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From left to right: (Steve Whitford) from Marine Works, sponsor of the three major prize Mercury outboards, with the winners of the outboards; Baxter Bedwell (mystery length kids), Andrew King (mystery length adults) and Geoff Carter (spot prize).



## FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION

From Jess Shears, pics by Alistair Davidson

As this year's OBC & Marine Works Family Fishing Competition drew closer, everyone was watching their favourite weather apps nervously as the wind conditions strengthened. Fortunately, the wind remained under the 20 knot safety limit, and the decision was made to go ahead as planned.

With a 4.30am start, the Club was set up

and ready to go, and the keen fishos started rolling in at 5.00am ready (and hopeful) for the day's fishing. The wind did start to pick up as the morning went on, but all indications were for a warm and sunny afternoon.

A total of 24 boats were out, with 81 ambitious anglers on board, including

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

We have just had the 2023 OBC and Marine Works Family Fishing Competition. A great day was had by all. The wind was a bit fresher than optimum but there were some good fish caught and no one admitted to seasickness.

Our sponsors were again generous with their support and provided plenty of great prizes, including three Mercury outboards from event naming rights sponsor, Marine Works. Details of all our sponsors can be found on pages 16 and 17 of this Outboarder, and I ask you to support them in return.

The number of boats and contestants was well down compared with previous family fishing days and turn out to this and other recent events has been disappointing. Whether covid or economy related, or a trend of busy lives with increasing family activities, the reason for declining interest is perplexing. We will soon be polling members in an attempt to establish the future shape of the Club and attractions offered. It was very sad to hear of Mike Hurley's passing. Mike was Commodore from 2013 to 2016. But much more than that, he was a respected Executive Committee member for a number of years and made a significant contribution to the Club. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

You may have noticed the giant jack-up barge currently located at the eastern end of the Ngapipi bridge as work has begun on the 'footpath clip-on' to the north side of the bridge. At the same time, undercutting by the tidal flow of the western seawall is being repaired with bags of rock transferred to the contractor's barge by the large crane at the eastern end of the OBC boat park. There will be some brief disruption to navigation under the bridge, but members will be well pre-warned of timing in our weekly email update. There will always be access in and out, but may be a reallocation of channels on some days. Hoping still for some late summer good boating weather.

- Phil Allen

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the kiddos. Sadly, this is a fair way down on pre-Covid numbers for the Club's biggest event of the year. On the upside, at least this time, with 38 prizes awarded, the odds of going home with a prize were high! We are optimistic that, given what an excellent family day this is, and with the fantastic variety of prizes up for grabs thanks to our fabulous sponsors, numbers will improve. Marine Works, our main sponsor this year, gave us not one, not two, but three Mercury outboard engines; Managing Director Steve Whitford organised the 9.9hp, 6hp, and 3.5hp four-strokes along with a large number of branded bags perfect for boat and prize bags. We were fortunate to be very well supported by a

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Oliver Williamson's 55cm kahawai hooked the first place prizes and trophy for the kids' category.



Greg Strachan (left, pictured with Commodore Phil Allen) and Joshua Lohead both caught 56cm kahawai, so a draw was held to determine the winner.



ABOVE > The OBC & Marine Works Family Fishing Competition is all about the kids, and they had a great time. From left: Charlie (age 11), Huxley (10), birthday boy Cooper (11), Owen Cooper (11), Owen (10), Baxter (10), Lucas (10), Luke (10), Clara (at front, age 5), Jake (13) and Ashton (8).



RIGHT > First in the snapper category, Philip Mackey collects his trophy from Commodore Phil Allen.

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# KIDS CATCH UP

By Jess Shears



Family Boats Kids Fishing Tournament winner Harrison Vaughan with his prize.

Harrison Vaughan sure did cause some envy after the photo of his epic snapper catch got out (see March Outboarder cover page). He then went on to win the Family Boats Summer Fishing Tournament. At the age of 13, this impressive youngster caught an 87cm snapper. Dad Ken says Harrison is a born fisherman, always catching a heap of fish when he goes out, including in the most unlikely locations.

In second and third place we had the no less impressive Thomas Jones. Another fantastic fisho, Thomas is known to go out with dad Colin and catch ample fish, including whopping big marlin - recently landing and releasing two. Top efforts for a young, and probably rather tired angler after that particular effort.

Congratulations Harrison and Thomas. In fourth place was Flynn Nam with a healthy-sized 62cm snapper, and fifth was Harrison Lohead with a 54.5cm kahawai. Well done to all our entrants!

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An 86cm kingi and 72cm snapper earned Thomas Jones the second and third place prizes respectively.



