

The hulls are semi asymmetric with a very deep 50-degree vee forward section. The inside vee flattens to a flat planing section. The outer vee spirals down to a 12-degree vee at the stern. According to designers Blair Mclay and Roger Tweddell, cat hulls present a minimal frontal projected area: ie, they are inherently easier to push through waves and deliver a softer ride with very good stability.

The AirCat 625 is spacious, and seems bigger than it is. Very noticeable is its incredible stability at rest. A consequence of the asymmetric cat hull design pushing the buoyancy right out to the edges. All the crew can go to one side and lean over the gunwale without worry. The sole depth has been increased dramatically over the prototype, in line with feedback. It is now 150mm deeper and the internal rear coaming also sports padded foam bolsters. The emphasis in this boat is on enhancements for its intended use. It is remarkable how many features have been put into this sub-6m boat. It offers a lot of

usable space, as shown by its 7.2sqm of cockpit sole area.

Starting at the bow, the AirCat incorporates a self-launching anchor bow sprit and leveller for the drum winch. A detachable grab rail connects to the forward bulkhead and Railblaza attachments can be fitted for spearguns, rods, firearms and boat hooks. On the front of the centre console are two fold-away dickey seats that give a great seating area for crew at rest and underway, and combined with the two seats facing the console, give effective seating for four. It is surprisingly sheltered from wind and spray and the hull copes well with the weight forward. The side decks are wide and offer comfortable seating, a raised coaming forward offers better protection from sea slop and spray.

Fishermen are well catered for. There are four rod holders in each side deck, six in the rocket launcher, two on the forward bulkhead, two on the aft transom and four on the bait station, making a total of 22.

The transom contains the dual battery locker, below the bait station, with a washdown pump locker beneath that again. An innovative tuna tube set with integrated handles sits either side of the transom. With fishing in mind there is a long fish locker integrated into the centre hull pod. On one side of the bait station is the large live bait tank and the other side has another fish/dual purpose locker. The dual walk-thru transom has drop-in wash boards that can be removed and stowed.

On the performance side, the 200hp Honda is controlled by Fly by Wire and linked to a Garmin i20 display. Top speed is in the mid 40 knots. Fuel is 220 litres in two



The cockpit sole and decks are covered in Nano Grip Steel Grey from U-Deck.

110 litre tanks, one in each hull. This boat sets the bar high for sub-6m boats. The AirCat 625 will appeal to dedicated fishermen and divers who want all the ride comfort, sea keeping qualities and features of a big boat in a compact and convenient package. This is the core of AirCat philosophy, as explained by Brian Nicholls and Roger Tweddell, partners in Tekam Marine.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	AirCat 625
Year launched:	2022
Construction:	4mm Alloy
LOA:	5.85m
LWL:	4.80m
Beam:	2.25m
Deadrise (transom):	12 deg
Test power:	200hp Honda
Fuel:	220 litres
Tow weight (dry):	1800kg

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## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7 OBC Members Morning Tea

Held on the first Wednesday of each month, from 10.00am, join fellow Club members at the clubhouse for a cuppa and nibbles.

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13 OBC 66TH AGM

Help guide the future of your Club - including the pending lease over Hakumau Reserve - by attending and voting at the AGM. Start time is 7.00pm.

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27 OBC Talk: An Introduction to Marine Biosecurity

Interesting and essential knowledge for all boaties. Full details on page 4.



## TUESDAY OCTOBER 11 OBC Flare Demonstration

What happens when you activate an emergency/distress flare? Here's your chance to find out. See the OBC website for details and to secure your spot, numbers limited.

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 18 Two Things You Need to Know to Save a Life

Hosted by emergency medicine specialist and OBC member Dr Rob Everitt, who'll impart the knowledge you need to save

a life, while hoping you'll never need to do so! Register online at [www.obc.co.nz/social/events](http://www.obc.co.nz/social/events)

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 20 OBC Quiz Night

Details on page 6 - round up a team and book a table for this fun 'Believe It or Not' quiz night.

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5 Burnsco Inter-club Fishing Competition

Help the OBC defend the trophy while enjoying a day's fishing followed by dinner and a social evening with members of other boating clubs. See page 21 for more information.

