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## QUITE *the* catches

No-one would argue that getting out fishing this summer has been more difficult than we'd like - not the least because Auckland has barely had a summer. But with storms and floods hopefully behind us, perhaps we can now look forward to better weather over the next few months!

Some have been lucky enough to get out on the water, and even caught fish. That includes the two youthful



Harrison Vaughan is dwarfed by his 87cm snapper, caught on a kahawai head.



Thomas Jones caught his 86cm kingi on December 29, fishing off the vessel Buck Fever.

fishos you can see in the accompanying photos, who have both logged their catches as entries in the OBC and Family Boats Kids' Summer Fishing Tournament.

Sitting in first place as we go to print (with a couple more weeks to run for the series) is Harrison Vaughan (age 13) with his 87cm snapper. Thomas Jones (age 14) is currently second after reeling in an 86cm kingfish. A couple of very impressive fish, and we'd bet the boys' catches have made a few of our adult member fishos very envious!

Good luck to everyone who entered before the end of February cut-off. We'll bring you the results in next month's issue of Outboarder.

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

In my last Outboarder report, I noted that I was in the Bay of Islands sheltering from cyclone Hale. This time I'm looking out the harbour towards Rangitoto Lighthouse and Whangaparaoa as cyclone Gabrielle pounds the north shore beaches. It certainly has been a disappointing summer so far, weatherwise.

Gabrielle developed into a disastrous weather event for many communities and our thoughts go out to those who have lost their homes and incomes as a result. More significantly our thoughts and sympathy go to families and friends who have lost loved ones as a result of the storm.

Before Gabrielle arrived, we had the first of our twilight fishing series. Unfortunately, there was only a small turn out, but we hope that we can gain momentum. The second session was cancelled due to Gabrielle.

The Executive is currently grappling with a number of strategic issues. The clubhouse structure has been given a four year life and will need to be replaced. The hardstand resource consent must be renewed before 2028, requiring drainage and services upgrades. The launching ramp marinas will require major refurbishment and replacements. The launch marinas are currently undergoing refurbishment but will, additionally, require pontoon replacement in the next 10-15 years. At the same time, we are designing the new fence for Hakumau Reserve as required for the Hakumau lease.

While the Club has good capital reserves, that in no way is sufficient to cover these commitments, so tough decisions will need to be made over the extent of construction and possible financial vehicles.

To guarantee the most appropriate solution, the Executive is at the same time undertaking a comprehensive strategic review - including members' consultation.

Here's hoping the weather will give us a bit of a break for the rest of the summer season!

- Phil Allen

# TWO TEAS PLEASE


Only a few of the stalwarts came out for the February members morning tea, but they still managed to solve all the problems of the world. Well, they dealt admirably with the nibbles anyway!

March 1 is the next members morning tea, and this month we'll also have an extra morning tea gathering, one week later. To mark International Women's Day, there will be a special morning tea from 10.00am on March 8, and all women with links to the OBC are welcome - that includes friends and family of members, too.



## READING OUTBOARDER?

Don't forget to keep sending us those 'reading Outboarder' entries. Grab a pic of yourself reading Outboarder somewhere interesting, and send it in 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. Photos will be posted on OBC social media, and selected images will also appear in the Outboarder magazine during the course of the competition. The competition closes on December 31, 2023.



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# KNIVES OUT *for a CAUSE*

By Jess Shears

Wednesday January 25 brought something we have not seen at the OBC for some time - a full clubhouse! It was fantastic to see so many members turn up to watch Victory Knives and the Kai Ika Project team up to present an evening full of interesting information and demonstrations.

Following an introduction and welcome from Commodore Phil Allen, Bill McGarry took to the floor encouraging



The Kai Ika Project's Dallas Abel (left) and head filleter Dave prepare to demonstrate how to efficiently fillet a fish for the least waste.

members to have a say about trawling and dredging within the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. There was a petition going around the room; if you're weren't able to be there on the night, you can sign the petition online by visiting <https://haurakigulfalliance.nz/petition/>. Your say counts, and every signature helps to get the message across to the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries.

Gareth Hughes, Managing Director of Victory Knives, then started the evening's entertainment off by introducing Victory Knives, which was established back in 1927. Proud to be New Zealand owned, Victory Knives produces a high quality, robust knife used by many industries.

Gareth also revealed that Victory Knives has paired with the Kai Ika Project and has produced a five-piece knife set, sales of which see 100 percent of profits donated to The Kai Ika Project.

The Kai Ika Project recovers fish parts, for

distribution to communities and families in South Auckland, who are extremely appreciative of the kai. In 2022, Kai Ika repurposed a whopping 106,412kg, all going towards feeding families throughout Auckland who are facing tough times.

We were privileged to be able to watch, up close, head filleter Dave fly through filleting a snapper, like a magician at work! As Dave filleted, Dallas Abel, project co-ordinator for the Kai Ika Project, broke down what Dave was doing, and talked everyone through the process. He explained how Dave effectively fillets his fish, maximising the utilisation of the fish and producing minimal waste. Of course, a good knife is indispensable and the team swear by their Victory Knives, as do many other industry professionals.



