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Signing the Agreement to Lease (from left): Alan Tong, Phil Allen, Cameron Fleming, Bill Berry and Greg Batkin.



Hakumau Reserve agreement to lease signed

By Jess Shears

The Hakumau Reserve lease has been a hot topic for some time, and it is fantastic to confirm that the Club now has a signed 'Agreement to Lease' for the reserve land. The agreement was signed following the outcome of the Special General Meeting in early October. With 74 members present, all eager to discuss the proposed lease and find out the result of the ballot vote, the SGM was a very well-attended occasion.

The signing is the culmination of 10 years of hard work and negotiations with Council led, on the OBC's behalf, by Cameron Fleming, who was later joined by Bill Berry. This means, for the

next 33 years, the OBC will have use of 5,168m² of land on an exclusive basis.

This is a great result for the Club and gives certainty for the Club's future strategic planning.

351 members voted in favour of the lease, 27 voted against and 8 abstained. The evening started with the formalities, led by Commodore Phil Allen. The motion was then read by Phil moved, seconded, and the floor was opened up for discussion. A number of members spoke at this point, some raising their concerns over accepting the lease, others reasons why the

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Club in good heart

The highlight of the past month was undoubtedly the resounding vote in favour of the Club accepting the Council's offer of lease over the Hakumau Reserve. There has been much vigorous debate over this issue which the Executive and a majority of members felt essential for the secure future of the Club.

The Club has, nevertheless, some big challenges in the near future:

- The stormwater, infrastructure and parking project;
- Planning the upgrade or replacement of the clubhouse to address structural degradation;
- Replacement of the unattractive fence on the Club's road frontage and around Hakumau Reserve due to poor condition and Hakumau Lease requirements; and
- The refurbishment of the marina structures - both the launch marinas and Club piers - that are all now nearly 30 years old.

The Executive is reviewing the financial implications to the Club and how these will be funded.

Otherwise, the Club is in good heart. We have had the usual resignations, prompted when the subscriptions are posted out, but new members are joining to maintain the Club's membership at a consistent level. We've already had some busy days with most parking taken up. Weekend staff are out and about trying to make sure that members park efficiently and considerately - not always that easy!

Looking forward to some better weather for summer.

- Phil Allen



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Donated marine gear, some of which was donated by OBC members, has made its way offshore and is now supporting people in remote villages on Pacific islands to be safer on the water and gather seafood for their families. 'Let them Fish' hugely appreciates our support by way of marine gear (life jackets, snorkels, rods etcetera), and we are still collecting on its behalf.

If you have any surplus gear, bring it along to the OBC office as we'd love to pass it onto the team at Let Them Fish so it can also head over to the islands.



Donated marine safety and fishing gear is finding new purpose with people of all ages on Pacific islands.

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lease should be signed without delay. The discussion closed and ballot papers completed on the evening were collected and handed to the auditor Irshad Mohamed of UHY Haines Norton, who was the returning officer. All votes were collated (postal, email, ballot box and in person) to give the final result, which was announced by Irshad. The motion was carried. Phil Allen then called for the ballot papers to be destroyed, this being moved, seconded and carried in favour. Phil then thanked everyone for attending and extended particular thanks to Cameron Fleming and Bill Berry for their continued hard work in these tough negotiations. Phil also expressed thanks to Tattico, Mark Vinall and John Duffy, to the Club's legal advisor Jeff Morrison, and to OBC patron the Hon Peter Salmon for his advice. The meeting was closed and the bar declared open.

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Did someone mention sausage rolls? There was a big turnout of the 'usual suspects' for the members' morning tea on October 5; great to hear the clubhouse full of chatter and the coffee machine on full speed. The next morning tea is Wednesday November 2. We will have guest speaker Tony Stanton joining us. Tony is head of engineering at Gurit Asia Pacific, and will be talking about the engineering of NZ's first electric Ferry, composite boats and electric boats. We also have it on good authority that sausage rolls will again be involved!



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Jess is currently seeking sponsorship for the annual Family Fishing Competition, which will be on Saturday March 11, 2023. If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities please pop into the Club, email or call her to discuss. Jess is also looking for volunteers to help out with the Kids Christmas Party on Sunday December 4, if you would like to offer your services, please let her know.

QUITE SIMPLY, THANK YOU

The OBC's annual cocktail event for sponsors and volunteers of the past year was held on Thursday September 22.

This is the Club's opportunity to thank all of the businesses and individuals who generously sponsor our competitions and events over the year, providing a range of prizes, including cash sponsorship, luxury boat parts and accessories, vouchers, experiences, merchandise, beauty products, the list is endless. Without our sponsors we would not be able to provide the high level of prizes that we do, we would not be able to attract the entrants and ultimately raise funds for our chosen charities.

There is also a large number of volunteers that give endless hours to the Club week in and week out, all in the name of ensuring boats meet the required safety standards and the Club works tip top. Without these volunteers we would not be able to run the events we do across the year.