# FLARES, FINALLY

By Jess Shears

It was third time lucky for the recent flare demo, after twice having to postpone it due to Auckland's weather. Thankfully, February 21 brought a clear night with very little wind. It was an extremely well supported occasion, more than 30 people attending and letting flares off. The OBC flare demos are hosted by Coastguard Unit Support Manager John Versteegen. John ensures our members go away having learnt a lot, and feeling confident that they would know what to do should they strike trouble out at sea. John was accompanied by a number of trainee Coastguard volunteers, so there was plenty of support for members not used to setting off flares. Many of the flares used on the night were very kindly supplied by Ian Twist and Wilco Marine, along with members who handed in their expired flares. Thank you to all that make these very valuable evenings possible.



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# HARD STAND *on* FISHING

By Jess Shears

The evening of February 22 kicked off with another relatively intimate fishing talk with Adam Clancey, this time focusing on targeting anchovy schools for bigger gains. Adam stressed the importance of being prepared - having your rod and line ready and waiting for the incoming kingfish. As always Adam shared great insightful tips and tricks, walking the room through how he prepares to land his target fish species.

The hardstand auction went, yet again, for a very good sum, the funds raised all going to the Club's chosen charity, Coastguard. Each year, the Club changes the charity supported; the previous year being Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust. Last year's winner Mark was keen to secure the spot again,

staying in the bidding up until the very end. Auctioneer Robert Blake, from All About Auctions, made our bidders work, getting a fantastic result of \$7700 for Coastguard.

Eventual auction winner Igor was extremely happy with his 'win' moving in the very next day! Well done to Igor, and thank you to Robert for hosting a great auction, and to all other bidders for participating. Coastguard is a very worthwhile cause the Club is very proud to support.



Adam Clancey is always generous with his knowledge, sharing tips and tricks for successful fishing missions with Club members.

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### COMMUNICATION *is KEY*

Please be aware of communications from the Club. We have a lot going on around the Club and surrounding area that may have an impact on your use of the facilities.

As a rule, we try not to pepper you with too many communications with, usually, one general email going out once a week. If specific information needs to be communicated, we try to target the group it is intended for, so we don't clutter up people's email in-boxes.

At the moment we have a lot of activity around the Ngapipi bridge. We are in constant contact with the contractor regarding its movements, but its plans can change at short notice. If these plans will affect members, we will communicate these to you.

More people are using the OBC side of the road now, due to the work on the northern side. Please be extra careful



New gangways being installed on C and D piers.

when entering and exiting the OBC, watching out for cyclists, scooter riders, and runners, who might be in a world of their own and not expecting to see a car pull out in front of them. No-one wants to be a part of an accident.

## WINTER STORAGE

This year winter storage will run from April 26 to October 8. There are 40 spaces available.

Those on the hardstand waitlist are given the first option to take up this offer. A week later, we will extend the offer to all Club members.

An email will be going out in the next few weeks for those interested.

## NEW GANGWAYS ON C AND D PIERS

New aluminium gangways have been installed on C and D piers. They replace the aging steel gangways from stage one of the Marina development.

The gangway to B pier will be replaced over winter, during the off-season, as this gangway holds the fuel lines and pump cabling.

## HOSE REELS

You may have noticed we have begun replacing the existing hose reels on the Marina and Club berths with new retractable reels.

These should be more convenient and user-friendly and we ask that everyone please take care when using them, to extend their serviceable life.

Please note, we recommend running the hose through for a couple of minutes before filling the water tanks on your boat.

## MUSSELLING UP

It's been a busy month on the Marina. Along with the work mentioned previously the Ops team has also completed cleaning off all the mussels from the floating mooring rings.



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# Fish 'n' Chips FRIDAY

From Jess Shears

The first of the OBC's fish 'n' chips Fridays happened on the last Friday of February, and despite the heavy rain (again) it was a success! On the menu was battered hoki and chips plus, as an alternative, battered sausages. Additional fish 'n' chips Fridays will have occurred - March 17 and 31 - by the time you see this issue of Outboarder. Subject to their success, the Club will look to hold more throughout April, so keep an eye out for the weekly email updates.

## ONE FOR THE WOMEN

From Jess Shears

Wednesday March 8, was International Women's Day, and the Club decided to host a special morning tea in the clubhouse, inviting all the ladies of the OBC. Morning tea



A few of the ladies who gathered for the International Women's Day morning tea at the Club.

included sausage rolls, of course, and they went down a treat. Thank you to the lovely women who attended, it was nice to have a clubhouse dominated by females for this one special day. The next of the regular monthly morning teas for all members will be on Wednesday April 5, we hope to see lots of friendly faces popping along.



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# LUCKY

Lucky. That's how experienced jetskier and Coastguard member Joe H describes himself after an accident on the Waikato River last month. Now, he's telling his story to help others keep themselves safe on the water.