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From here at the OBC, from Westhaven and a number of fish suppliers, the Kai Ika team collect the heads, frames and offal to be taken to the Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae. The marae then distributes this valuable food source amongst the families and community groups most in need. During the evening, members were reminded by Gareth and Dallas to think about how they fillet their fish. How they can reduce the amount of the fish that is wasted and maximise what can be used.

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# OPERATIONS REPORT

As you all will have noticed, we have a lot going on around the Club already this year. The days of good weather have been few and far between, and the opportunities to get out in our boats have come in pretty small windows.

## PARKING

On these good days, with many members snatching any opportunity to get out boating, we have seen a great deal of pressure on the Club, especially on parking. Please remember that there is parking throughout the facility, and you may need to park in a different section to where you have launched.

## STORMY WEATHER

The Club emerged relatively unscathed from the storms of the last few weeks. A bit of preparation beforehand, and some luck with the wind direction and

lower tides, meant we avoided the storm surges and the need to pump out boats that we have had in the past.

A big thank you to all those that came down to check on their boats before the weather set in. With this, and us increasing the frequency of site walks, we saw little damage to boats. Just the odd boat cover, that was probably due to be replaced anyway, getting damaged.

## EASTERN RAMPS

Finally, the eastern ramps are all open. It has taken a while and it's not been without its challenges, but the new pontoon is in and working well. Its first week was a bit of a baptism, and it came through in good shape. We hope the extra height is proving beneficial to members with higher topsides. Please let us know your thoughts as we contemplate the replacement of the last most eastern pontoon next year.

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## BEYOND BUSY

Accessing, leaving, moving around the site and getting under the Ngapipi bridge has gotten a lot busier over the past few months and that's set to continue for a while yet. A number of 'shovel ready projects' have recently been given the go-ahead and unfortunately for us they have all come together and started at the same time.

The road is busier, as the work on the new waterfront footpath goes on, along with the new footbridge for Ngapipi bridge. Please take note of the information on page 8 of this Outboarder, there are some important details regarding traversing the channels below the bridge.

## PAUSE AND RELAX

Once you have run the gauntlet of the works and traffic and made it through the OBC gates, please take the time to just pause, relax, and take a breath before looking to launch your boat and people and head out for the day. On the weekend there were lots of families and young children about, and the last thing anyone wants is for there to be an accident.

Keep an eye out for heavy machinery as works commence on the Ngapipi pedestrian footbridge.



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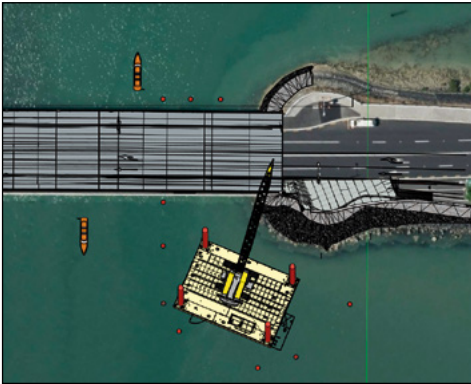
# MIND *the* GAPS

Construction company HEB is building a pedestrian bridge on the north side of Ngapipi bridge. Before commencing work on this pedestrian bridge, HEB will be reinforcing the western abutment of Ngapipi bridge with rock armour (large bags of rocks). The crawler crane currently on the eastern boundary of the OBC will be loading these rock bags onto a service barge which will then place the rocks at the base of the abutment. Please keep an eye out for the trucks delivering the rocks down to the crane, this will take place Monday-Friday for the next two months.

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Stage 1: East abutment piling - this diagram shows the jack-up barge with demarcation buoys (red circles). The incoming, outgoing, and reserve channels will be open.



Stage 2: West abutment piling - this diagram shows the jack-up barge with demarcation buoys and a 'channel closed' sign above the reserve channel on both sides of the bridge. The incoming and outgoing channels will remain open.

for the construction of the pedestrian bridge, a large jack-up barge will be set up on the north side of Ngapipi bridge.

During different stages of the project, the barge will be positioned as illustrated by the accompanying images.

It is important to note that the barge will occasionally obstruct a navigation channel under the bridge during the construction.

To ensure safe navigation, large signs will be hung from the bridge on both sides, indicating the 'In' and 'Out' channels vessels are to use, as well as the closed channel with 'Channel Closed'. Notifications will also be sent out to members whenever the barge is being moved to a position that will block a navigation channel under the bridge, including instructions on which channels to use.

We kindly request that you exercise extra caution when navigating your vessels under the bridge and around the barge for the duration of the project.





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# CLUBHOUSE CONUNDRUMS



The OBC clubhouse was opened on May 18, 1968, by the Minister of Marine, Hon. W J Scott; Commodore Ron Grant, Secretary Harvey Shepherd.