BIOSECURITY and BOTTOMS

We were joined on Tuesday September 27, by Olivia and Dimitri from Auckland Council, who presented an interesting 'Intro to Marine Biosecurity', discussing preventing the spread of invasive marine species and how, as boat owners, we can do our part. For those that missed it, valuable information about what is expected of you can be found at the following web location: www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/environment/plants-animals/pests-weeds/Documents/biofouling-and-invasive-marine-pest-species.pdf

Talk of hauling boats out for cleaning inevitably led to discussions on a hot topic - the closure of The Landing, with



many wondering how they are to meet Council's requirements, when they do not have the facilities available to do so. With thanks to Clean Below - Good to Go, we have an article regarding availability of haul out spaces on page 25 of this issue of The Outboarder.

If you would like to raise any questions regarding The Landing closure, you can email cleanhull@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, this email can also be used regarding any compliance/regional hull biofouling rules. For any general enquiries about marine biosecurity, contact marinebiosecurity@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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SNAP A SHOT, AND WIN!

OBC boat inspector (and legend!) Derek finally got away on a holiday, and was spotted in Italy reading his Outboarder in front of the Duomo di Milano. Looks like he got some fabulous weather for it, too!

Derek didn't forget to pack his Outboarder when he headed off, and he's now in the running for a prize when the 2022 Reading Outboarder Where competition wraps up at the end of this year. Pack your Outboarder magazine when going on holiday, snap a pic of yourself reading it, and you could be in line for a prize too.

Send your high resolution image/s by email to events@obc.co.nz, drop/mail prints to the Club, and/or upload and correctly tag the OBC (#OBCAuckland) on your Facebook or Instagram pages. 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, so there's still time to get an entry in.



OPERATIONS REPORT

FORWARD MOTION

The past month has been very busy preparing for, and having, various Club meetings, AGM, Marina AGM and SGM, all in a very short space of time.

With the resounding acceptance by members of the Hakumau Reserve lease agreement we are now starting to firm up the plans to meet the conditions of the lease. Consultation will now begin to define the fence perimeters that will best optimise the Reserve for parking, and to determine the configuration of the new security gates and entrance way. Work has already started, with an upgrade of our security software which will enable us to have better access to the comings and goings of members, providing quicker and more accurate counting of launches. The new software will also give us the ability to expand the capability of the system, with the possibility of number plate recognition entry and enabling the introduction of multiple layers of security.

The clubhouse is also being considered, as we only have a few more years before we are unable to use the existing one. A team of people is working through the options to determine the best way of going forward. Since the first clubhouse was put in place the world has moved on, and we need to consider both this and all the other factors in making a decision that will see a fit-for-purpose building for the next 50 years and beyond.

The Resource Consent process for the work required on the hardstand is rolling smoothly along. This is actually ahead of schedule, mainly due to the 'homework' having been done beforehand. We expect to have this granted within the next month.

The Marina refurbishment contract has been signed with Total Marine and parts are now being made to enable the start of the replacement of corner brackets and pile guides on E and F. The three new aluminium ramps are well underway, which will see the original steel ramps on B, C and D, all coming to the end of their useful life, replaced with new ones. We will be advising berth licence holders of the upcoming plans and how that will affect them as the start date for installation gets closer.

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HULL OF AN IDEA

Flags and pennants flying upside-down were once a signal of a vessel in distress, but this is no longer the case. Before heading out on the water, check your OBC pennant is the right way up.

WHY THE HAURAKI GULF *Needs Marine Protections*

From *Peter Miles*

Originally set up as living laboratories and tourist attractions, marine protected areas are a crucial tool for building resilience. So what's in it for us fishers?

Revitalising the Gulf is central to Government's long-awaited response to the Seachange Tai Timu Tai Pari marine spatial

plan. The marine protections package is now up for consultation. The idea of adding no-take marine protected areas to the Gulf is not a popular concept for many of us who like to recreationally fish and are concerned about losing our favourite fishing spots. In reality, we should be welcoming these changes. Here's why the Gulf needs these protections and how fishers like us will benefit.

Ecology is a complex web of predator/prey relationships, and at times, odd and unexpected life-cycle interdependencies. We've seen what happens when you deplete a predator population: remove the kōura/crayfish and large snapper and you get an explosion in the kina population, which over-graze the kelp creating 'barrens'. That has knock-on effects for other species that rely on the kelp forest for food, shelter, or reproduction. The crested weedfish is an extreme example of dependency on kelp as this fish looks just like kelp. No kelp - no place to hide for this seldom-seen fish.

Different areas of the Gulf have different habitats. For example, only around 4 percent of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park is



rocky reef habitat. While we see the Gulf as being a very large area, a lot of the productivity comes from some small, high value areas, such as rocky reef habitats. In this way, a few protected areas can have a disproportionately large impact on fish abundance. It is true that fish are mobile and don't distinguish boundaries on a map, but many key reef species, such as tāmure/snapper, like their homes and tend to stick to the same reef areas when they get older. If that happens to be in a protected area they can make an overly large contribution to fish numbers with their offspring. A single 70cm snapper creates as many fish eggs as 36 30cm snapper. Adult snapper within the small reserve at Leigh were estimated to contribute 10.6 percent of newly settled juveniles to the surrounding 400km area*.

Protecting the seafloor is a great starting point, but it's not enough as it still allows for extraction. Only no-take protections will do the job. More protections will mean more fish - and a more robust and resilient Hauraki Gulf.

