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So many happy faces at the OBC's 2023 Kids Christmas Party.



## *Joy shines on*

From Peri Snow

The sun may have been in short supply, but the fun wasn't as we celebrated a successful 2023 Kids Christmas Party, rain and all! Despite the weather, more than 120 kids and their families had a fantastic time.

Taking cover in the clubhouse, under the tent, or below the Pohutukawa trees, the kids enjoyed their lunch provided by the OBC, while the rest of their family members chomped their way through

tasty sausages, hot off the barbeque. Between bites, everyone had a blast with bouncy castles, face painting and balloon twisters, and of course visiting all the animals of Little Bo Peep's Farm. A spectacular show from Le Cirque de JP kept both young and older entertained, including plenty of opportunities for the kids to participate in the performance.

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

## FEMALES TO THE FORE

I am fortunate to be writing this sitting in the saloon of Corniche anchored in the Okahu Channel, Bay of Islands, looking out at blue skies, clear blue water and a stunning beach. We have just spent the day on the beach with the grandkids digging sand-castles, snorkelling and diving off the paddle board and complaining how hot the sun is. We are incredibly blessed.

You will have noticed, I'm sure, a promotion in the Club's weekly email newsletter and an advertisement in this Outboarder for a seminar titled 'Boating Basics for Women'.

If you will indulge me momentarily, and many of you will have heard me comment passionately on this subject: A major disappointment to me at the OBC is the perceived lack of involvement of our female members, both in Club administration and on the water. We have in Karen Foley, our Vice Commodore, an extremely capable woman both at the Executive Committee and on the water.

I find it disheartening to watch at the Club ramps and see women predominantly take such a passive role in boating. Almost without exception, the bloke brings the boat to the ramp, backs the trailer into the water and, as he parks the car, she stands holding the dock lines on the Marina pier. He returns to get aboard, start the motor and pilot the boat out of the Marina.

This is not confined to trailer boats – the same is true on launches on the Marina.

I said in my opening I was fortunate to be spending my summer break at the Bay of Islands. I seldom see a woman at the helm.

I commend to you again, the Boating Basics for

Women seminar. I would also encourage those that are competent in boat management to join in at the event to support other less experienced women. From this event we can then gauge how further we can support our female Club members in their boating endeavours.

We are also keen to see more involvement at Club administration level.

We have a busy year ahead. The reconstruction of the washdown area will be underway by the time you receive this publication, we will be having serious discussions regarding the clubhouse, the Club's constitution will be updated and, meanwhile, several Club activities will be held for your pleasure.

Looking forward to seeing you around the Club.

- Phil Allen



## BUOYS AHOY

The yellow 'Leave to Port' marker buoy has been replaced with a red and white striped 'Safe Water Marker' buoy.

Treat this new marker the same as the yellow buoy and leave to port of your vessel.

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Audience members have a blast 'helping' Le Cirque de JP with his performance.



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A massive thank you to Graham Dick, aka Santa (shh), who surprised the kids with a visit and gifts. Another huge thank you goes to Phil Huse-White for providing Santa with a sleek Cobra Daytona coupe as his sleigh ride. Lastly, thank you to the Toy World staff for selecting and wrapping all the toys Santa distributed. None of this day would have happened without our fantastic volunteers, who braved the rain to make the OBC Kids Christmas party unforgettable. Thanks to everyone who came out, and if you missed it this year, we're already looking forward to seeing you at the 2024 party!



ABOVE > Christmas-themed face painting for this youngster, complete with snowflakes and a cute snowman.



RIGHT > Santa arrives in style, transported by Phil Huse-White's Cobra Daytona coupe.



Pony rides were popular despite the weather.



That face!

# FFC '24 NEEDS YOU!

The OBC's annual Family Fishing Competition is gearing up to be the highlight of the year - a fantastic chance for your company to shine in front of Club members, friends, and even passersby in the lead-up to the event.

We extend a warm invitation for your company to be part of the action through sponsorship. Whether it's products, services, experiences, or another innovative contribution, all forms of sponsorship are welcome, and they don't have to be strictly boating or fishing related. Your involvement can range from providing a significant item for a major prize to smaller goodies for the 'boat bags' or minor prize categories. Cash sponsorship is also appreciated, enabling us to add extra

excitement with additional prizes.

Your company's support will be prominently acknowledged in the weeks leading up to the event and on the day of the competition.

If you have a flag or banner that could enhance the event's atmosphere, we can arrange to display it during the Family Fishing Competition.

