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Big night at the **AGM**

Story and pics by *Alistair Davidson*

The high level of interest in the Hakumau Reserve Lease, and the development of the OBC's grounds and storm water management requirements, was reflected in the huge turnout of members for the Club's 66th Annual General Meeting on Tuesday September 13.

However, those who were hoping for a quick meeting before supper and the Commodore's Shout were in for a bit of a shock.



It was a full house for the 66th Annual General Meeting.

The Commodore's welcome, apologies, a moment's silence, and minutes of the 2021 AGM were done and dusted in quick order. There were no matters arising, and the Commodore's report; the finance report; and audited accounts, were taken as read, moved, seconded and passed without comment. Also passed without comment was an increase in the Club's annual fees, detailed elsewhere in this issue of

Outboarder. Likewise, the 2022-23 Budget was adopted. It was 7.11pm, and things were moving along quite nicely.

There was no requirement to hold an election of Flag Officers and Executive Committee because the number of vacancies equalled the number of nominations. The Flag Officers are unchanged, and Harvey Brookes is the only new

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Following the Outboard Boating Club of Auckland Inc's 66th AGM, there will be a **SGM** held on **Thursday October 6 at 7.00pm**, to vote on the 33 year lease of 5,168m² of land, being part of Hakumau Reserve. All members are encouraged to vote, this decision is of fundamental importance to the future of your club. Watch your emails/post for notice of meeting and information.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

We have just had the Club's 66th AGM with close to 100 members present.

No election of officers was required as there were no additional nominations for flag officers, and one resignation from Committee and one new nomination. We welcome Harvey Brookes to the Committee. Harvey's CV is impressive, with a background that will be a good fit on the Executive.

We also farewell Bill Berry from the Executive. After three years as Commodore and a year as Immediate Past Commodore he has decided to take a well deserved rest. He has achieved some significant improvements to the Club's management, the most significant, with Cameron Fleming, being the securing of an offer of a long term lease over Hakumau Reserve from the Auckland Council. I have valued Bill's mentoring during my first year as Commodore.

At the AGM, we had presentations providing background to two important Club activities: the hardstand development for resource consent renewal and parking enhancement, and the Auckland Council's offer of lease over Hakumau Reserve. Bill McGarry gave an interesting background to the hardstand development; the reason for, the benefits to be gained and the estimated cost. Bill Berry and Cameron Fleming conducted a presentation of the Hakumau Reserve Lease proposal, the benefits and the adverse effects. An informative question and answer session followed. A decision is required by the Club and will be put to an SGM in early October.

With most covid restrictions now lifted, it will be good to resume the Club's social and information evenings. Jess issues a weekly update of Club activities and events, and I encourage you to join in to meet fellow Club members.

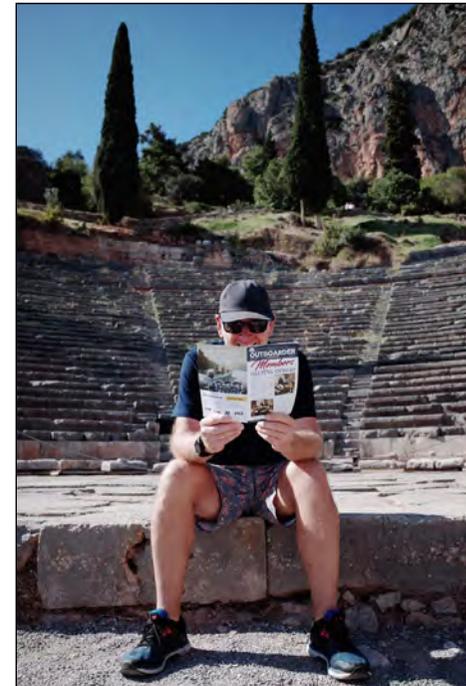
Good boating and stay safe out there.

- Phil Allen

INSPIRED IMAGE

"I was lucky enough to be able to have some time out to read the Outboarder while visiting a historical site in Greece," writes Peter Meadowcroft. "It was thought at one time that pilgrims visited Apollo to receive guidance on life changing decisions, I was hoping by reading the magazine on site I too would be inspired?"

If Peter's photo has inspired you, then pack a copy of the Outboarder next



Occupation of the site Peter visited at Delphi "can be traced back to the Neolithic period with extensive occupation and use beginning in the Mycenaean period (1600-1100 BC)," explains Peter.

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Harvey Brookes (left) is the only new addition to the Executive Committee. Club Patron, the Hon. Peter Salmon, presented Harvey with his Committee badge.