The need to do something about the OBC's clubhouse is a hot topic among the current Executive and members. However back in 1967, it was the need to build the clubhouse that was foremost in everyone's minds.

At the 1967 OBC AGM it was resolved that up to \$28,000 could be spent on the construction of a clubhouse. This was the culmination of, at that point, five years of planning. One month after the AGM, the Club received provisional approval from the Auckland City Council and Harbour Board, for plans drawn up by Club member Bill Chick for a combined

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clubhouse and custodian's flat. The plans included space to seat 100 people at a meeting, and supper facilities. A condition of approval was that the Club would move the building at its expense if the Harbour Board decided to develop the area, so it was made clear that the clubhouse was largely a temporary building.

Tenders were called for and on October 24, the contract for piling and building was awarded. Construction began in early 1968, only to be delayed by various hold-ups including the supply of Australian ironbark timber earmarked for the project being sold to someone else. The Harbour Board loaned the Club replacement ironback timber, although as it was in different dimensions to what the plan called for, some changes had to be made to the structural design of the building.

Further delays resulted when the Auckland Power Board's \$5760 bill for providing power was much higher than anticipated. Negotiations and deliberations between APB and OBC meant contractors were without power until March. Metal windows were delivered late, and at one point work was completely at a standstill.

Despite the obstacles, the clubhouse was opened with much fanfare on Saturday May 18, 1968. However, even the opening had its drama, with a shower of rain at precisely the moment the invited guests of honour arrived. From the Outboarder, June 1968: "Once the formalities were over, the gathering poured through the now open doors while Bill Chick stood in the corner wringing his hands and biting his nails. A quick mental check had revealed a 50 percent overload on the hardwood piles... and the mud below was so SOFT! (There was a horrible moment when a few members thought of the day the Gleadow jetty was opened and

because more people crowded on it than it was designed for, there were a lot of cold wet feet and red faces.) However the floor sustained the shock and remained level throughout the sumptuous morning tea."

The full cost of the project came in at \$30,000, \$2000 over budget, but completely debt free. The first monthly meeting was held on the evening of Tuesday May 28, with a record attendance of more than 100 people.

*The 1968 interim rules covering clubhouse use were:*

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As kiwis spend their first summer without fresh New Zealand scallops, we continue to advocate for a permanent ban on scallop dredging in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park and beyond.

Recently, Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) proposed the Minister indefinitely close the Coromandel scallop fishery to commercial and recreational fishing. It also suggested seeking new information on scallop abundance before 2025. If new information indicates the stock has recovered FNZ will review the closure.

The scallop population in and around the Hauraki Gulf and Coromandel is in dire straits. So it's concerning that there are no FNZ proposals addressing scallop dredging, a destructive fishing method that decimates the seafloor and creatures living on and in it.

FNZ's latest plans for the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park will allow continued scallop dredging in certain areas if the fishery reopens.

Last December, the last fishable scallop beds in New Zealand were shut by the Minister under emergency regulations. Recent scallop survey results showed a worrying trend, the scallop population had declined since 2021.

The surveyed beds, located in Colville Channel and off Hauturu (Little Barrier), are part of the Coromandel scallop fishery and were targeted by commercial fishers in 2022. The rest of the fishery between Leigh and the Bay of Plenty was already shut to commercial and recreational scallop harvest.



LegaSea, NZSFC and other organisations have recommended the Coromandel scallop fishery be closed for at least three years to allow scallops to (hopefully) recover. (Etoile Smulders pic)

Prior to the 2022 survey, FNZ had not commissioned any large-scale scallop surveys since 2012. The decline of scallops may have been avoided if the fishery had been adequately managed, instead of relying only on data generated by commercial fishers. The lack of research and innovation are further indicators of the systemic failure of the Quota Management System.

LegaSea worked with the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and other representative organisations to recommend the Minister close the Coromandel scallop fishery for a minimum of three years, and for more scallop surveying to occur in the fishery.

And, of course, for a ban on all scallop dredging, forever. It's time to ditch the dredge.



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# LOST BASE A BLOW

A month after Auckland's devastating floods, the site where Coastguard Titirangi's building stood proud for 45 years, is now empty. The unit's French Bay building was wiped out by a landslide during the downpour on Friday evening, thankfully no one was injured.

In the following days, a massive clean-up was undertaken by volunteers, community groups and emergency services, firstly to ensure the site was safe, then to salvage the unit's rescue vessel 'Lenses Online Rescue', and equipment stored at the base. The vessel suffered minimal damage and is currently being repaired with the aim of the unit getting it back on the water by Easter. At the time of writing,

Lenses Online Rescue is being stored at OBC before repairs get underway.

In recent weeks, the French Bay base has been completely demolished. The unit is now in the process of finding temporary premises and a location to store the rescue vessel in the interim.

Coastguard Titirangi President Maarten van der Zeyden and his fellow volunteers have been overwhelmed by the community support from West Auckland as well as other Coastguard units keen to help the unit on its long road ahead.