At around 12.00pm on February 18, Joe ventured onto the river at Hoods Landing with his 3m Honda Jet Ski 1200. As he waited for his trailer to be fixed nearby, he decided to explore the river and headed towards Port Waikato for a quiet fish. However, with the strong currents, changing tides and his unfamiliarity with the river, Joe decided to turn back towards Hoods Landing around 2.00pm.

On his way back, Joe was unsure of the best route. As he knew of the potential shallow water in the middle of the channel, he opted for the forest side. Joe's fishfinder alarm soon rang out - 4m, 3m, 1m - and as he turned right, the jetski hit a sandbank, his chin and chest smashing against the handlebars as he flew over the top, landing on his side. Bruised and in shock, but otherwise uninjured, Joe knew he needed assistance to retrieve his stuck jetski. After attempts to free the jetski failed, Joe decided to call Coastguard.

"I knew I was a Coastguard member, but because I hadn't broken anything and wasn't in serious danger, I didn't want to waste anyone's time unnecessarily," he said.

"From the time I called, it was nothing but a great experience. The operations centre team were amazing and helped me set up a mobile locate so they knew exactly where I was."

At around 3.30pm, volunteers from Coastguard Waiuku and Kariotahi Surf Life Saving Club were on their way to Joe. Three Coastguard volunteers hit the road for the short journey south to Hoods Landing where they launched Counties Power Rescue. Lifeguards arrived on scene soon after, with

an IRB and jetski to assess Joe, while Coastguard started to recover the jetski from the sandbank with some much-needed manpower. Joe then followed Counties Power Rescue back to his car and trailer at Hoods Landing. Joe was later checked out at A&E and fortunately only suffered minor bruising to his chest and back.

"In some ways I'm glad it happened because it reminds you how dangerous jetskis can be - especially in tidal areas after weather events," Joe said.

"I only use my jetski to fish - head out to my favourite spots and then head home. However, jetskis can be dangerous when things go wrong, especially with people going too fast in low-speed areas. I hope people can use my story to educate themselves on being safe next time they are out on the water."

Joe concluded by highlighting how valuable his Coastguard membership was. "I don't understand why people wouldn't be a Coastguard member. If you get into any strife on the water, you want that peace of mind that you're going to get help to get home."



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# MIKE HURLEY GOOD BUGGER!

**Former OBC Commodore Mike Hurley passed away on March 6, 2023. Good mate and fellow OBC member Bruce Duncan penned the following words in Mike's memory.**

Mike was one of those people who are larger than life. Joining the Club in 2007 he recognised the work that had been put in over many years by the members.

With a passion for boating and fun he would always be on hand to help with events, from working bees and kids' Christmas parties to fishing competitions. Not only helping out, his company Diesel Services would generously sponsor many of the prizes, and it took little convincing to get Mike to stand for the Executive, on the promotions committee.

For the next two years Mike's organising skills and humour set the pace for every event - the word soon spread amongst the members that the OBC was not just a place to launch your boat but it now had a real family fun atmosphere.

In 2013 Mike took on the role of Vice Commodore but despite the demands of his new role he still got stuck in to support all the Club functions. Few would appreciate the work-load and time required to carry out his responsibilities, all the while running a business and maintaining a family life.

Mike's attitude was that, in the past a lot of people put a huge amount of their time into the OBC to provide the facilities that he enjoyed, so he felt it was right to do his bit for future generations of members.

Late 2013 to 2016, despite family and business demands he took on the role of Commodore, to guide the Club through massive changes in the super city take over, OSH, lease agreements, planning for a new clubhouse etcetera. None of this would slow him down from getting involved in the family fun side of the Club events. Deciding that bathtub racing would be fun (and to

be fair, he wasn't bad at it, when he kept the boat up the right

way), Mike got a team of OBC members involved. Riverhead trips and the Family Fishing Competition were his highlights, organising people and ensuring everyone there had a good time.

When not helping others Mike was out fishing. Being very competitive by nature he just had to win, over the years and hundreds of fishing trips together with me, there was never a dull moment as it was full-on humour and banter. No matter what the outcome of the day was, he would always change the rules from biggest snapper to species if he was the only one to catch a kahawai. "I win" was his battle cry.

For Mike the OBC was more than just a boating club, it was part of the community, a place where we can all at some time of our lives have an input for the good of future generations.

The Club has lost a great member who will never be forgotten as his legacy will live on, and the OBC offers its deepest sympathies to Shona and family.



Mike Hurley, good bugger.



In his role as OBC Commodore, Mike (second from right) presents a giant cheque representing funds raised from the OBC hardstand auction for the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust.



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From Adam Clancey

# BOOMER IDEA

When it comes to fishing, sinker booms and sinker slides are not that commonly used among anglers in New Zealand. They are, however, particularly useful for those who target bottom-dwelling fish such as snapper, gurnard and trevally. This is especially so when fishing in fast flowing currents and channels common around Auckland harbours.