Guy Heinrich Cup for 'assistance to the Club' was won by Kevin 'Jacko' Jackson.

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face on the Executive Committee. Commodore Phil Allen paid tribute to Immediate Past Commodore Bill Berry, saying that "Bill's involvement was relatively short, but he was a catalyst for change". He went on to outline Bill's work initiating the Marina Management Committee, and how he helped write the new deed, and in particular the major role he played in negotiating a Hakumau Reserve lease. "I thank Bill for his passionate commitment to the Club," added the Commodore.

Fraser Elder was re-elected Club delegate to the Auckland Yachting and Boating Association (AYBA) which represents 43 clubs. Later, in his delegate report, Fraser would outline what the AYBA is all about; touch on a couple of the association's recent achievements; and outline how Auckland Council has rules in place around marine biosecurity - levels

of hull fouling in particular - yet it's playing a key role in closing down Auckland's boat maintenance and hardstand sites. "Council is telling you, you must do that (clean a boat's hull), but is not providing a facility to do it", said Fraser. "This will impact many thousands of boats on moorings and marinas." You can read about this elsewhere in this issue of Outboarder.

"Now we move into the meatier stuff," said the Commodore as he invited Bill McGarry to provide an update of the site development and storm water proposal. He wasn't wrong. Bill's presentation was concise and informative. "The master plan hasn't changed at all," he explained. "Consents have been lodged, and we are moving along at pace".

Then things got really meaty. After a brief background and update on negotiations with council over the Hakumau Reserve lease, the Club Patron, the Hon.

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Executive Trophy for 'most assistance to the Executive Committee' was presented to Steve Harris (left) by the Hon. Peter Salmon.



Henry McGarry won the WBSFC Cup for 'longest game fish caught during the Club year', for his 2.060m broadbill swordfish.

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Peter Salmon, took the floor. He stated that he is very impressed with the amount of time and effort that's gone into the negotiations with council, by a team that really went into so much detail. "You have got what seems to be the very best conclusion that the Club could hope for."

Cameron Fleming then explained "where we are today". The Club has reached an agreement that will secure a lease for 33 years. This has taken a number of years of hard work, and has faced and overcome (sometimes using a threat of legal action) many obstacles thrown up by the Ōrākei Local Board.

However, the Club's Executive has recently received a letter from 25 members requesting a delay in signing the lease. With the Local Board elections just three weeks away (as at the date of the AGM), these members said that the Club should wait for the outcome of the election because they "might get a better deal from the new board".

The Executive is concerned that there are board candidates who are likely to get in that do not like the OBC. The current board voted four to three to agree to the lease; the new board may very well overturn that decision, and the Club will lose the use of the reserve. This will impact on parking, access, the Club's proposed improvements, and reduce membership numbers. "It is



Every year the Club runs a points system for members who volunteer at events etcetera. Gary Wykes came out on top, and got a free OBC annual subscription for his efforts.

not a wise decision to wait and try and negotiate a new lease," said Cameron. There were many questions and comments from the floor over a significant length of time, all in favour of signing the current lease agreement. Club member Noel Sutherland asked if there was anyone from the group of 25 in the room, and if there was, "they're being pretty quiet now". After a short silence Life Member and Past Commodore Steve Burrett stood, and said that "30-plus members" believed that \$85,000 per annum rental plus CPI of three per cent is too much, and "I suggest half that amount".

More discussion ensued. The Commodore advised that seven days' notice is required for a SGM, and "it will be set very quickly", before the 2022 Local Elections close on October 8. The SGM to accept the lease will take place after this issue of the Outboarder has gone to print; the outcome will be published in November's magazine.

At 8.45 trophies for the 2021-2022 year were awarded to the deserving recipients, and Fraser Elder presented his aforementioned AYBA delegate's report. There were a couple of items in General Business: courtesy to other members by closing up gaps when tying up to the jetty, and bird strike. Best line of the night: someone from the floor commented, "They must have come up with something successful at Ōrākei, and sent all the birds over here".

At 9.05pm the Commodore thanked OBC management and staff, and everyone for coming along to the AGM; he made special mention of the Hon. Peter Salmon's input. The 66th Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 9.07pm. As people stood up the Commodore said, "Quiet please, one more thing. Supper is served, and it's the Commodore's Shout". No doubt discussions about the lease continued for some time over a superb spread and a hot or cold beverage.