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- Twelve new High Protections Areas (HPAs) to protect and enhance marine habitats and ecosystems while providing for the customary practices for mana whenua.
- Five Seafloor Protection Areas (SPAs) to protect sensitive seafloor habitats.
- Two extensions to existing marine reserves at Whanganui-ā-Hei and Te Hāwera-a-Maki/Goat Island. A decision on whether these extensions should be HPAs or whether they should be extended as marine reserves is part of consultation.

This proposal would mean that marine protections in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park (HGMP) go from 0.3 percent to 6.2 percent, if you count the current marine reserves and the proposed HPAs; and 11.6

percent if you include the SPAs. It falls short of the Hauraki Gulf Forum's goal of 30 percent. The UN Convention on Biodiversity sets a target of 30 percent for land and sea.

More info <https://www.doc.govt.nz/haveyoursayonthegulf>

The Department of Conservation (DOC) has given until October 28, but that doesn't mean you have missed the boat. There will be another opportunity to show support as it goes through the legislative process.

Peter Miles is Kaihautū/Programme Director at the Mussel Reef Restoration Trust/Revive Our Gulf project, an OBC member, and a diver and fisher.

** Ref: Le Port, A., Montgomery, J. C., Smith, A. N.H., Croucher, A. E., McLeod, I. M., & Lavery, S. D. (2017). Temperate marine protected area provides recruitment subsidies to local fisheries. Proceedings of the Royal Society.*

PLB OR EPIRB essential for summer boating



Your beacon, be it a PLB or EPIRB, is a vital piece of safety equipment to have with you on the water.

An emergency beacon, also known as an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) or Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), is a lifesaving communication tool when other devices can't be. When set off in an emergency, it's used to alert the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCCNZ) in Wellington by sending coded signals via satellite and ground stations.

If you're going out of cellphone or VHF range, a beacon might be your best lifeline should you get into trouble. Beacon activations have saved countless lives over the years - you never know when it could come in handy.

PLB or EPIRB: What's the difference?

Both work exactly the same way - but there are key differences.

PLBs are small, light and designed to fit in your pocket, on your lifejacket or in your grab bag, and are great for confined boat cabins. Features include:

- Minimum 24-hour battery life
- Manually activated
- Flexibility to take it with you and use in a range of conditions, as it's not mounted
- Registered to a person
- Some have GPS capability

Waterproof versions are best, as well as ones that float, but not all have these features so it's worth checking.

An **EPIRB**, while being slightly larger in nature, is fully waterproof and designed specifically for the marine environment. Features include:

- Designed to float upright and can be easily mounted to the vessel
- Minimum 48-hour battery life (twice as long as a PLB)
- Registered to a vessel, not a person
- Choose between a manual or an

- automatic-activation version
- Some versions will self-deploy should the vessel sink
- You can get versions with additional optional extras such as a strobe light (which we'd highly recommend)

While most modern EPIRBs have built-in GPS capability (allowing the RCCNZ to accurately locate you to +/- 50 metres), some don't - we highly recommend getting a GPS version as it greatly reduces the time it takes to find your beacon location.

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INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup plus 1 tbs unsalted butter, divided
- 12 thinly sliced garlic cloves plus 2 smashed garlic cloves, divided
- 1 cup unsalted chicken stock
- 1/4 cup white miso
- 2 tbs fresh lemon juice, plus 1 lemon thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3/4 tsp granulated garlic
- 4x 200gm monkfish fillets, trimmed



- 1 tsp salt
- 3 tbs canola oil, divided
- 2 thyme sprigs, divided
- 14 caperberries, whole or halved
- 1 tbs drained capers
- Flat-leaf parsley sprigs, for garnish

METHOD

1. Cook 1/2 cup butter in a med saucepan over med-high, stirring often, until browned (about 5 mins). Stir in sliced garlic; cook 1 minute. Whisk in stock and miso until combined. Bring to a boil; cook until reduced to about 1 cup (10-12 mins). Transfer to a blender; secure lid, remove centre piece to allow steam to escape (place a towel over opening). Process until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and reserve.
2. Stir together flour and granulated garlic on a plate. Sprinkle fish with salt; dredge fish in seasoned flour. Heat 1 tbs oil in a large skillet over high until it begins to smoke. Add lemon slices; cook until just browned. Wipe skillet clean.
3. Heat 1 tbs oil in same skillet over med-high. Add 2 fillets; cook until golden brown (4-5 mins/side). During the last minute of cooking, add 1-1/2 tsp butter, 1 smashed garlic clove, and 1 thyme sprig to skillet; spoon mixture over fish. Discard garlic and thyme; transfer fish to a platter and keep warm. Repeat with remaining oil, fish, butter, garlic, and thyme.
4. Add caperberries, capers, and lemon slices to skillet; toss until warmed. To serve, spoon warm sauce onto 4 plates; top with fish. Spoon caperberries, capers, and lemon over each fillet. Garnish with parsley.