Not in a position to sponsor? No worries - you can still be part of this fabulous family day by volunteering! There's a variety of tasks to be tackled, ensuring you stay busy, have fun, and connect with fantastic people.

To explore the opportunities for sponsors or volunteers, please get in touch with Peri via email to [events@obc.co.nz](mailto:events@obc.co.nz). Don't miss out on being part of the excitement!

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# SITE REDEVELOPMENT

Work is now underway on the first, second and third stages of the site redevelopment. As most will be aware, the first stage is the creation of a sea wall and back filling of the area adjacent to the tractor shed, along with the installation of an automatic trailer and boat washdown facility. This will mean that the previously sunken washdown site is temporarily out of use while the work is carried out.

The focus will be on the stage one work initially but as the project moves forward, the six new water filtration systems that are being installed along the northern sea wall will be started.

The Club will be working with the contractor to ensure that little disruption to parking in this area is caused to members and, where possible, alternate areas will be set aside. During this time the groundwork for stage three will be started, which will see a single toilet block being installed near the eastern end of the car park.

## ENTRANCE AND EXIT

Works should be coming to an end soon on the Ngapipi Road bridge, but the extra footpath traffic generated by people not bothering to cross at the temporary traffic lights to reach the

**KIDS FISHING**  
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new multi-million-dollar cycle and walkway is still present. Please be alert and careful when entering and exiting the Club, and check for runners, cyclists, and scooters. The Club has been in discussions with AT and has put forward a proposal that would see a set of offset barriers installed on either side of the entrance to slow footpath traffic and make the crossing safer for everyone but, so far, no update has been received.

## NEW BUOY

The new replacement fairway buoy has been recently installed and seems to have met with the approval of most, even those that weren't keen on seeing it return. Entering and exiting the Club under the Ngapipi Road bridge on a busy day does require a level of attention and boat handling, and the fairway buoy and new reef marker poles are there to assist you to do that safely.

The fairway buoy creates a space between the incoming and outgoing traffic to avoid the chance of boats being on a collision course, and the reef markers mark the edge of the channel and a shallow reef that extends back towards the boat sheds.

This topic is covered at the new members evening but if anyone is unsure of how to approach this area, please call or come into the office and we can discuss it with you.

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# READING OUTBOARDER CAN WIN YOU PRIZES

Congratulations to our winners of the 2023 Reading Outboarder competition, the magazine certainly travelled the world with Club members during the past year.

*Each picking up a bottle of Kōpare-pare wine of their choice are:*

*First: Graeme Slogrove*

*Second: James Terry*

*Third: Lindsay Mildenhall*

A new round of the Reading Outboarder competition has begun for 2024, and entering is a very simple, three step process.

1. Make sure you pop a copy of the magazine in your luggage when you travel – wherever you go.
  2. Sweet talk a travelling companion (or helpful passer-by) into taking a cool snap of you reading Outboarder somewhere interesting, cool, funny, or whatever your imagination can conjure.
  3. Submit the photo for this year's competition, and you're done.
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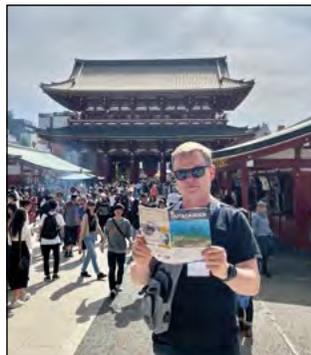


Graeme Slogrove went to great heights to win the 2023 competition - the top of the Sphinx rock formation in the Drakensberg Mountains.

Outboarder 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 (#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 competition and after it closes and winners are announced. Competition closes December 31, 2024. Happy snapping!



"Trying to work out Italian waterways 'give way' rules of the sea; Ponte dell'Accademia, Grand Canal, Venice, Italy," said Lindsay Mildenhall (third).



Runner up James Terry in front of Tokyo's oldest temple, Asakusa Sensoji Temple.



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# HARDSTAND AUCTION

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21

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**FISHING MEETING STARTS 7:30PM**



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# NEW RESTRICTIONS FIGHT EXOTIC CAULERPA

If you plan to visit Aotea Great Barrier Island, Ahuahu Great Mercury Island, Te Rāwhiti Inlet in the Bay of Islands, Kawau Island or Waiheke Island in your boat, you need to be aware of new fishing and anchoring restrictions in place to help stop the spread of the invasive seaweed exotic caulerpa.