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CLOSURE

A CONCERN FOR ALL

OBC members may be aware that, following a directive from the Ōrākei Local Board (OLB), The Landing Hardstand is expected to close for good as of February 28, 2023. When Auckland Council's strict new hull fouling rules and the multiple closures of other hardstand locations

where anti-fouling can be done are taken into account, this closure could also have considerable impact on OBC members.

As a result of the directive, The Landing is appealing for help and has circulated the following:

The OLB recently carried out a very limited

public consultation, within the local Ōrākei area that included three options that they had developed as possibilities for the site. Two of these options had the Hardstand remaining, while the third (that was selected) had the site being turned into a 20-million-dollar (plus) park that incorporates a new safe harbour and tree-top boardwalks. Of note is that neither the OLB nor Council (even in the 10-year long term plan) have any funding to develop this option.

A link to the 'consultation' can be found here: <https://akhaveyoursay.auckland-council.govt.nz/the-landing>

As part of the consultation process, the OLB was made aware of the following:

- * Biosecurity: Council's own Biosecurity department (the same department that is spending millions of ratepayers' dollars annually trying to minimise biosecurity issues in the greater Auckland area) advised that hardstands in general are a key tool in managing biosecurity issues and that the hardstand at The Landing provides such services.
- * Reduction in hardstands in the greater Auckland area: in the last six months two hardstands in the greater Auckland area had closed, and two further were likely to close.
- * Auckland's requirement for hardstands: a letter from the New Zealand Marina Operators Association and the New Zealand Marine Association confirming that Auckland requires more hardstands and that the closure of The Landing Hardstand would be extremely detrimental to Auckland's marine industry.
- * Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei made a submission supporting the Hardstand staying.
- * Hardstand viability: it was formally confirmed that the Hardstand returned non-rates revenue prior to the OLB's 'involvement'.

* Additional cost to ratepayers: the Hardstand business effectively covered off all day to day running costs of The Landing (approximately 250K per annum) and if the Hardstand was to close these costs would have to be met by ratepayers.

As you can appreciate, this decision has created a large level of disdain from within the marine industry and users alike, and as a result a user group has been formed. Should you like to be involved or kept up to date with developments, please register by email to: office@thelanding.org.nz You can also help by emailing/writing to the Mayor and your local Councillors and MPs outlining your concerns. And/or let the Local Board members that voted for the Hardstand's closures know your thoughts and remember it's local body elections time (note, OLB members, Mr Troy Churton and Mr Colin Davis voted in favour of the Hardstand remaining).

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GRASS HARDSTAND CLOSED

The grass hardstand remains closed due to boggy conditions. Most R hardstand boats have been moved forward to the washdown curb to limit movement on the grass. If your boat is still against the rail fence and you need to access it, please contact joe@obc.co.nz or call 522 0774, ext 2.

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POTHOLE REPAIR

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NEWS FROM THE

COASTGUARD

NEW BOATS A BLESSING

Coastguard New Zealand has received two new high-spec rescue vessels thanks to a unique partnership between Lotto NZ, Coastguard New Zealand and Emirates Team New Zealand.

At the blessing and naming event held at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club on Friday September 2, Coastguard New Zealand gave thanks for the meaningful names bestowed on them, and all the suppliers and stakeholders involved in this special campaign.

The names of the two vessels, Joe Hawke Rescue and Hukātai Rescue, were gifted by local iwi Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and respectively pay tribute to inspirational Takaparawhau (Bastion Point) and Māori land rights leader Joe Hawke who passed away in May 2022, and recognise the iwi's close connection with the Waitematā.

Coastguard New Zealand Regional Manager Jonny Bannister says it's special to not only receive these new boats, but for them to be gifted such meaningful names.

"Joe Hawke Rescue will be used as a training boat to support Coastguard skippers to train out on the Hauraki Gulf, and around Okahu Bay where Joe spent so much of his life protecting and improving water safety outcomes for his iwi," he said.

"Our second boat's name is just as meaningful. Hukātai is the wake generated by a canoe in motion and symbolises the pursuit of knowledge as an accumulation of facts picked up along the way. Considering this boat will also be used as an additional training vessel, the name is extremely fitting, and we thank everyone who has made this possible for us."

Gaining this new fleet has also enabled Coastguard to give back to the community. In November 2021, Coastguard rescue vessel Achiever was gifted to Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to support waka events, marine research



activities and water safety education. While on Waitangi Day Coastguard gifted Manaia Rescue (a stalwart across several Coastguard units) to Ngā Waka O Te Tai Tokerau for their work supporting kaupapa waka.