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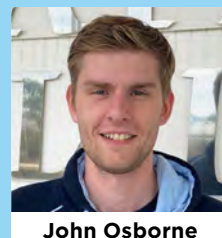
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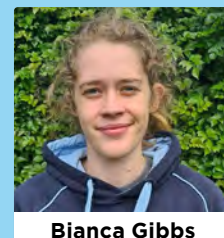
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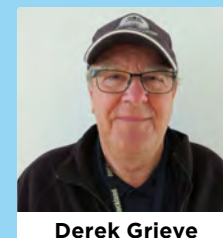
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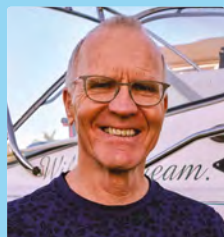
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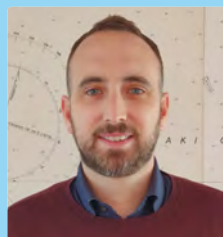
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FISHING REPORT

From Adam Clancey

CHANNELING YOUR ENERGY

As sea temperatures rise with the onset of summer, fish movements start to change along with migratory, spawning and feeding habits. Good offshore work-up action remains and fish are still feeding on the reefs, but there will also be a marked increase in the number of fish running through the channels. In particular, Rangitoto, Motuihe, Sargents Passage and Rakino Channel. While the main species caught is snapper, the increase in baitfish like piper and sprats moving into the warming harbours attracts kingfish, kahawai and John Dory. Channel fishing can be approached in a number of ways, all of which have their merits. Just remember not to anchor in shipping channels.



You can expect good-size schoolies and the odd surprise fish when channel fishing.

Fishing with bait and burley is productive when the conditions are right - a rising or falling tide with the current in the same direction as the wind. Keys to success are: Anchor your burley to the bottom, because

in high current channels it will quickly wash away from the boat if left on the surface. Weighting your rig properly will also affect how well you will get bites. In low current zones use a 1/2oz to 1oz sinker right on top of the hook. In areas where the current is stronger, a running rig with the sinker set above the trace with a swivel will work best. For some reason longer traces seem to get more bites. Don't be scared to experiment with 2m-plus traces. Keep hooks and baits on the smaller sizes, 4/0 to 6/0. Top baits for channel fishing are mullet, squid, pilchard and fresh jack mackerel. Jack mackerel will often be caught if you fish bait fish jigs over the burley.

Another way to work channels is by drifting. Casting soft baits up current and bouncing along the bottom back towards the boat will turn on fish. Use jig heads from 1/4oz - 1oz depending on the speed of the drift. Use 3"-5" soft baits, either high action curly tails or paddle tails. Adding a good quality bait scent to lures will definitely increase the bite ratio. Favourite colours for softbaits are natural bait fish, brown and yellow and pink. Try and fish on the edge of channels or anywhere there is a bit of structure or foul ground.

The other go-to technique when channel fishing is drifting with small kaburas (Sliders) in the 40-80gm size range. Tipping hooks with a small strip of squid bait will really increase bites although small fish might be a problem. Simply drift down the channel with the kabura bouncing on the bottom. Let out a little line to keep the lure on the bottom. A light action rod works really well with this technique as it will aid with bite detection and hook-ups.

While these channel techniques mainly appeal to snapper, don't be surprised if kingfish take a liking to your offerings. With any fishing be aware of the environmental conditions. Strong current lines, disturbed water and obvious bird action will often be the places where the fish are holding.



'X' marks the spot - Hauraki Gulf channels offer good fishing as sea temperatures rise.

Now that daylight saving is in place, the channels can be a worthwhile option when looking for a quick trip after work and the results can be outstanding. As the summer takes hold, start exploring further into the channels in the inner Waitemata, as the fish move right into town pre-Christmas.

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MORE PROTECTION or JUST a FARCE?

Support for more protection of treasured Hauraki Gulf Marine Park waters continues to grow, so it's interesting that recent Government proposals to increase no-fishing areas do not necessarily mean more fish in the water.

In September, the Department of Conservation asked for public feedback on a range of proposals, presenting 12 High Protection Areas (no recreational fishing), two seafloor protection areas and two marine reserve extensions in the Marine Park. These proposals are a part of the Government's Revitalising the Gulf strategy aimed at increasing the health of the Marine Park.

Increased biodiversity of marine species does not come from shifting destructive fishing methods from some areas, such as High Protection Areas, into the rest of the available space in the Marine Park.

More protection in the Government's eyes amounts to 17.6 percent of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park becoming 'protected', up from the current 6.6 percent protection from marine reserves and cable zones.

This is protection in name only. This plan does not take meaningful steps to address the root causes of environmental damage and reduced biodiversity in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

The most effective response is 100 percent seafloor protection. This starts with removing mobile bottom-contact fishing methods from the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park - bottom trawling, scallop dredging and Danish seining.

Currently, under the Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Plan, which is another part of the Government Revitalising the Gulf strategy, bottom trawling and commercial scallop dredging are allowed to continue. Implementing more no-fishing zones is meaningless if destructive damage goes on unabated.

The Government is not being ambitious enough with its Revitalising the Gulf strategy. The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park could be thriving if seafloor-damaging activities such as bottom trawling, dredging, and Danish seining were removed from the Park. Whether it is through marine protection proposals, or through the Hauraki Gulf Alliance, we're proud that organisations such as the Outboard Boating Club are committed to the removal of bottom trawling and scallop dredging from the Marine Park. After all, more fish in the water benefits everybody.

Sign our Hauraki Gulf Alliance petition, to get destructive mobile, bottom-contact fishing out of the Park: haurakigulfalliance.nz/petition

OBC PRESENTS

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to



MAN O' WAR

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SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER



Enjoy a delicious lunch and relaxed afternoon

If you would like to convoy over to Waiheke with us meet at OBC at 9:30am ready for a 10:00am departure, arriving at Man O' War Bay by 12:00 noon.