"As West Auckland's only Coastguard unit, we have a strong connection to serving our local community and all boaties who use the Manukau Harbour. Over the next few months, our volunteers will hop aboard other Coastguard vessels throughout the region to ensure they can continue to make a difference on



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the water and keep up with qualifications and training.”

“We’re grateful for all the support we have received so far, and are keen to hear from anyone in the community with expertise or knowledge that might be able to help with our road to recovery.”

Coastguard New Zealand CEO Callum Gillespie said, as one of Coastguard’s three units based on the Manukau Harbour (alongside Papakura and Waiuku), Titirangi plays a vital role in many search and rescue operations where lives are in the balance.

“In December, volunteers were en-route to cross the Manukau Bar for skipper training, when they discovered a capsized dinghy with two people without life-jackets holding on. In the changing tides, volunteers rescued both from the water - cold, but uninjured,” he said.

“Without Coastguard Titirangi, we could have easily lost these two lives. We are committed to doing everything we can to get the unit back on its feet and out on the water saving more lives.”



While Coastguard's Titirangi-based rescue vessel is at the OBC pending repair, its French Bay building, which suffered irreparable damage during the floods, has since been fully cleared from its site.

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Above left > WBSFC 'Team Oyster' member Henry, fishing the NZSFC Nationals. A nice sized bass caught off the Hokianga Harbour.

Left > Striped marlin hooked off Manukau Heads was tagged and released, and swam away.





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# FISHING REPORT

From Adam Clancey

## SUMMER KAHAWAI

Over summer snapper can be a little skinny and not in the best eating condition due to spawning. Unlike the snapper, summer kahawai are usually in really great condition, fight really hard and make great eating. Kahawai fishing is great fun for the whole family, as kahawai are available in good numbers and can be caught in a number of ways.

There are times, though, when a massive school of kahawai boiling on the surface can be really tricky to entice to any lure or bait you put in the water. This is not because they are not feeding, it is, in fact, that your offering does not represent the sort of



Match your lure or bait to what the fish are eating.

food they are feeding on.

One of the great things about kahawai fishing is that they are top to bottom feeders, meaning that you are as likely to catch them on a bait on the seabed as you are on a lure skipped across the surface. The trick is to try and identify how and on what the kahawai are feeding, and use a few fishing tactics to fool them into taking your offering.

Trolling is a really effective way to fish for kahawai and loads of fun for new anglers as the fish will hook themselves. Seeing rods bending over as you move along and a big fat kahawai jumping at the back of the boat is really visual fishing. The tricks for trolling for kahawai are many, starting with boat speed. The speed that you troll at has a big effect on the action of your lure. Speeds of 3-5 knots are most common. When it comes to lures there are lots of choices but try and use one the size of the bait fish the kahawai are eating. When they feed on really small food like krill, sipping them on the surface, kahawai can be really tough to catch. Tie on a very small white or pink soft bait, use a light jig head with 3/0 hook or saltwater fly, and troll at low speeds -

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2-3 knots, and they will gladly take it. When kahawai are hanging a little deeper you will need to use a lure that goes deeper or a diving board to take your lure to where the fish are feeding.

Spinning for kahawai is the most sport you can get from this fish. Use a soft bait rod rigged with a small white soft bait (around 5 or 6cm) or a small jig of 10-20 grams. Approach working kahawai as they break the surface and cast into the feeding fish. Retrieve fast - so that the lure is nearly breaking the surface, and watch as the fish chase and grab it. If the school goes down, let your lure sink and retrieve it up from mid water with a stop-start retrieve.

Bait and burley can also be super effective with kahawai fishing. The best trick for bait fishing kahawai is to keep your burley on the surface and throw in the odd cube of bait, like pieces of pilchard. Then cast out pieces of bait about the same size with little or no weight and feed them back and strike when the fish picks up the bait.

Another good way to target kahawai on bait is to add a float to your line so that the bait will not sink to the bottom. Just watch the float as it will go under when you get a bite.

Once caught, a kahawai should be bled

immediately by cutting across the throat and gills and, like all fish, iced well. On the table - smoked kahawai, marinated raw fish, and, of course, it makes great sashimi as well.

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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held January 26, 2023, with seven Committee members present, and OBC General Manager Phil Davenport.

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

There was no Commodore's report. Any issues were covered in the Operations and Admin and Office reports.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

No incidents or accidents to report. GM's health and safety report accepted as read.

## FINANCIALS

The OBC and Whakatakataka Bay financial reports for the months ended November 30 and December 31, 2022 as presented and circulated

were approved.

## OPERATIONS REPORT

The report was circulated and taken as read. Meeting discussion:

- Stage 1 of the Marina Refurbishment Contract started on December 5 and is now complete. There appeared to be little disruption to Marina Berth Holders.
- Piers E and F are all completed and power reconnected.
- 3x new Marina walkways have arrived on site to replace B, C and D. These will be installed shortly.
- We have been approached by HEB for access to our site to load barges to deposit rocks on the Ngapipi bridge abutments. To compensate us for the inconvenience they will install at no charge 2x navigation



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piles near the bridge marking the edge of the reef near the Ngapiipi/Tamaki Drive corner. This was discussed and agreed as a good outcome for the Club. PD advised that HEB had undertaken extensive engineering surveys of our grounds and had the appropriate insurances in place.

## EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PROPERTY AND PLANNING:** Resource Consent finally approved and uplifted. Initial assessment indicates no onerous special conditions. This is good news. We will now refine costings.

**MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS:** Jess's report accepted as read. Kids Summer Fishing Series December to February 28, fully sponsored Family Boats. Adult Fishing Series Wednesday afternoons, bar open, food available. Kai Ika/Victory Knives night fully booked out, waiting list.

**MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** Refurbishment had started and progress appeared good.

### MEMBERSHIP

New members: 18

Resignations: 13

Total membership 23/11/22: 1812 actual members

- Harvey Brookes requested a table of membership numbers over, say, the past 10 years.

### MARINA BERTH TRANSFERS

G24, 12m, Browne to Williams

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- **PILES TO NGAPIPI REEF:** HEB has agreed to install the two reef piles as compensation for use of our facility. Approx value \$20,000.
- **CONSTITUTION:** With Greg Batkin having relocated out of Auckland, Kevin Best has agreed to pick up

this review. The new Incorporated Societies Act is now in Law so we can proceed. Also will address conflict between Constitution and Club Rules. KB to provide recommendation to Executive Committee.

- **PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCHING:** The fee is currently \$8 per launching. Resource Consent says we should be in line with Westhaven charges. After careful consideration the Executive Committee believes that the appropriate charge should be increased to \$30 for a safety inspection and per launching.

**MOVED: That the fee for a public launching at the OBC be increased to \$30 per boat safety inspection and per boat launching.**

*ALLEN / HUGHES CARRIED*

- **Kiwibank:** BM explained that it was appropriate to have two banks  
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OBC PRESENTS

# EASTER Egg Hunt AND GAMES

**SATURDAY APRIL 1**

**10:30AM - 12:30PM**

**BRING A PICNIC LUNCH AND BLANKET FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN 10 AND UNDER**

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The poster features a blue sky background with a pink banner at the top. Below the banner, the text 'OBC PRESENTS' is in white on a pink background. The main title 'EASTER Egg Hunt AND GAMES' is in large, colorful letters. 'EASTER' is in white with a blue outline, 'Egg Hunt' is in pink script, and 'AND GAMES' is in white with a blue outline. Below the title, there are several colorful Easter eggs (green, red, blue, yellow) and a pink bunny. The background also shows a small OBC logo and a butterfly.



# HACKS FOR BETTER BOATING

As humans we're always looking for an easier way to do things, aren't we? Well, read on for some great ideas to help simplify your boating life.

- You can safely clean rubber-backed boarding mats by shaking them out and throwing them in the dishwasher.
- Drilling holes in fibreglass? Apply a strip of masking tape first to help prevent chipping.
- Running your wet hands over stainless steel will miraculously remove fish smells and many other odours from your skin.
- Looking for a green alternative to bleach? White vinegar kills mould. Apply it with a spray bottle.
- Wrap a bungee cord around a cooler or seat and slip unworn footwear under the cord for storage while under way.
- Turn the can of anti-fouling paint upside down the night before painting to help get the solids in solution prior to mixing.
- Wipe down your windshield wipers with rubbing alcohol to prevent a smeared windshield.
- Need to clean a RIB or shore-power cord? Citrus pumice-style hand cleaner works well.
- Oven-cleaner spray will remove paint and adhesive residue from gelcoat without damaging it.
- Towing tip: Wipe your boat down with liquid soap before a long haul to make bugs and grit easy to remove

once you arrive.

- Scraping paint or caulking? Use a file to round the corners of a putty knife 'scraper' so it won't gouge.
- Use a Magic Eraser to gently rub dried, sticky spills off of vinyl seats.
- Leftover caulk? Sticking the cartridge tip into petroleum jelly provides a better seal than a nail.
- A 50/50 mix of acetone and automatic transmission fluid is a great solvent to free corroded fasteners.
- Top off batteries with distilled water. Want a free source? Drain your dehumidifier.
- You can check the operation of a fume detector by holding an unlit butane cigarette lighter under the sensor and depressing the lighter's valve.
- A good shot of spray lube might get your electric horn working again. The diaphragms get coated with salt and stop vibrating.
- Have a scratched windshield, clear-vinyl curtains or sunglasses? A fine polish like 3M Finesse-It works well. So do kitchen counter-top polishes.
- To prevent clogging of aerosol anti-fouling nozzles, shake the can per the directions and, when done spraying, invert the can and spray until the stream is clear.
- A wet towel, folded and doubled, can be placed under a cooler to keep it from sliding around.

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meeting the requirements of the OBC and that we required a minuted motion to confirm the opening of the accounts with Kiwibank, and the signatories.