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19 OBC Ladies Fishing Competition

Let the fish sparkle by day, while you don the rhinestones by night for our 'Elvis Tribute - Vegas' themed ladies fishing competition. Also a fundraiser for the worthy Make A Wish charity, turn to page 10 for details.

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26 OBC Man O' War Vineyard lunch

A leisurely cruise to Man o' War Vineyard, set menu lunch and a relaxed afternoon in the sunshine. Visit the events section of the OBC website for more information.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 4 OBC Kids Christmas Party

Always lots of fun for young and not-so-young. Details on page 19.

*Dates and events are subject to COVID-19 Level conditions.*

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<b>4</b> HT*0035/1311	<b>5</b> HT*0130/1414	<b>6</b> HT*0231/1522  OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS	<b>7</b> HT*0338/1628  OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS	<b>8</b> HT*0447/1729	<b>9</b> HT*0551/1825	<b>10</b> HT*0650/1917
<b>11</b> HT*0743/2007  Orakei Basin flushing out 6.30pm	<b>12</b> HT*0832/2055	<b>13</b> HT*0919/2142  OBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1900HRS OBC MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 1600HRS Orakei Basin flushing in 10.20am 3.4m	<b>14</b> HT*1004/2227	<b>15</b> HT*1047/2312  OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	<b>16</b> HT*1131/2357	<b>17</b> HT*1217
<b>18</b> HT*0043/1306	<b>19</b> HT*0132/1403	<b>20</b> HT*0226/1503	<b>21</b> HT*0324/1603	<b>22</b> HT*0424/1657	<b>23</b> HT*0520/1744	<b>24</b> HT*0609/1827
<b>25</b> HT*0754/2008   Orakei Basin flushing out 7.30pm	<b>26</b> HT*0836/2048	<b>27</b> HT*0916/2128  INTRODUCTION TO MARINE BIO-SECURITY 1830HRS Orakei Basin flushing in 10.16am 3.2m	<b>28</b> HT*0956/2210	<b>29</b> HT*1038/2253  OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1915HRS	<b>30</b> HT*1121/2339	

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# Sprat Chat

Talk Like a

# Pirate



Arrr me hearties, did ye know that September 19 is International Talk Like a Pirate Day? Make sure to throw a few 'arrrs', 'scallywags' and 'ahoy, maties' into your conversations, along with any other pirate words you can think of, of course! You could also make your own pirate hat.

You'll need:

1 sheet of black A3 paper or thin card  
Coloured paper/card

Light-coloured pens/crayons  
Glue and/or tape  
Scissors

Fold the black card in half so that the short ends meet.

Fold the two top corners down so that they meet in the centre (1).

Now give the hat some shape by rounding off the corners of the brim - the two flaps at the bottom (2).

Fold up one flap, turn the hat over and fold up the other flap. Glue or tape the corners together.

If you want, you can decorate your hat using the pens/crayons, and cut feather shapes, and even a bandanna, from the coloured card to glue onto your hat (3).

## LAUGH LINES

**Q:** Where do sharks who sing country music go to become famous?

**A:** Gnashville.



## JELLYFISH

Jellyfish keep things simple: no heart, no brain, no circulatory system and no bones. They have a pouch for a stomach that doubles as the reproductive system, a mouth that doubles as an anus, and the rest is mostly water and a bundle of nerves.\*

Jellyfish aren't actually fish, and in fact prior to the 18th century, they were categorised as plants! New Zealand waters are home to a variety of jellyfish, with the three most common being the moon jellyfish, the lion's mane, and a third, spotted variety, with the scientific name of *Desmonema*.

The lion's mane is the largest jellyfish in the world, growing up to 2.5m across, with tentacles that reach up to 30m long! Fortunately, the lion's mane jellyfish found in our waters are usually much smaller - growing up to 50cm across, with tentacles reaching around 4m.

A jellyfish moves by bringing water into its bell, and then squirting it out again - you could say they are jet-propelled! They can move left and right, but mostly just 'go with the flow', wherever the ocean currents take them.

All three jellyfish can sting humans, but it's generally just a nuisance; jellyfish are far more lethal to the small marine invertebrates that get trapped and eaten. \*[www.nzgeo.com/stories/jellyfish](http://www.nzgeo.com/stories/jellyfish)



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