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Man o War Bay - High tide 10.29am 3.14 m,
low tide 4.48pm 0.18 m

Set Menu \$65pp

*Includes Man O' War Board + Entrées + Mains
Pre-payment required to OBC*

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Marina Berth License Holders

A summary of the Annual General Meeting of the OBC Marina Berth License Holders (MBLH), held August 6, 2022 at 7.00pm.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held August 17, 2021:

The minutes had been circulated, were taken as read, and accepted as a true and correct record.

MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MMC) CHAIR'S REPORT:

The report had been circulated and was taken as read. It was resolved to accept the report.

- A statement regarding the current relationship between the OBC Executive and MMC members was questioned; AGM was not the correct forum for discussion.
- Queries regarding the legal opinion obtained by Trustees: report reviewed by OBC Executive with Trustees, further communication between parties required before Trustees able to report back.
- Query regarding possible inappropriate use of an email listing to communicate between elected members of MMC and MBLHs. Discussion followed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2021-2022

The Financial Statements had been circulated, were taken as read and accepted.

- A change of wording from previous years in the contingency allowances was queried. Will be reviewed with the Treasurer.

BUDGET FOR 2022 - 2023

The Budget had been circulated, was taken as read, and accepted.

- Possible errors in the Budget, and a format change, were raised. This is in hand and will be reviewed with the Treasurer before reporting back.

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Report had been circulated, was taken as

read, and accepted.

- Further query about the legal opinion that the Trustees had obtained and its cost: cost \$43,000.
- Query as to why Trustees submitted to Council re Hakumau lease; Trustees were questioning valuation supporting the rental.
- Concerns raised re inefficient use of space and suggestion to move infrequently used boats/trailers to less accessible spaces. Help with logistics of this offered to Club.

CONFIRMATION OF MARINA TRUSTEES

There being no other nominations the existing positions continue.

CONFIRMATION OF MBLH REPRESENTATIVES ON MMC

There being no other nominations the existing positions continue.

- Further discussion about emails and the error made; and whether members were happy for their email and/or phone numbers to be available to Trustees.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Query re the apportionment of costs between OBC members and MBLHs. Further discussion on that, and that MBLHs who were also members appeared to be paying twice for some of the apportionments.
- It was pointed out that emails can't be sent to unrelated parties. There needs to be agreement and adoption of acceptable means of communication. Error was acknowledged and apology made.
- Fraser Elder (the Club's delegate for AYBA) spoke of the issues for boat owners in keeping their hulls clean: new Council rules are likely to mean boats need to haul out 3-plus times a year, with diminishing haul out facilities.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held September 29, 2022, with nine Committee members present, along with OBC General Manager Phil Davenport. Meeting welcomed new Committee member Harvey Brookes.

MEMBERS' DELEGATION

Special Representation: A delegation of members led by Angus Rogers and Steve Burrett attended to speak in opposition to signing the Lease of the Hakumau Reserve.

- Executive Committee concluded post the group's presentation that issues raised by the presenters had previously been covered and answers outlined in the Q&A section of the Hakumau Reserve report (as emailed to OBC members with Notice of SGM, 28/09/22).
- No further action ahead of the SGM.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Commodore reflected on the Club's just-held 66th AGM (September 13), details of this report can be found on page 2 of the

October 2022 issue of The Outboarder.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No incidents or accidents to report. A H&S meeting took place during September. Weekend staff continue to carry out safety observations and reporting of practices carried out by Club members to ensure that bad practices can be identified and addressed.

FINANCIALS

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

OPERATIONS REPORT

The report was circulated and taken as read.

- EASTERN RAMPS:** The new buttresses for three fingers are now complete. The new pontoons for the western finger should be delivered by the builder before the summer rush.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY AND PLANNING: No report this month. Phil Allen advised Resource Consent for hardstand progressing well. The Club received a structural report on the Clubhouse. The engineers have certified the structure for four years only. The replacement of the Clubhouse is now critical. Planning has begun and members will be consulted with cost options.

MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS: Accepted as read.

MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The minutes of the September MMC meeting were circulated and discussed. The GM reported to the Committee on the progress of the refurbishment programme. The GM reported that insurance premiums on the Marina structure will increase significantly due to insurers being reluctant to offer insurance. The OM reported on ongoing maintenance issues and the condition of some Marina vessels.

MEMBERSHIP

New members: 16 Resignations: 33
Total net: 1897

MARINA BERTH TRANSFERS

Current transfers: 5
Francis to Francis Estate concluded.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Hakumau Reserve: update on proposed SGM (Phil Allen).
- Marina refurbishment programme: The contract for the first phase of Marina refurbishment has been signed with Total Marine to replace all pile guides and corner brackets over a period of three years.
- The Executive discussed the legal opinion requested by the Marina Trustees questioning the Executive's actions in managing the affairs of the Marina Berth Licence Holders (MLBHs) and the Marina structure. The opinion confirmed the way the Club manages the Marina.

APPROVED ACTIONS: Phil Davenport to

email a copy of the Shorewise report to all MLBHs to ensure information is also received directly from OBC.