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diverse seafloor of shellfish beds and sponge gardens into a muddy desert. From the 1970s onwards, rapid industrial developments in trawl and Danish seine equipment steadily decimated the Hauraki Gulf snapper fishery. While parts of the inner Gulf were protected, the outer Gulf was rapidly modified. Over time bottom trawling has reduced to form 17 percent of commercial fishing effort in the Park, all occurring in the outer Gulf. It's still worth asking why mobile bottom-contact fishing methods, so dramatically destroying fragile and productive seafloor species assemblages, are allowed to continue.

If bottom trawling was banned, fishing effort would transition to high-value artisanal commercial catch like long-lining, and marine ecosystems would eventually return to a more productive state.

We have formed the Hauraki Gulf Alliance, a coalition of organisations, to show the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, David Parker, that bottom trawling, scallop dredging and Danish seining are no longer publicly acceptable in the Marine Park.

This is the year to strike, with public consultation on the Government-proposed Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Plan due before the end of 2022. The Plan allows bottom trawling, scallop dredging and Danish seining to continue, despite ongoing damage.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held August 25, 2022, with 10 Committee members present, along with OBC General Manager Phil Davenport.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Commodore advised that the Marina Trustees were seeking a legal opinion regarding alleged breaches by the Executive as Manager of the Marina and the relationship with the Marina Management Committee. The opinion was received the day before the Executive Meeting and will be reviewed. It had been intended to put the Lease of the Hakumau Reserve to a vote at the AGM. A group of 25 members presented the Executive with a letter informing they would call an SGM prior to the AGM if the Executive went ahead with putting the resolution to the AGM. It was decided to withdraw the motion from the AGM and instead have an information discussion. An SGM will be called at a later date.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No incidents or accidents to report, other than some contractors not wearing earmuffs or goggles when removing concrete at the eastern ramps..

FINANCIALS

The July 31, 2022, financials for the OBC and the Whakatakataka Bay Marina were circulated and taken as read. Acceptance was moved and approved.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Phil Davenport's report was taken as read.

- **MARINA REFURBISHMENT:** Phil Davenport, Mike Breed and Peter Riddell have agreed a three-year maintenance programme.
- **CLUBHOUSE STRUCTURAL FOUNDATIONS:** Babbage & Co, engineers have been engaged to undertake the review.
- **PAPATUANUKU MARAE:** Phil Allen and Phil

Davenport visited the marae as guests for a visit by the Governor General, Dame Cindy Kiro.

- Trailer boat rules need to be reviewed with the arrival of more Sealegs and larger boats on float-on trailers.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY AND PLANNING: Bill McGarry advised that the Resource Consent was progressing well with no major changes to date.

MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS: Flare demos went very well, oversubscribed. Good functions for Mothers Day, and Revive and Revitalise our Gulf. Full schedule of events starting to fill up. Burnsco, looking at November date to defend.

MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

MEMBERSHIP

New members: 8 Resignations: 7
Total net: 1912

MARINA TRANSFERS

H03, 14.0m, Francis to Francis (Estate)

HARDSTAND MOVEMENTS

Waitlist 209 members; 2 NEW grass hardstand spaces filled; 1 hardstand occupier transferred grass to tarseal; 1 jetski space

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **HARDSTAND LICENCE DOCUMENT:** Still under review.
- **HAKUMAU RESERVE:** With the letter from 25 members being received as described earlier, it was: **MOVED:** That the motion to accept the lease be removed from the AGM agenda. The AGM to be an information evening with an update from Tattico (Mark Vinall and John Duthie). with an SGM to be called at a later date.

ALLEN/BATKIN CARRIED

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS:** These closed for the one vacant position. There was only one nomination, Harvey Brookes.

- **AUDITORS:** The OBC wishes to reappoint its current Auditors. **MOVED:** That UHY Haines Norton be appointed Auditors of the Outboard Boating Club of Auckland Inc for the 2022/2023 Financial Year.

TONG/HUGHES CARRIED

- **INSURANCES:** There has been a marked increase in our insurance premiums due to natural disasters at three marinas in NZ. No underwriting is now done in NZ for marinas, it has all moved offshore. **MOVED:** That the OBC accepts the latest Crombie Lockwood Insurance proposal.

BEST/COCHRANE CARRIED

Meeting concluded 8.57pm.

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 27

OBC members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings and may address the Committee on any one specific topic from 7.00pm. Outside of this time, members may be present as observers and cannot speak to any subjects raised.