A sinker boom is a rig that consists of a wire or plastic piece of terminal tackle that has a weight attached to one end, and a swivel on the other end which connects to the main line and leader. This rig allows the angler to keep the bait close to the bottom while minimising the risk of snags and tangles.



Sliders and booms work well when targeting bottom feeding fish.



The difference between booms (pictured) and sinker sliders is, booms fish at right angles.

A sinker boom helps to maintain a consistent depth, which is essential when targeting bottom-dwelling fish. By attaching the weight to the boom, the angler can ensure that the bait is constantly in contact with the bottom, where these fish are likely to be feeding. This is particularly important in deeper water, where it can be challenging to maintain a consistent depth with a traditional rig.

When fishing in areas with rocks or other underwater obstructions, a traditional rig can easily become entangled, resulting in lost gear and frustration. The sinker boom can also be an advantage if the bait is spinning in the current, reducing tangles caused by line twist. With a sinker boom, the weight is attached running on the leader, which is less likely to get caught on these obstacles.

When using a sinker boom, it's important to choose the right weight for the conditions. A heavier weight is needed in deeper water, fast-moving currents, or windy conditions to keep the rig

stable and prevent it from drifting too far from the target area. Conversely, a lighter weight is needed in shallower water, slow-moving currents, or calm conditions to avoid spooking the fish or dragging the bait along the bottom. The best kind of sinkers are bomb sinkers with a wire or swivel at the top for attachment.

It's also important to choose the right leader material for the species you're targeting. For larger fish, such as kingfish, a heavy mono leader (60-120lbs) may be necessary to prevent them from biting through the line, while a lighter leader (20-60lbs) may be sufficient for snapper, kahawai, trevally and gurnard. It's also a good idea to use a leader that is heavier than the diameter of the main line.

Fishing with sinker booms is an effective technique for targeting bottom-dwelling fish. By using a sinker boom, anglers can maintain a consistent

depth, reduce the risk of snags and tangles, and increase their chances of catching fish. As with any fishing technique, it's important to balance the terminal tackle to the conditions and the species you're targeting. With the right set-up and a bit of patience, you can enjoy a successful day on the water using this tried-and-true rig.

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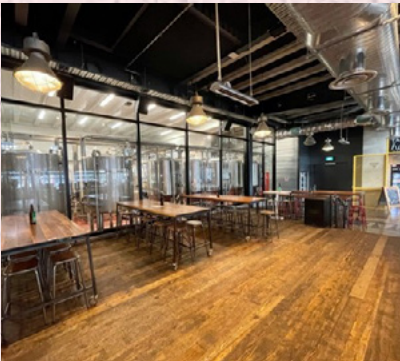
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# WILL THE *RIGHT DECISION* BE MADE?



“As a Club that is part of the Hauraki Gulf Alliance, we’re committed to being a part of solutions that will contribute to a flourishing Gulf. It is heart-warming to hear that our members have signed the petition and made a submission on banning destructive fishing in the Marine Park.” - Phil Allen, Outboard Boating Club of Auckland Commodore.

In March, more than 7000 New Zealanders united to submit against the ongoing use of bottom trawling and scallop dredging in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. These submitters were responding to Fisheries New Zealand’s draft Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Plan, issued in January. Public consultation on the plan is now closed.

The draft action plan is supposed to deliver a healthier marine environment.

Instead, the plan contains few meaningful or time-bound actions to achieve any restoration or increase in biodiversity. FNZ’s proposals will allow bottom trawling, scallop dredging, and Danish seining to continue in the Park.

It is not progressive to have a plan advocating for a healthier marine environment while allowing ongoing damage to benthic habitats and communities. Most of the submitters using the LegaSea online tool objected to these aspects of the proposed plan.

We must not lose the opportunity to remove environmentally damaging fishing techniques from coastal waters.

The good news is, more than 30,000 people have already signed the Hauraki

Gulf Alliance petition calling for a ban on destructive fishing methods. This is positive support for the OBC and other organisations already supporting the Alliance.

There is increasing pressure on the Government to get trawling and dredging out of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. Now it’s up to the Oceans and Fisheries Minister Stuart Nash to decide on the fate of the draft plan.

Will he do the right thing and ban destructive fishing methods from the Gulf?

We know OBC members and the public want to see a thriving marine environment. We just need to show the Government there is a growing public appetite for banning bottom trawling and scallop dredging from Gulf waters. If you haven’t already, please sign the petition at:

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# SWIMMING *for the* CHOPPER

From OBC member Keith Moran

At 10.00am on Saturday March 4, six intrepid swimmers - Ruben, Chris, Chris, Russell, Richard and Ellie, two OBC boats with skippers Keith and Richard, and kayaker Mike, departed OBC bound for Mataitai Bay and the start of the Westpac Chopper Swim fundraiser. They were joined by a third boat, out of Pine Harbour, skippered by Steve.