**MOVED: That the Outboard Boating Club of Auckland Incorporated open bank accounts with Kiwibank Limited as required. The signatories to be the Commodore, the Secretary and the General Manager. Any two must authorise every transaction.**

**MCGARRY / HUGHES CARRIED**

- **BUDGETS:** We are currently preparing 2023/2024 Budgets. A full review of all income streams and expenses.
- **RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Harvey Brookes emphasised the need to maintain a full and accurate record of community assistance, ie: helping AT with JFC using Hakumau Reserve as site office area; OBC

allowing HEB to utilise our land to load barge with rocks for Ngapipi bridge; storing multiple Coastguard vessels, trailers and trucks, to name a few. Very important as reference.

- **WIND SOCK AT MARINA ENTRANCE:** This needs maintenance. (Karen Foley)
- **STRATEGIC PLAN:** Harvey Brookes and Karen Foley to provide proposal to the Executive Committee in regard to the formulation of the Strategic Plan.

*Meeting concluded 8.57pm.*

**NEXT MEETING:  
THURSDAY MARCH 30**

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.

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## COOK THE CATCH

# SMOKY MUSSEL *Laksa*

### **INGREDIENTS** (Serves 2)

2x 50g nests of folded rice noodles  
600g mussels, scrubbed, debearded  
1 large aubergine (400g)  
1 bunch of spring onions  
Half a bunch of coriander (15g)  
2 limes  
2 tbsp laksa paste  
1x 400ml tin of light coconut milk

### **DIRECTIONS**

*Cook the noodles in a large shallow casserole pan according to the packet instructions.*

*Prick the aubergine, then carefully blacken over a direct flame (or under the grill), turning until charred all over.*

*Drain the noodles, leaving them in the colander, and return the pan to a high heat.*

*Trim the spring onions and reserve green tops. Chop the whites into 1cm lengths and place in the pan. Finely chop and add the coriander stalks, reserving the leaves. Finely grate in the lime zest, stir in the laksa paste for 1 minute, then pour in the coconut milk.*

*Add the mussels, cover the pan and leave for around 4 minutes, or until the mussels have just opened. Discard any closed mussels.*

*Finely slice the green spring onion tops. Tear up the coriander leaves.*

*Use a spoon to scrape off most of the blackened aubergine skin (it will have imparted a lovely smoky flavour). Roughly chop the flesh and stir into the pan with the noodles.*

*Season the broth with lime juice, sea salt and black pepper. Serve sprinkled with the green spring onions and coriander leaves.*



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"Adventure and sports fishing are now cemented in Tristram Marine's ethos. Another incredible demonstration of this has recently been created, further revealing the company's world-class team's insatiable appetite to venture beyond."

This new diesel-powered Team Tristram' 821 Offshore features an array of advancements and technology presenting aspiring Tristram owners with some serious inspiration for their new machines. Kingsley Fink, GM of Tristram Marine, says it is all about the details. Nothing is missed, and nothing is left to chance. "We have not only reinvented the art of luxury trailer boat building, but we have also taken it to a new level."

Fink adds that when building and fitting out Team Tristram, they desired to create the perfect boat. Team Tristram is the company's boat, so it goes without saying that it would be at the pinnacle of presentation, style and appointments. The 821 Offshore and, more significantly, Team Tristram is impeccable in every aspect and faultless to the core.

Having reviewed most of the Tristram models over the years, the quality is no surprise to me. And yet, despite the unrivalled quality and high level of finish, Team Tristram is more than a magnificent boat for entertaining. It is designed

primarily to go serious fishing. However, you don't have to have built in tuna tubes, game poles, electric reel connections, or tackle drawers, as the 821 is available with a more family cruiser-based layout.

The Tristram 821 Offshore, conceived in 2020, was an entirely new design for the company.

The 821 was designed by Tristram Marine, using Computer Aided Design (CAD) with foam plugs made for the hull, deck, superstructure and all the various moulds. Kingsley explained that the CAD system's accuracies are within 0.0025mm.

The 821 is available in twin or single outboard configuration up to 600hp or, as in the case of Team Tristram, diesel sterndrive. Maximum speed with a 270hp diesel is around 35 knots, but if you go for the outboard version, you can expect 53-56 knots.

The 821 hull has extra wide downturned chines, with a 21 deg vee at the transom. Thanks to a deep keel, the boat tracks perfectly and goes precisely where you point it. It holds its bow up nicely in a steep following sea, and you don't have any wavering or issues with broaching. Trim tabs are built into the hull, so there is no obstruction off the transom.

For fishing, Team Tristram is loaded. The full beam boarding platform features

high profile wrap-around rails and non-slip SeaDek flooring, which extends the external area into a safe fishing environment. There is a telescopic drop-down ladder recessed into the platform, a pair of tuna tubes on the back of the 70-litre live bait tank, and below a couple of underwater lights to bring up those squid at night.