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FISHING REPORT

From Adam Clancey

DRIFT FISHING *with* BAIT

There are a lot of reasons to drift fish. Drifting can be used to cover ground when fish are spaced out in an area, or where the water conditions and depth don't make for good anchoring. For example fishing over flat bottom with no structure, or deep water fishing. Like all fishing, you can enhance your results with a few tricks and tips.

Drift fishing does not mean aimlessly letting your boat drift around the ocean in hopes of catching a fish. Drifting is a great technique when looking for schools of fish that may be moving around a lot. This quite often happens in spring in the outer Hauraki Gulf. Many anglers choose to use lures, but when the fish are less active bait will provide results when lures are being ignored. The best technique is to patrol an area until you find some sign on your fish finder. It does not need to be a lot, just some evidence of fish. Position the boat up current or wind and drift through the sign. Be patient and don't just leave your line hanging over the side. Adjust your line if it goes slack or loses touch with the seabed.

Two rigs are great for drifting with baits. If the drift is not too fast, try a sinker mounted on top of the hook with a good piece of fresh mackerel or squid. Alternatively, if you are drifting faster than 1-knot you will need a rig that can hold the bottom better. In this situation a dropper rig or flasher rig will work well. You may need to use a lot more weight than you would when you are anchored - weights 4-16oz. The best style of sinker is a pear-shaped one with a swivel at the top. Three-way rolling swivels will also keep rigs from tangling.

The best rod for drift fishing for snapper and kingfish is a 6-7ft rod with a flexible tip matched with an overhead reel spooled with 8-10kg mono. This rig allows the fish to take the bait, and the stretch in the mono



Adam with a snapper hooked out of 50 metres, drift fishing in 70 metres of water.

and the bend in the rod stops it from being yanked out easily, which can happen with braid and stiff rods. Finish the rig with circle hooks as these allow hook-ups without striking and a better chance for release of unwanted fish.

Using baits other than squid and mackerel will open the door to other species. Drifting with live baits on the bottom will not appeal only to snapper and kingfish, you will also get John Dory using this technique. Fishing with smaller hooks and baits will work over sandy areas for gurnard and trevally. Fresh or salted bonito seems to be the go-to bait for gurnard.

While there are many tackle techniques for drift fishing one of the biggest tricks is controlling your drift. Usually a good start is to do a test drift to see how fast you will drift and at what angle. Then set the boat up so that you get the best drift you can. This may involve using a sea anchor set to slow the drift speed and angle of the drift, or an electric motor to subtly adjust angles as you move along. Done well, drift fishing is a great technique to hunt out fish, especially on those days when the fishing can be tough.

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AGM HIGHLIGHTS

From Bill McGarry

Highlights of the 66th Annual General Meeting of the Outboard Boating Club of Auckland Inc, held Tuesday September 13, 2022, with 97 members in attendance.

The Commodore welcomed everyone, making special mention of OBC Patron, the Hon Peter Salmon.

The meeting then proceeded with apologies and previous year's minutes both being passed.

The Commodore presented his report and provided an update on the Hakumau Reserve negotiations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Alan Tong spoke to the accounts that had been circulated. There were no questions and the Annual Accounts were passed without comment.

The Treasurer detailed the need for Subscriptions to be increased by the annual CPI of 4.9 percent. The increases were passed unanimously by a show of hands and are now:

Ordinary Member	\$420
Family Member	\$451
Associate and 25 year member	\$210
Special Assoc Member (Closed)	\$102

The Treasurer spoke to the 2022/23 Budget which had been circulated to members. It was adopted without discussion.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No election was required and the Executive Committee, with one change, is detailed on page 2. Commodore Phil Allen thanked the Executive for its work over an unusual year with the presence of Covid.

The Commodore then praised the work of Bill Berry, who now steps down after his final year on the Committee as Immediate Past Commodore. Bill has been involved on the Marina Management Committee, as a Marina Trustee, an Executive Committee member, and Commodore for three years. Bill is absolutely passionate about the OBC and his depth of knowledge and commitment is unparalleled. The Commodore thanked him for his service and there was a solid round of applause.

The Auditors were re-elected unopposed and the meeting proceeded to the annual prize-giving with the trophies being presented by the Patron.