Despite one skipper pointing out the sharks feeding inside Mataitai Bay, the swimmers were in good spirits as they entered the tepid 23 degree water on what was a beautiful sunny day. With the 11.00am ferry pushed back from the wharf, they commenced the mammoth 22km swim to the finish at Okahu Bay.

The route took support boats, kayak and swimmers out into the busy Motuihe Channel, keeping to the left and passing close to the reef extending from the island. Heading southwest in the Motukorea Channel, west of Browns Island, aiming for Saint Heliers beach and, hopefully, calmer water sheltered from the south westerly wind. From there it was a westerly track along the bays to eventually pass under the



Tired but happy swimmers on the beach at Okahu Bay.

Okahu Bay wharf and arrive on the beach. The overriding safety issue was to be able to retrieve all swimmers from the water within 60 seconds. The boats were arranged in a 'V formation' - a leader in front and a boat to starboard and port, keeping the swimmers safe from other water-users. The kayaker roved between the boats, communicating with the swimmers. As you can imagine the pace was slow, one to two knots at best. With turbid water and a good breeze in action, skippers were busy at their boat controls. At any one time there were between three and all the swimmers in the water. Each had their own goals. Ruben, the leader of the event, swam for three hours straight before climbing aboard for a 15 minute refuel. Others swam for an hour at a time, with short breaks between. Ellie swam with a broken foot, having injured it while running the Tongariro Crossing. That's dedication! Along the way, the Westpac chopper flew



Part-way into the 22km swim to raise funds for the Auckland rescue helicopter.

over returning to base after a mission; Fullers ferries knew of the swim and gave it a wide berth, yachts racing were courteous, and it was a safe passage all the way - thank you to all out on the water that day. All the swimmers were in the water for the final stretch, emerging onto the beach, to the amazement of curious beach goers, after seven hours and 23 minutes. What an achievement, and more than \$55,000 was eventually raised for the cause.

# 1st June 2022 - 31st May 2023

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# 2023 FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION RESULTS

## **SPOT PRIZE:**

6hp Mercury Outboard - Geoff Carter

## **MYSTERY LENGTH:**

1st Andrew King, 2nd Gary Williamson ,  
3rd Geoff Carter

## **KINGFISH ADULTS:**

No legal caught

## **KAHAWAI ADULTS:**

1st= Greg Strachan, Joshua Lohead  
56cm, 3rd Darryn Lohead 55.5cm

## **SNAPPER ADULTS:**

1st Philip Mackey 68.5cm, 2nd Tracey  
McKenzie 48cm, 3rd= Harrison  
Lohead and Logan McKenzie 47.5cm,  
5th Gary Williamson 46cm

## **EARLY BIRD:**

Philip Tate

## **ARHT LUCKY DRAW:**

James MacQueen

## **LUCKY LADY:**

Kelly Williamson

## **LUCKY SKIPPER:**

Max Smitheram

## **KIDS OTHER:**

1st Nico Taylor 37.5cm trevally

## **KAHAWAI KIDS:**

1st Oliver Williamson 55cm, 2nd  
Scarlett Williamson 54cm, 3rd Cooper  
Lindsay 53cm, 4th Flynn Nam 50.5

## **SNAPPER KIDS:**

1st Owen Bethell 68cm,  
2nd Paige Mackey 49.5cm,  
3rd Scarlett Williamson 47cm

## **MYSTERY LENGTH KIDS:**

1st Baxter Bedwell, 2nd Flynn Nam,  
3rd Cooper Lindsay

...Continued from page 3

range of regular and new sponsors, providing luxury goods and services for our prize winners. We highly recommend the products and services of our sponsors, and encourage you to support them whenever possible. A list of FFC23 sponsors can be found on pages 16 and 17 of this Outboarder issue. Prize-giving was a little later than planned, due to some technical issues, however it was worth the wait for all the deserving winners. The barbeque was going from 2.30pm, with volunteers Kevin Jackson and Kevin Hooker on the tongs. The wonderful Vera Hooker was on kiddy watch, manning the inflatables, which are always heaps of fun. From the kids' faces, as they sat eagerly awaiting the results, all looked to have had a great day.

All the winners certainly seemed to be chuffed with their goodies, some walking away with multiple prizes having had an extremely good day's fishing. Moment of the day had to be young Baxter Bedwell's face when his name was announced as winner of the 3.5hp outboard – an absolute picture.

A huge well done to all that took part, the family members that went out for the day in support, and a massive thank you to our sponsors and volunteers. The day is made special and great because of all of you!



Kelly Williamson picked up a bag of goodies for winning the 'lucky lady' draw.





With a fish just half a centimetre shy of the adult's category winner, Owen Bethell claimed the kids snapper category first prize.



A 37.5cm trevally won Nico Taylor the 'Kids other' category.