There is twin access to the cockpit with a storage bin built into each step. The cockpit sole has three extra large lockers, which can be used for rod storage, fish bins or as wet lockers. Wide side trays provide space for the tag pole, gaff, and net. Deep toe kicks and padded coamings mean you can utilise the foot space right to the edge. There are also a couple of built-in tackle drawers.

The dash is adorned with a Fusion Signature Series entertainment system, including subwoofers, a Simrad Komodo glass dash with 3D StructureScan transducer, Simrad Autopilot, and Simrad HALO 24-inch radar. Team Tristram also has Ocean Blue game poles, a rocket launcher, a cray pot hauler, and the electric bow-mounted Minn Kota.

From the seat modules through to the bow, the layout of Team Tristram is very much the same as other 821s. To port is a double seat arrangement with reversible backrests on both. Under the aft seat is a pull-out sink and cooker, plus a Dometic Coolice 70-litre cooler box.

Following the family cruiser mode, you can convert the twin seats into a dining area with a separate table and, with another infill, transform the space into an

adult length berth.

As an overnighter, the Tristram 821 offers it all. Forward in the lockable cabin is an electric head under the rear of the starboard side squab. Privacy is available by locking the sliding cabin door. There is also a bunk option across the forward bulkhead, which is great for kids or somewhere to stow your gear.

Team Tristram is built from an impeccable heritage and puts a new perspective on trailer boat luxury. You don't have to have all the options, but why not? If you spend large on a big trailer boat, then I would tick all the boxes. If you desire to own an outstanding example of kiwi trailer boat craftsmanship with a performance to match, I say it's well worth the wait to have one built by the team of memory creators at Tristram Marine.

Both a family cruiser and a sportsfisher, Team Tristram is the ultimate all-rounder.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Design name:	Tristram 821 Offshore
Boat name:	Team Tristram
Builder:	Tristram Marine
LOA:	8.77m
Beam:	2.78m
Deadrise:	21 deg
Trailerable weight:	3500kg
Max speed:	35 knots
Construction:	Fibreglass
Fuel capacity:	400 litres
Engine:	MerCruiser 3.0L V6 270hp Diesel
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# EVENTS NOTICEBOARD

The OBC is pleased to offer these events for your entertainment and enjoyment:

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

### ***OBC Members Morning Tea***

Come along to the clubhouse and enjoy a cuppa and nibbles while chatting with fellow Club members. From 10.00am on the first Wednesday of each month.

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### ***OBC Twilight Fishing Series***

Head out for a late afternoon fish, then back to the Club for a barbeque and refreshments from 5.00pm. See page 18 for details.

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 8

### ***International Women's Day morning tea***

Morning tea at the Club from 10.00am; we invite all women associated with the OBC - members, daughters, wives, partners et al.

## SATURDAY MARCH 11

### ***OBC & Marine Works Family Fishing Competition***

With more than \$5000 worth of Mercury outboards to be won thanks to Marine Works, and a raft of other prizes, this is one competition you don't want to miss. If you haven't entered, you've only got until March 5 to do so (no late entries). Raindate March 12.

## SATURDAY MARCH 18

### ***Man O' War Vineyard Lunch***

Fullly subscribed.

## SATURDAY MARCH 25

### ***OBC Riverhead cruise***

Book your spot on the club website.

## SUNDAY MARCH 26

### ***OBC & Burnnand Marine Kids Fishing Competition***

Fishing in the OBC Marina, plus fun and games. Don't miss this great opportunity to

get your youngsters involved in fishing. See page 24 for more information.

## FRIDAY MARCH 31

### ***Fish 'n' Chip Fridays***

Bring the family down to the Club for a feed - \$8 per portion. Kitchen serving from 5.30pm to 7.30pm, bar will also be open.

## SATURDAY APRIL 1

### ***OBC Kids Easter Egg Hunt***

Lots of fun (and chocolate) for the kids 10-years and younger. See the ad on page 21 for details.

## SUNDAY APRIL 2

### ***Sea Cleaners Basin Clean Up***

Refer to the OBC website, events section.

## SUNDAY APRIL 30

### ***Little Creatures Brewery cruise and lunch***

Cruise by boat or car to Little Creatures Brewery, Hobsonville, arriving in time for a 1.30pm lunch booking. Don't delay, book today. See page 9 for more information.

## THURSDAY MAY 18

### ***OBC Quiz night***

## OTHER EVENTS/ ROAD CLOSURES

**Sunday March 5** - Round the Bays. Full waterfront road closure from Quay Street to St Heliers Bay. Keep an eye out for notifications regarding OBC access.

**Saturday March 11** - Swim the Bridge. Be alert for swimmers in the water alongside the Harbour Bridge, 10.30am to 11.40am.

**Sunday April 2** - Waterfront half marathon. Potential restrictions to OBC access, more information closer to the date.