PROPERTY REPORT: Chairman of the Property Committee Bill McGarry provided a Powerpoint presentation regarding the upcoming redevelopment. The Resource Consent is now progressing

well and we would expect it to be approved within six weeks. There is a requirement to capture and treat all stormwater that falls on our land to remove impurities, heavy metals and contaminants. This involves the introduction of stormwater management systems and recontouring of some land near the current dinghy locker area. The initial cost of all this work has been estimated at \$1.6 million. Current costings are:

Stormwater:	\$1,350,000
Seawall:	\$250,000
Water supply:	\$150,000
Electrical supply:	\$944,000
Landscaping:	\$260,000
Hardstand excav/paving:	\$1,912,270
Autowash stations:	\$190,000
Buildings:	\$1,174,000
Estimated total cost inc fees, p&g etc:	\$7,500,000

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There were some good questions from the floor regarding Stormwater, Hardstand Parking and the need for compliance.

HAKUMAU RESERVE LEASE FROM AUCKLAND COUNCIL: Tattico, a consultancy that is acting on behalf of the Club, is to meet with Auckland Council to negotiate rental. Although Council has indicated a base figure of \$85,000 there still needs to be clarity on the question of rates and rental reviews. Council has agreed to a 33 year lease; no renewal at this stage but an offer to negotiate closer to the time. Bill Berry and Cameron Fleming were introduced together with John Duthie and Mark Vinal of Tattico. Cameron outlined the history and explained that since the 1960s the Club has had no security of tenure over the land known

as the Hakumau Reserve across which we access the Club. Simon Adamson advised that when the lease was voted on by the OLB the voting was three in favour, three against, with Scott Milne using his casting vote to see the lease offer approved.

Considerable discussion ensued, with Bill Berry concluding by advising that the lease on offer was the best that could be negotiated with Council and should be accepted.

A Special General Meeting of the OBC will need to be held to put the matter to a vote.

A brief report followed from Fraser Elder, our delegate to the AYBA, including Auckland Council's new hull fouling rules and closures of hardstands. These significant measures are detailed elsewhere in this Outboarder.

After a vote of thanks to all the meeting closed at 9.07pm.

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SMOKED *salmon pate*

Go retro with this tasty starter!

INGREDIENTS

150g cooked, peeled prawns
150g smoked salmon
150g white crabmeat
280g cream cheese
25g salmon caviar (plus extra to serve)
1 lemon
Olive oil
Cayenne pepper

METHOD

Finely chop prawns and salmon and place in a bowl with crabmeat, cream cheese and caviar. Finely grate in zest from quarter of a lemon, and squeeze in juice from 1 lemon. Add a good pinch of black pepper and mix well. Spoon into a serving dish, cover and refrigerate until needed.

Before serving, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle cayenne pepper over. Serve with toasted sourdough bread and your choice of garnishes, eg: finely chopped red onion and/or chilli, thinly sliced celery, roughly chopped dill, lemon wedges.

BURNSCO CUP

INTERCLUB FISHING COMPETITION
2022

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

[RAIN DATE SUNDAY NOV 6]

LENGTH COMPETITION



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- Longest kingfish
- Longest kahawai
- Average length snapper



Hours: 0500hrs – 1800hrs

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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BOAT REVIEW

Highfield Sport SP330



Multi-tasking

Text by Barry Thompson

Highfield builds around 10,000 boats a year and lays claim to being the world's biggest manufacturer of alloy RIBs, so chances are it knows what it's doing. When it comes to market prowess, in the RIB tender and sport boat market, Highfield is right up there with the world's best.

Highfield offers 38 models built on five platforms, from the 2m Roll-Ups to the 8.6m Patrol console RIBs. I got to check out one of its most popular models in the Sport range on a midwinter's day on Gold Coast's Broadwater. The SP330 is one of the smallest in the Sport range, comprising 12 sizes from 3.0m to 9.0m.

Interestingly, while retaining roughly the same beam, the trio of entry-level Sport models - SP300, SP330 and SP360, are near-identical boats apart from their overall length. The SP330 is 36cm longer than the SP300, and the SP360 is just 26cm longer than the SP330. You might wonder why they have almost identical models with minimal length differences? This is quite simple, and Highfield has been very smart in offering these boats. It's about space in an area where a few centimetres can make all the difference. Size is not so critical if you are parking your RIB on the deck or a swim platform, but size matters when it comes to tender garages.

The SP330 is, however, not just a boat designed to be a tender. It's a lot more. Firstly it has dedicated seating for five

with a full-width rear bench seat. The aluminium back seat construction adds a real stiffness to the rear of the boat. Alongside the console is a mid-seat, with another seat in the bow. The space under the middle seat is for the battery. The foam used in the seat cushions is 100 percent reticulated, which means that water drains through it, so you are not left with wet, soggy cushions.