A family fishing the Family Fishing Competition, it doesn't get much better. Dad Logan, mum Tracey, and nine-year-old Alex with his 55cm trevally. This was their first day out on the water since December 28 due to the weather, and they were rapt to get their snapper quota off 'Reel Job'.



ABOVE > Stars of 'Master Chef Orakei', it's the 'Kevin and Kevin Show'. Kevin Hooker (left) and Kevin 'Jacko' Jackson kept everyone well fed.



RIGHT > Early bird prize winner Philip Tate with Commodore Phil Allen.



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## WHAKATAKATAKA BAY SPORT FISHING CLUB

# MARLIN off BILLFISH



Jacob Ryan recently landed this 81.5kg striped marlin.

Club member Jason Rolston and crew, in Jason's boat Billfish, spent a great day out west over the Manukau Bar. Angler Jacob Ryan was lucky to catch and play the fish (see accompanying photo) which they were hoping to tag and release. Unfortunately it was wrapped and could not be revived so was brought home. It weighed 81.5kg and the frame will have provided great kai for the Papatuanuku Marae.

## NZSFC NATIONAL GAME FISHING COMPETITION MARCH 2023

In addition to some great catches landed, over 280 billfish were tagged and released and 38 weighed this Nationals – that's an amazing 88 percent tagged and released. Fishing on both the West Coast and East Coast was good, with most clubs being able to fish five or six days out of the possible eight total days. Top team overall for the CD Rods Top

Team award was Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club's team, Mercy. The Varta Cup, which is based on the three top scoring fish for each club, was won by Tauranga Sport Fishing Club. The club won the Varta Cup by tagging a variety of species including broadbill, striped marlin, blue marlin, yellowfin, yellowtail kingfish, shortbill, mahimahi, albacore and snapper.



# YOUTH NATIONALS STARTS APRIL 7

The NZSFC Youth Nationals 2023 starts on April 7 and goes through to April 22, 2023.

Rules and other information that will go up regarding the photo competition and general instructions for the tournament as they arise, can be found at: [www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/nzsfc-youth-nationals-2023](http://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/nzsfc-youth-nationals-2023)



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## BOAT REVIEW

*Saxdor 320 GTC*



# FINNISH

*flyer*

Text by  
Barry Thompson

Founded in 2019, Saxdor Yachts is one of the fastest-growing brands in Europe. It's latest 320 GTC is an outstanding example of this Finnish boatbuilder's commitment to cutting-edge technology and providing boats to owners who want to drive.

The three models in the 320 range are very distinctive, and while sharing the same hull, plus a near identical forward lounge and rear cockpit seating, that's where the similarities end. The C on the 320 GTC stands for cabin, the R on the 320 GTR designates a full open runabout with a mid-cabin, and the O on the 320 GTO is for open, but it does include a hardtop. While the GTO and GTR are full mid-cabin walkarounds, the GTC has a full beam wheelhouse with narrow side decks and recessed rooftop handholds. The internal beam of the wheelhouse is certainly maximised.

All have open bows in different variants, but while the GTO and GTR offer easy access on either side of the console via wide bulwarks, the GTC has only slim side decks. However, the GTC has access covered with a port side forward

wheelhouse door. The Saxdor 320 GTC changes the game of movement on board with its unique concept of a full beam wheelhouse, yet still incorporating easy access to the open bow.

Following the massive successes of the 320 GTO and GTR, in 2022, Saxdor released the 320 GTC, which has expanded its market considerably. Hardtop or wheelhouse boats are hugely popular in New Zealand and other places where hot, sunny, cloudless days are not always guaranteed.

The GTO, GTR and GTC are very different to what you would ever find being offered by a kiwi or Australian manufacturer and follow a distinctive Scandinavian design. A blend of practicality, grandeur and form sets boats like Saxdor's apart.

The Saxdor 320 is well finished and appointed but is also built to a price. However, even when you add many options, it still comes in at under \$500,000, which is very good value. You get a lot of boat for the money, and it is less expensive than similar boats of this size and style.

The cockpit in the 320 GTC is not overly large, with the space taken up with a triple aft bench seat, complete with

a reversible backrest and teak table. The forward facing edge of the table folds out of the way when not being used and adds one-third more table surface when opened. Add some loose chairs, and you have a dining area for 4-6 people. The split table can be lowered to transform the space into a sun lounger. While it may seem tight in the cockpit, that's easily fixed. With the push of a button, decks drop down either side to transform the usable cockpit space by more than 30 percent.

The 320 GTC features an all-weather wheelhouse with a sliding aft door separating the internal and external spaces. The internal beam provides enough room for a trio of forward bucket seats while allowing wide access between the twin helm and the passenger seats.