CORRESPONDENCE

- Draft letter to Marina Trustees re on-charge of insurance, Shorewise report and valuations.
 - Draft letter to Marina Trustees re on-charge of fees sought for advice.
- APPROVED ACTIONS: Letter to Marina Trustees re on-charges of insurance, Shorewise report and valuations approved to send as drafted.

Meeting concluded 9.30pm.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24

OBC members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings at 7.00pm, and may address the Committee on any one specific topic until 7.15pm. Outside of this time, members may be present as observers but cannot speak to any subjects raised.



BERTH FOR MY BABY

WANTING TO PURCHASE A 12 METRE BERTH

Willing to pay top dollar, with cash settlement towards the end of summer, February/March 2023 or sooner.

Please email Noel (OBC member) at noel@vgreen.co.nz



Kids Christmas Party

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022
11.00AM - 1.30PM

A SUPER FUN EVENT WITH CATERED LUNCH BOX PLUS A PRESENT FROM SANTA!
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ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDING:
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New members are invited to join, but you must be a member for minimum of 7 days to be eligible to register your catch. \$40 membership fee.

TIGHT LINES!

Contest Rules: Runs from 1/7/2022 to 30/06/2023. Cut off time for fishing on 30 June, 1700hrs. NZ-wide contest area, however, bill fish must be weighed on OBC gantry. Must be in queue for weigh in at OBC gantry by 30 June, 1700hrs, no exceptions. For tuna only! A photo of fish on scales will be acceptable but official weight on OBC gantry will prevail over any split decision. All species of tuna, from skip jack to yellow fin, are eligible. WBSFC committee decision on eligibility of angler and catch is final.

Prize-Giving: Date T.B.A.

For more information email: wbsfc@obc.co.nz

NEED TO HAUL OUT? BOOK IT NOW!

From the team at *Clean Below, Good to Go*

Many of us hang on until after Labour Weekend to start to think about hauling out, changing anodes, antifouling, and other routine maintenance tasks. But that can backfire. In anticipation of a busy summer in Auckland's boatyards, we talked to six operators around the region. They all had similar advice: Yards are busy and will get busier, and marine trades contractors are often booked out months in advance. The solution is to plan and book ahead - and get major work done in the off-season wherever possible.

ORAMS MARINE VILLAGE

Managing Director Craig Park, says, "While we are perceived as a superyacht facility, we still haul 850-1000 local or recreational boats a year." He says that early booking is the only way to secure a slot. "We will be at capacity leading into summer." Orams has big sheds, and a 50 ton capacity transporter which means boats can be blocked closer together - accommodating more boats.

HALF MOON BAY MARINA

At the time we talked to Mark Hollier the upcoming four weeks were busy, beyond that, there were plenty of spaces available for a haulout - at the moment. While DIYers can normally be accommodated, the catch for others is whether a contractor is available to do the maintenance. No two boats are the same and Half Moon Bay now has a 7.6m wide bay, expanding the range of boats it can lift.

TAMAKI MARINE PARK

One of Auckland's most well-equipped facilities, particularly for powerboats, it offers many storage options. If you phoned up wanting to get your boat - say a 40' launch - hauled out today, they would be able to fit you in. "Being a new

yard we are filling up steadily but we still have availability," says Martin Hannon. He recommends ensuring you do get a space by booking ahead. The facility can haul out most hull forms and has berths available if a boat owner would like to deliver a boat the day before, depending on tides. There's a good selection of on site services, and boat owners can bring their own tradies or contractors on site. DIY is allowed, too.

HOBSONVILLE MARINE SERVICES

"Hobsonville Marine Services suggests getting your bookings in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, this includes vessels that need a wash prior to Christmas," advised a spokesperson. Top tip: Book your lift and wash for before Christmas - but save the big jobs until after the New Year.

THE LANDING

Unfortunately The Landing will be closing permanently in early 2023, but operator Scott Fickling says that it is booked out until Christmas, with 45 boats on the waiting list. If you are after a lift and hold in December it's worth checking closer to the time, once they know when boats are going back in the water.

GULF HARBOUR MARINA

The boatyard was also busy but had space available for a lift and waterblast in November and December, and for haulouts in mid November and December. Travel lift administrator Jan Edmonds suggests, "As soon as you have decided your dates I would advise booking ASAP to avoid disappointment in hauling." She also says that cancellations can free up spaces too, so it's always worth checking for gaps. Like others, Jan reminds boaties to also book in with marine trade contractors well in advance.

The CSB Huntsman Centurion is a pleasure to drive.

BOAT REVIEW

CSB Huntsman Centurion



CLOSE to perfection

Since its release in early 2019, the CSB Huntsman Centurion has become one of the builder's most popular and best-selling models. Released to coincide with CSB Huntsman's 25th anniversary, Barry Thompson revisits the Centurion to see what has changed and why this particular model has been so successful...

When I first reviewed the Centurion back in 2019, I said then that this was destined to be an iconic boat for the company and I have been proven right. Releasing new models is essential to keep a brand at the forefront of the market and Huntsman certainly recognises that. The main update since that first boat three years ago has been the launch of the Centurion HT (hardtop model) in July 2020.

The hardtop was designed to be stylish and functional, while still also allowing plenty of standing room. There is enough height for a 6-foot tall person to stand comfortably underneath without having to bend or crouch.