Highfield offers an optional infill which transforms the area ahead and beside the console into one large sunpad. There's also an optional stainless ski pole for towing the water toys. The Highfield SP330 fibreglass console is well positioned with ample leg room and a deep recessed area for your feet, so you can sit comfortably without feeling pinched for space. The 300, 330 and 360 all share the same console.

The dash is large enough for a small fishfinder, in our case a 7-inch Garmin MFD, or you can bracket mount an MFD behind the low profile perspex screen. A sturdy powder coated alloy rail around the screen is a perfect handhold for the mid-seat passenger, and it is handy to grab when pulling yourself back aboard on the starboard side.

If you're going to crane the boat onto the deck of your cruiser, then there are three lifting points strategically placed, offering the perfect balance while hanging in the strops. A single point forward is welded into the hull inside, with two more aft

behind the bench seat. With an all-up weight with a 30hp outboard of around 285 kgs, you'll only need a small deck crane for the job.

The squared-off bow offers the maximum useable space in the given length, and Highfield has done it well. The foredeck comprises a grp moulding with a large flat foredeck complete with EVA foam decking. A pair of nav lights are recessed into the deck moulding, so they don't get in the way when someone is stepping aboard.

If you don't want your guests stepping onto the upholstered bow cushion, it can be removed to reveal a flat fibreglass surface covered with an EVA foam step pad. This is where you will also find the fuel filler, which comes with a spillage tray so that any excess petrol will drain overboard. The area under the bow seat is taken up with the 30-litre alloy fuel tank. The weight of the fuel in the bow also helps to balance the boat when underway. This is especially beneficial when there is only one person aboard.

The SP330 is a nimble and agile little RIB and performs exceptionally well even in choppy water despite its size. It's quick to plane (just under three secs) and very stable both at rest and underway. Even in a hard turn I found that the boat remained relatively flat, which is surprising for such a deep vee and short overall length. No doubt assisted by the wide tubes which constantly stay in contact with the water. An entire wraparound rubbing strip has a wide reverse lip that helps keep the water out of the cockpit. The hull has a fine entry forward with



The rear seat cushion is mounted on air stays and opens to reveal a massive space.

inverted chines. With the 30hp Tohatsu, we topped out at around 24 knots, and on the calm water of The Broadwater ran sweetly at around 20-22 knots.

The SP330 is a very versatile sport boat that has broad appeal. In the past 10 years, Highfield has produced around 38,000 inflatables, and over that time, the quality has just got better and better. I was very impressed with the overall finish and presentation of the boat.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	Highfield SP330
Type:	RIB
Construction:	3mm Ali/ORCA Hypalon
LOA:	3.36m
Internal length:	2.04m
Beam:	1.82m
Internal beam:	0.90m
Deadrise:	20 deg
Hull weight:	199kg

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

OBC Special General Meeting

To vote on the proposed Hakumau Reserve Lease. Please make every effort to vote: by hand into the locked box in the OBC clubhouse foyer, by email, post or in person on the night.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

OBC Flare Demonstration

SOLD OUT!

TUESDAY OCTOBER 18

Two Things You Need to Know to Save a Life

Emergency medicine specialist and OBC member Dr Rob Everitt is our host for the night, imparting knowledge you need to save a life. Of course, all the while hoping you'll never need to do so! Register online at www.obc.co.nz/social/events

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20

OBC Quiz Night

Round up a team and book a table for this fun 'Believe It or Not' quiz night. Details on page 14.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26

Sushi with Snapper Rock Wines

Sushi, sashimi and Snapper Rock wines are all on the menu at this casual dinner hosted by Yuki San. Only 60 places available, see page 23 and book yours now.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

Burnsco Interclub Fishing Competition

The OBC is the current holder of the Burnsco Cup trophy, and now's the time to defend it. Gather your mates for a successful (we hope!) day's fishing, then partake in the dinner and social evening, hosted by the OBC as defenders, accompanied by members of the other competing boating clubs. More information on page 25.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19

OBC Ladies Fishing Competition

Ladies, enjoy a fun day out fishing with your girlfriends, followed by a fabulous prize-giving and party into the night. Gather your team, sort out your costumes for the 'Elvis Tribute - Vegas' theme, and enjoy all the fun of this ladies-only fishing competition and fundraiser for the worthy Make A Wish charity. See page 18 for all the details.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26

OBC Man O' War Vineyard lunch

If you missed out last time we visited the lovely Man O' War Vineyard, here's your opportunity to see what all the fuss is about. Join the convoy, or make your own way there, and settle in for a relaxed lunch and afternoon in the sunshine. More information on page 7.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

OBC Kids Christmas Party

Flip back to page 21 for information and the registration form. Complete it now to make sure your young ones can enjoy all the fun of this OBC family favourite.