To port, hidden below a countertop, is a wet bar and sink with a diesel or electric hob option. A compact galley but certainly adequate for a boat this size. You have the option of a couple of fridge/freezers, plus there is plenty of storage throughout the wheelhouse.

Opposite is the fold-out teak dinette table and rear lounge. The forward helm seats swivel, so you have a generous dining area inside with seating for four.

The twin helm seats have bolsters, so you can be seated or standing to drive. The large dash allows twin glass screens and plenty of space for all the system controls.

To port is the door that gives access to

the foredeck area via a wide bulwark finished with Flexiteak flooring. This is another very inviting area on the 320 GTC with a huge sunpad taking pride of place.

The forward cabin is surprisingly large, with a forward berth, an ergonomic mattress base, a head compartment, a raised bowl and ample storage.

The Saxdor 320 GTC is based on a performance-oriented hull design, featuring a sharp vertical entry and a twin-stepped hull. It has three Mercury engine options from 300hp to 600hp. You can choose a single or twin engine (2x 225hp or 2x 300hp) set-up. A pair of Mercury Verado 225s give a top speed of 40-42 knots.

This type of boat is not for everyone and may always be on the fringe for kiwi buyers. But it shouldn't be. The 320 GTC is practical and efficient, offering all you need for a relaxing weekend.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Boat design name: Saxdor 320 GTC

Year launched: 2023

Style: Hardtop Cabin

LOA: 10.28m

Beam: 3.19m

Construction: GRP

Fuel capacity: 428 litres

Water capacity: 117 litres

Engine (test boat): 2x Mercury Verado

225 Max power: 700hp

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# EVENTS NOTICEBOARD

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## **SATURDAY APRIL 1**

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

Lots of fun (and chocolate) for the kids 10-years and younger. BYO picnic blanket and lunch.

## **SUNDAY APRIL 2**

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

Grab a crew and head out on the boat to help clean up our Gulf. Barbeque back at the OBC afterwards. Refer to the OBC website, events section for more details.

## **WEDNESDAY APRIL 5**

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

Chat with fellow Club members over a cuppa and nibbles in the clubhouse. Held on the first Wednesday of every month, at 10.00am.

## **SUNDAY APRIL 30**

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

The Little Creatures Brewery at Hobsonville Point is our destination. By boat or car, we aim to arrive at 1.30pm for our lunch booking. Sure to be a popular OBC event, book now to avoid disappointment. See page 18 for more information.

## **WEDNESDAY MAY 3**

### ***OBC Flare Demo***

Learn the ins and outs of flares from Coastguard, and have the opportunity to set off a flare yourself - without causing an emergency services call-out! Visit [www.obc.co.nz/social/events/flare-demo-with-coastguard-may.aspx](http://www.obc.co.nz/social/events/flare-demo-with-coastguard-may.aspx) for the link to register.

## **THURSDAY MAY 18**

### ***OBC Quiz Night***

Fun, food, and prizes! Round up some family and friends and register a team now. Details on page 4.

## **ACM RANGITOTO SWIM, APRIL 23**

### **- HELP REQUESTED**

The annual 'Rangitoto Swim' is on Sunday April 23. Help is needed to transport the swimmer's gear from the start at Rangitoto, across to the finish at St Heliers beach.

If any members are able to help, the organisers would be extremely grateful. Please contact Michael Pritchard - [mjohnpritchard@gmail.com](mailto:mjohnpritchard@gmail.com) or phone 0274 455 683.

Organisers are also looking for some assistance with marshalling in conjunction with Coastguard. If you are interested in helping in this area please contact Michael as above.

## **OTHER EVENTS/ ROAD CLOSURES**

**Sunday April 2** - Waterfront half marathon. Contingency date Sunday April 16. Tamaki Drive closed to eastbound traffic 5.30am to 9.00am. Ngapipi Road to Long Drive closed 4.00am to 11.30am, reopening in stages.