The hardtop still incorporates the famous pull-across cabin door with built-in stairs, and an opening middle windscreen section to allow easy and safe access out onto the front of the boat. The side windows also easily slide open and dual window wipers help keep visibility high in poor conditions.

The Centurion was not a replacement but an addition to the Huntsman range and slots in between the Series 6000 and the Crusader. It was the first of the new Evolution Series, which incorporates a

unique split-deck design that allows for a variety of different foredeck styles in the future, while still leaving the aft sections unchanged. The new Centurion features a deep 23 deg deadrise at the transom, which is 2 deg more than on other Huntsman models such as the Series 6000, Explorer, Crusader and XCalibur. The external beam is the same as the Series 6000 and the Crusader, but the internal beam is wider. This has been achieved by straightening up the sides and being able to compact everything to fit better. Another feature of the Evolution Series is, there is now no timber in the boat it has a full inner liner.

The cabin layout is very similar to other comparable sized CSB Huntsman models, although it has a little more headroom, with two 1.8m side squabs and an infill to make a larger berth. There is storage in side trays, and under the squabs, and provision for a portaloos or electric head under the forward berth.

A sliding door not only gives privacy and security for the cabin, but it also doubles as steps to the foredeck. It allows the side decks to be eliminated and gives more internal beam in the cabin. This very practical feature was introduced on the

Series 6000 and has been carried through on most of the new models since.

The cockpit layout is longer and broader than the Series 6000 and the same length as the 7m Crusader. Seating in our test boat was a single Softrider pedestal helm seat with a king/queen to port and a couple of bin seats aft. However, there are plenty of options when it comes to seating so you can have whatever suits. The Centurion doesn't lack for storage with full length lower side trays, top side pockets, a deep and long underfloor wet locker, lockers under the aft deck, plus the rear bins and under the back-to-backs. The underfloor cabinet, with the lid on gas struts, is big enough for water-skis, wake-board or all your dive gear.

However, if you are a serious fisho then Huntsman has also developed a special 'Elite Angler' interior for those wanting a purpose-built fishing set-up.

Power-wise, we ran the Yamaha 150, which returned a top speed of 42 knots. Our test venue was the beautiful and historical Akaroa Harbour, where conditions were a moderate swell coming through the heads, and very little wind. In the reasonably calm waters of the harbour, the Centurion never put a foot wrong and was a pleasure to drive. Once we got out into the swells, it performed as expected and with a little trimming, I managed to get it flying level off the swells. Soft riding, dry and predictable would describe it best. Despite the deep 23 deg vee the Centurion never showed any indication of lacking stability, especially at rest.

The Centurion certainly modernises the Huntsman range and is the forerunner of



A sliding cabin door doubles as steps to access the foredeck.

many more in the Evolution Series. The addition of the hardtop model has opened the scope of interest and the majority of Centurions sold are the hardtop version. As usual, the company has thought ahead and produced a boat that is not only well built, a great performer and with good looks, it is also extremely practical. It has taken three years from concept to completion, and now, three years on, the result is a boat close to perfection.

SPECIFICATIONS

Make and Model:	CSB Huntsman Centurion
Type:	Cabin/Hardtop
Construction:	GRP
LOA:	6.40m
Beam:	2.35m
Deadrise:	23 degrees
Height on trailer:	2.30m
Trailerable weight:	1800kg (incl fuel)
Test power:	Yamaha 150
Propeller:	Reliance 17"
Fuel capacity:	165 litres

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Kaveman Tackle Talk

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

OBC Members Morning Tea

Join fellow Club members at the clubhouse for a cuppa and nibbles. From 10.00am on the first Wednesday of each month.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

Burnsco Inter-club Fishing Competition

Good luck to all our fishos; we hope the big fish are biting!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26

OBC Man O' War Vineyard lunch

Join the convoy from the OBC, or make your own way there, either way you'll be enjoying a delicious lunch and relaxing afternoon in the sun with fellow Club members. What more could you ask for? See page 19 for more information and remember to book/pay for your lunch before Saturday November 12.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

OBC Kids Christmas Party

So much fun for the family, if it's not already, the annual OBC Kids Christmas Party should be put on your must-do list. Entertainment to amuse all ages, and for the registered 10-and-unders lunch

and a visit from Santa (with presents!). No late entries can be accepted, so fill in the form on page 23 and get it in before Sunday November 13.

SATURDAY JANUARY 14

OBC Family Pizza and Movie Night

As the end of the summer holiday approaches you'll be looking for something different to amuse the kids. Look no further - games, pizza, and a screening of Sing 2 will keep them occupied, while you enjoy a chilled evening at the Club. More details on the OBC website, events section.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22

OBC Fishing Meeting/Hardstand Auction

Pop this date on your calendar and don't miss the chance to hear from fishing guru and host of Fishy Business, Adam Clancey, plus a shot at scoring an OBC hardstand posi for 12 months. More details next month.