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9 HT*0733/1956 Orakei Basin flushing out 8.00pm	10 HT*0824/2044	11 HT*0911/2130 OBC MARINA MGMT COMM MEETING 1600HRS OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS OBC FLARE DEMONSTRATION 1930HRS Orakei Basin flushing in 10.11am 3.3m	12 HT*0955/2215	13 HT*1037/2258 OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	14 HT*1118/2340	15 HT*1159
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23 HT*0632/1846 Orakei Basin flushing out 8.00pm	24 HT*0720/1930	25 HT*0804/2014 Orakei Basin flushing in 9.00am 3.1m	26 HT*0848/2059 OBC DINNER: SUSHI, SASHIMI AND SNAPPER ROCK WINES 1900HRS	27 HT*0931/2145 OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1900HRS	28 HT*1016/2232	29 HT*1103/2321

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STABCRAFT 525 70hp Evinrude (both 1996). Hull painted above waterline and has interior sound reduction finish. Nilsen electric anchor winch, removable shade unit, underfloor and portable fuel tanks. Boarding ladder, Sts radio, fish finder. Multi roller galv trailer (new approx 2012). Owner/vendor has had this rig for over 20 years. Regularly serviced and engine rebuilt in 2015 by Active Outboards (invoice available). The soft cover over the steering position has deteriorated on azip line and will need replacement in the short term. Generally this is a tidy unit with the opportunity to carry out some minor cosmetic improvement. Excellent for fishing and diving plus good for other types of family fun as well. Looking for offers around \$20,000. Call Russell on (0274)878 176 to discuss and/or arrange a viewing. Auckland location.

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SWING MOORING in Whakatakataka Bay. To suit 10.5m launch (draft 1.5m). Please phone Chris (021)552 217



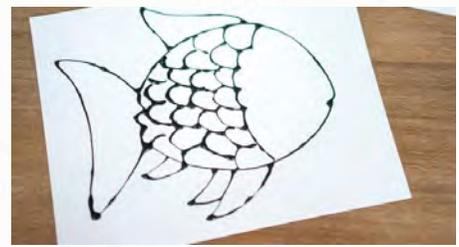
Sprat Chat



- YOU'LL NEED:**
PVA glue and black acrylic paint OR black glitter glue / Liquid watercolours / White and coloured card / Glitter / Pencil
1. Make black glue (skip this step if you are using black glitter glue instead). Mix the black acrylic paint into the white glue. Note: you will need to mix it really well! Add the paint a little at a time until you get the right colour - approximately 25% paint and 75% glue.
 2. Draw an outline of your fish onto white card. You can download a template at: www.thebestideasforkids.com/rainbow-fish-craft
 3. Use a small glue bottle with a small nozzle (too big and your glue will spread too much) to outline your rainbow fish with the black glue. Let the glue dry overnight.
 4. Use your watercolours to paint the rainbow fish using a mix of different colours.
 5. Once the paint is dry, you can apply your glitter to different scales of the fish. Fill your chosen scales with glue (white is fine) and cover with glitter.
 6. To make your finished rainbow fish 'pop' even more, glue it to a coloured card and cut around the outside, leaving a 5mm edge all around.

LAUGH LINES

Q: What did the jellyfish say to the whale?
A: What are you blubbering about?



DID YOU KNOW?

At its widest point the Pacific Ocean is almost 19,500km (12,300 miles) across.
That's more than five times the diameter of the moon!



SEA TURTLES

Of the five species of turtles that can be found in New Zealand waters, the Leatherback and Green turtles are the most common. Leatherbacks only come onto shore to breed. Those seen around New Zealand will head to warmer climates for this - northern Australia, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. They then return to our cooler waters to feed.

Although common around New Zealand, Leatherbacks are critically endangered internationally and, sadly, are an increasing bycatch in commercial longline fishing.

Green turtles are the only herbivorous turtle, but that's not why they're called 'green'.

They're called Green turtles because that's the colour of their meat when it's made into soup! Green turtles are endangered and, like Leatherbacks, their decreasing numbers can likely be blamed on human coastal development and, in the case of Greens, overharvesting by humans. Some turtles die after swallowing plastic bags - common amongst rubbish that gathers in the shallow harbour feeding grounds. Hungry turtles can easily mistake a plastic bag for a tasty jellyfish.

The three other turtles you might spot around New Zealand are the Loggerhead, Hawksbill, and Olive Ridley turtle.

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