**Sunday April 23** - Rangitoto Swim (see above). Stay alert for swimmers.

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# APRIL 2023

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| <b>30</b><br>0255/1521<br>LITTLE CREATURES BREWERY LUNCH 1330HRS   |  |  |  |   |   | <b>1</b><br>0441/1703<br>OBC KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT 1030-1230HRS |
| <b>2</b><br>0436/1701<br>SEA CLEANERS BASIN CLEAN UP 0930HRS<br>DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS<br> | <b>3</b><br>0525/1753  | <b>4</b><br>0610/1839  | <b>5</b><br>0651/1921<br>OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS | <b>6</b><br>0731/2001   | <b>7</b><br>0810/2039<br>Easter Friday<br> | <b>8</b><br>0850/2119  |
| <b>9</b><br>0932/2200<br>Orakei Basin flushing out 7.30pm  | <b>10</b><br>1016/2244<br>Easter Monday<br> | <b>11</b><br>1101/2332<br>OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS<br>Orakei Basin flushing in 12.01pm 3.2m   | <b>12</b><br>1151  | <b>13</b><br>0025/1244<br>OUTBOARDER DEADLINE                     | <b>14</b><br>0124/1343  | <b>15</b><br>0228/1448   |
| <b>16</b><br>0333/1556   | <b>17</b><br>0434/1701   | <b>18</b><br>0531/1801<br>OBC MARINA MGMT COMM MEETING 1600HRS   | <b>19</b><br>0625/1855                                   | <b>20</b><br>0716/1946  | <b>21</b><br>0805/2033  | <b>22</b><br>0853/2118   |
| <b>23</b><br>0939/2202<br>Orakei Basin flushing out 7.30pm   | <b>24</b><br>1025/2245<br>Orakei Basin flushing in 11.25am 3.2m  | <b>25</b><br>1109/2329<br> ANZAC DAY<br><i>Lest We Forget</i> | <b>26</b><br>1154  | <b>27</b><br>0016/1241<br>OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1915HRS | <b>28</b><br>0106/1330  | <b>29</b><br>0200/1424   |

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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held February 28, 2023, with eight Committee members and General Manager Phil Davenport present.**

## 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; 192 days since any accidents or incidents.

## FINANCIALS

The OBC and Whakatakataka Bay financial reports for the month ended January 31, 2023 as presented and circulated were approved.

## OPERATIONS REPORT

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

- No damage as a result of the recent cyclones/storms.
- Eastern ramps performed well, however one old pontoon hinge broke and was replaced.
- Parking: members need to look for parks on busy days, there are normally plenty available at the eastern end.
- HEB being very cooperative with its truck movements and crane operation for the Ngapiipi bridge contract.

## EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PROPERTY AND PLANNING:** The committee has recommended that we proceed to prepare building consent documentation for the items that are required to be done to ensure our Resource Consent is renewed. These include: New retaining wall by dinghy lockers to alleviate flooding and capture stormwater, with provision for wash bay. Installation of the stormwater filtration systems only.

Laying of ducts from Tamaki Drive to the fuel tanks for future use. All of these to be approved at a SGM.

**MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS:** Jess's report accepted as read. Auctioned hardstand sold for \$7700, to be donated to Coastguard - great result. Adult fishing series Wednesday afternoons, bar open, food available, poor support. Family Fishing Comp March 11, needs more participants.

**MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** Minutes of the February 12, 2023, meeting received. Refurbishment had proceeded and E and F had been completed. Discussion re budgets and future work programme.

## MEMBERSHIP

New members: 12

Resignations: 26

Total membership 22/02/23: 1795 actual members.

## MARINA BERTH TRANSFERS

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

- **TERM DEPOSITS:** The Club has moved some of its term deposits to Kiwibank where we are getting a much better interest rate.
- **OBC 10 YEAR PLAN:** We received a report from Warren Meyer, Financial Consultant, looking at our reserves and balance sheet 10 years out with a view to understanding whether there was any capacity to borrow funds for infrastructure upgrades. In the current climate there was no real ability to borrow large sums of money.
- **HAKUMAU RESERVE NEW FENCE PROPOSAL:** A proposal for the new fencing as required under the lease terms has been sent to Auckland Council for its input, discussion and review.



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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

**MOORING** in Whakatakaka Bay for rent, \$35 per week. Sheltered from all conditions and close to the boat ramp. Call Sam Woolford (027)539 456

**MOORING** for rent in Whakatakaka Bay W0042. Just been inspected. Perfect for 9m boat. Ph (09)627 9478

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**OBC MARINA** to rent 12M marina on C05 available now with good padding and ropes. Great central location on C gate with one marina carpark included. Flexible on rental period. Would look at short term rental. Please call Roy on (027)555 5557

**SWING MOORING** for rent. \$50 per week, Whakatakaka Bay. Up to 12m boat. In deepest channel. Ph (027)686 8302

## WANTED

**MARINA BERTH** 12m or 14m, preferably to buy, by an OBC member currently renting. Ph Glenn (027)294 7551

- **PROPOSAL FOR HARDSTAND, CHANGE TO PAY PER METRE:** A proposal to change the hardstand charge rate to one based on length was submitted to the Committee. PD gave a brief overview. To be discussed at March meeting.

- **MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Steve Burrett has tendered his resignation from the MMC Committee and as its Chairman. Steve has made an immense contribution to the Club and the Marina, being instrumental in its construction and ongoing operation. We thank him for his service and wish him well.

- **CONSTITUTION:** Greg Batkin is working with Kevin Best to review the changes to the constitution to bring it compliant with the new Act and also streamline it for today's environment. Alongside this we need to review the By Laws and Rules of the Club to ensure they are fit for purpose and align with the constitution.

*Meeting concluded 9.36pm.*

### NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY APRIL 27

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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