OTHER EVENTS/ ROAD CLOSURES

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26: The Rangitoto Swim. Keep an eye out for swimmers in the water between Rangitoto Island and St Heliers beach from 8.30am to 11.00am.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4: People's Triathlon. Tamaki Drive will be closed from Ngapi Road intersection east to Long Drive, St Heliers, 7.00am to 11.30am. Access to OBC via Ngapi Road remains open.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 HT*0107/1344	2 HT*0205/1446 OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HR	3 HT*0308/1550	4 HT*0414/1651	5 HT*0519/1749 BURNSCO CUP INTERCLUB FISHING COMP
6 HT*0620/1842 RAINDATE: BURNSCO CUP Orakei Basin flushing out 8.00pm	7 HT*0714/1932	8 HT*0803/2020 OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS Orakei Basin flushing in 9.03am 3.2m	9 HT*0849/2106	10 HT*0931/2149	11 HT*1012/2231 LAST DAY TO BOOK/PAY FOR MAN O' WAR LUNCH	12 HT*1051/2312
13 HT*1131/2353 REGISTRATION CLOSES OBC KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY	14 HT*1211	15 HT*0035/1254 OBC MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 1600HRS	16 HT*0118/1341	17 HT*0206/1433 OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	18 HT*0258/1526	19 HT*0355/1620
20 HT*0454/1712	21 HT*0550/1802	22 HT*0643/1852	23 HT*0733/1942	24 HT*0821/2032 OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1915HRS	25 HT*0909/2123	26 HT*0957/2215 OBC MAN O' WAR VINEYARD LUNCH
27 HT*1047/2307 Orakei Basin flushing out 8.00pm	28 HT*1138	29 HT*0000/1232 Orakei Basin flushing in 1.32pm 3.4m	30 HT*0055/1329			

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LAUGH LINES

Q: How does a fish announce dinner is ready?

A: Hot off the gill!



Sea Slugs

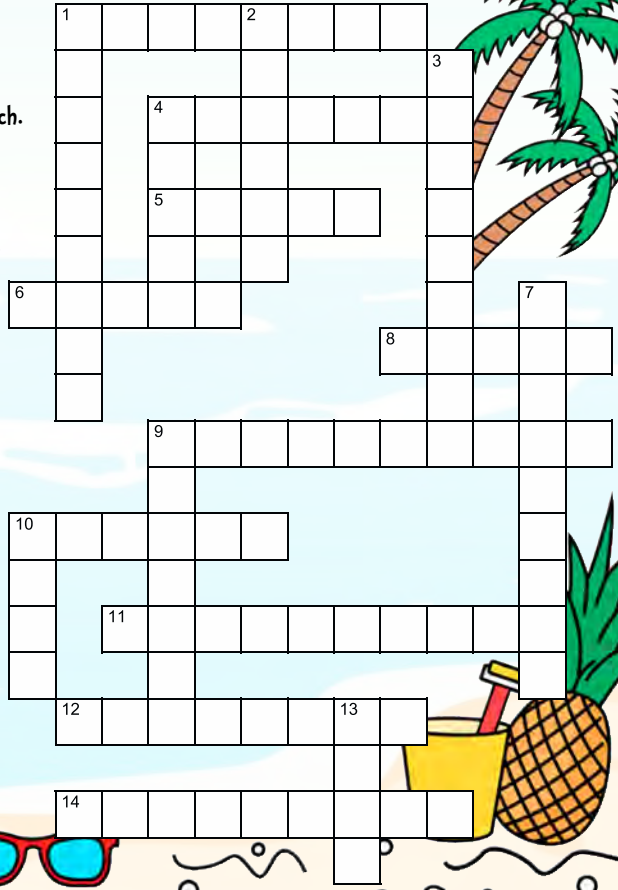
Did you know that if a sea slug's head becomes separated from its body, it can grow a new body? It's true. What's more, sea slug decapitation happens on purpose! Scientists have discovered that some sea slugs have a 'breakage plane' - a groove around the neck, making it easy to jettison their body. It's suspected they do this to get rid of parasites their body is harbouring.

These sea slugs lose about 85 percent of their mass when this happens, and it takes about three weeks to completely regrow their body. Most of their vital organs regenerate in about a week. Researchers still aren't sure how the sea slugs manage to survive without a heart and the bulk of their body for so long! One theory is that they are able to regenerate by getting nutrients using photosynthesis, just like plants do. Sea cucumbers (which can shoot out their guts to distract and repel predators - their guts regenerate) and other ocean creatures can lose body parts and survive, but not their entire body - only the sea cucumber can do that!



Sprat Chat

At the Beach



- ACROSS**
1. What most people wear on the beach.
 4. Allows you to breathe underwater.
 5. It's right next to the beach.
 6. They wash in at the seaside.
 8. Use this to dry off.
 9. You might build this on the beach.
 10. Lunch on the beach.
 11. Helps you see on a sunny day.
 12. Protects your skin from the sun.
 14. He or she watches swimmers.

- DOWN**
1. Use this to ride the waves.
 2. Used for digging.
 3. Shoes for the beach.
 4. The edge of the water.
 7. Sea animal that stings.
 9. Watch out! If you turn red, you have this.
 10. Use this to collect sand, water or shells.
 13. Little animal with pinchers.



DID YOU KNOW?

Through photosynthesis, the phytoplankton and algae that live in the ocean produce about half of the oxygen that land-dwelling creatures (including humans!) breathe.

Answers: Across 1. swimsuit 4. snorkel 5. ocean 6. waves 8. towel 9. sandcastle 10. picnic 11. sunglasses 12. sunblock 13. lifeguard Down 1. surfboard 2. shovel 3. flipflops 4. shore 7. jellyfish 9. sunburn 10. pall 13. crab

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