*Dates and events are subject to change. Please read weekly email newsletter in case of last minute event cancellation... or alternatively phone the OBC to confirm. If you are able to assist with any OBC event, please contact the office on 522 0774, email [events@obc.co.nz](mailto:events@obc.co.nz)*



# MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 0320/1542 OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS OBC TWILIGHT FISHING SERIES	<b>2</b> 0420/1640	<b>3</b> 0521/1739	<b>4</b> 0616/1836
<b>5</b> 0705/1928	<b>6</b> 0749/2013	<b>7</b> 0829/2054	<b>8</b> 0907/2132 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MORNING TEA 1000HRS OBC TWILIGHT FISHING SERIES	<b>9</b> 0944/2209	<b>10</b> 1021/2246	<b>11</b> 1059/2324 OBC & MARINE WORKS FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION
<b>12</b> 1139 RAINDATE: OBC & MARINE WORKS FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION Orakei Basin flushing out 8.30pm	<b>13</b> 0004/1221	<b>14</b> 0048/1307 OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS Orakei Basin flushing in 2.07pm 3.1m	<b>15</b> 0138/1357 OBC TWILIGHT FISHING SERIES	<b>16</b> 0236/1454 OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	<b>17</b> 0342/1558	<b>18</b> 0450/1708 MAN O' WAR VINEYARD LUNCH CRUISE
<b>19</b> 0554/1816	<b>20</b> 0654/1919	<b>21</b> 0748/2015 OBC MARINA MGMT COMM MEETING 1600HRS	<b>22</b> 0840/2107 OBC TWILIGHT FISHING SERIES	<b>23</b> 0930/2156	<b>24</b> 1019/2243	<b>25</b> 1106/2328 OBC RIVERHEAD CRUISE
<b>26</b> 1153 OBC & BURNNAND MARINE KIDS FISHING COMPETITION Orakei Basin flushing out 8.30pm	<b>27</b> 0013/1239 Orakei Basin flushing in 1.39pm 3.2m	<b>28</b> 0100/1325	<b>29</b> 0149/1414 OBC TWILIGHT FISHING SERIES	<b>30</b> 0243/1506 OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1915HRS	<b>31</b> 0341/1603 OBC FISH 'N' CHIP FRIDAY 1730HRS	

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# LAUGH LINES

Q: What is a turtle's favourite sandwich filling?

A: Peanut butter and jellyfish!



## Sprat Chat

### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT... Yellow-eyed Penguins



The very first yellow-eyed penguin, or hoiho, successfully incubated by human hand and hatched at The Wildlife Hospital in Dunedin recently fledged, meaning she's ready to leave her nest and head out to sea.

The hoiho is unique to New Zealand, and is thought to be the rarest of all the world's penguin species.

Juvenile yellow-eyed penguins have grey eyes and no yellow eye band. The yellow colouring appears after a bird has moulted - around 15-16 months of age.

During breeding season hoiho will travel around 25km offshore in search of food.

If not feeding young, they may go as far as 60km offshore.

Hoiho can dive down to around 150m to catch a small fish or squid, although 30-60m is more common, and they will do this up to 200 times in one day!

Less than 20 percent of juvenile hoiho survive to adulthood. Of the survivors the majority will return to the place they hatched to breed.

Yellow-eye penguins/hoiho are nationally endangered and are one of the most endangered penguin species in the world.

### FISHY FACT DID YOU KNOW?

Fish can cough!



Fish cough! It's true. A fish will 'cough' to clear small particles and/or bacteria that gets trapped in its gills.





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**GENESIS** Euro 320, Volvo KAD42 230hp diesel, one owner 25 years, \$110,000ono. View on OBC marina G02, marina rental available. Ph Tricia (021)968 862

**MARINA BERTH** 10.5m, pier F, for short term rent. Avail now until April 7, 2023. Ph Warren Stephens (027)240 6525

**MARINA BERTH** D26, avail for at least 12 months. Rent \$750/month. Ph Ray (021)492 914

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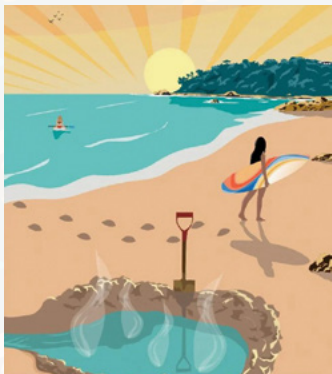
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## What beach is that?

Unscramble the letters to find the names of New Zealand beaches. We've given you some clues to help!

### 1. OTH TWREA CHABE

Take your spade here and dig something hot

### 2. LRGANA

North Island surfing mecca

### 3. INYENT MLEI BHEAC

Famous, but not as long as its name suggests

### 4. IKOEMAR OBSULERD

South Island beach with extra-big stones

### 5. SSMIINO YBA

A great view of Rangitoto from here

### 6. LLLAY ABY

Famous surf spot in a big city

ANSWERS: 1. Hot Water Beach  
2. Raglan 3. Ninety Mile Beach  
4. Moeraki Boulders 5. Mission Bay  
6. Lyall Bay

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