Please:

- If you need to anchor on the western side of Aotea, use the anchoring zone, which is the yellow-marked area of Port Fitzroy on the accompanying map. This is a permit-free anchoring area.
- Before moving on, check your anchor, anchor chain and other equipment for any attached seaweed.
- If you find seaweed on your gear, remove it and bag or contain it securely. Dispose of it ashore – in household rubbish or compost, or in rubbish bins away from the sea.
- Report any sightings of suspected

exotic caulerpa from areas outside of the Aotea and Ahuahu Controlled Areas.

But remember:

- Don't anchor in Controlled Area Notice (CAN) zones where it is prohibited.
- Avoid fishing using any method that disturbs the seafloor, eg: flounder netting, dredging, trawling, in any CAN zones.
- In all places, it is illegal to move exotic caulerpa, even if you don't know it's there. Check carefully before you move from place to place.
- There is also a rāhui in place at Waiheke Island. Please avoid this area.

Don't fall foul of the rules. Make sure you are well-informed before you go and check for updates regularly at [www.biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa)



Map of the controlled area (coloured red) at Aotea Great Barrier Island. The permit-exempt anchoring zone at Port Fitzroy is in yellow.

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**NEWS FROM THE**  
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*Just Wear It*  
**TO SAVE LIVES ON THE WATER THIS SUMMER**

In response to an increasing number of preventable drownings on watercraft in New Zealand, Coastguard and Water Safety New Zealand are pleading with kiwis to wear lifejackets while on the water this summer.

Drowning is the leading cause of recreational death in Aotearoa and according to recent data from Water Safety New Zealand, craft-related incidents account for 31 percent of those deaths. In 2022, there were 29 drowning fatalities from watercraft – 66 percent higher when compared to the 10-year average, and 21 of the people



Just Wear It: "Let's shift the mindset from seeing lifejackets as optional to viewing them as essential." - Water Safety NZ CEO Daniel Gerrard.

who died weren't wearing a lifejacket. Coastguard NZ CEO Callum Gillespie says too many lives are being lost unnecessarily because people aren't wearing lifejackets. "A lifejacket has never ruined a day on the water, but not wearing one has destroyed many lives. Drownings are a devastating event for whānau, family and friends and for our incredible

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volunteers who are on the frontline. These tragic deaths leave a long-lasting impact on our communities.

"We have a simple message for all watercraft users, whether you're on a boat, yacht, kayak, jet ski, SUP - whatever your waka - 'Just Wear It'. It's called a lifejacket for a reason."

Despite the sobering statistics, research shows more than a quarter of boaties surveyed aren't ensuring everyone on board has a lifejacket that fits them. While 86 percent of children are wearing a correctly fitting lifejacket, a third of adults are not wearing them the entire time they're on the water.

When it comes to why boaties aren't wearing lifejackets, 41 percent say they're not concerned with the potential for drownings, 46 percent say their boat/vessel can handle rough conditions okay, and 33 percent say that wearing lifejackets is inconvenient and uncomfortable. A further third say they simply did not want to, and a quarter say it's too expensive to buy more lifejackets.

According to Coastguard, in the event of unexpectedly entering the water people may have to tread water for at least 40 minutes, or hours in more remote locations, before help arrives. Without a lifejacket, this is incredibly difficult and drastically reduces your chance of survival.

Water Safety data suggests well over 90 percent of boaters and jet skiers agree that wearing a lifejacket should be mandatory everywhere in New Zealand. However at present, lifejacket bylaws vary from region to region. Coastguard and Water Safety NZ believe it should be mandatory for everyone to wear a lifejacket on vessels 6m and under while underway and are advocating the Government to act.

Water Safety New Zealand CEO Daniel Gerrard says: "Wearing a lifejacket isn't just a good practice, it's a vital step in

protecting lives. Every lifejacket worn is a potential tragedy averted, and we hope to see a day when not wearing one is as unthinkable as not wearing a seatbelt in a car. This summer, let's make 'Just Wear It' not just a slogan, but a universal practice on our waters."

Gillespie adds: "No one heads out expecting to get into trouble, but the fact we responded to 2596 incidents last year shows the unexpected happens all too often.

"We have a warm, dry and windy summer ahead, so we're expecting it to be busy out there. We really urge all kiwis to 'Just Wear It' and take better care on the water, and always wear a lifejacket."

If you need a new lifejacket or it's time to upgrade your old one, Coastguard's hitting the road across Aotearoa through to February with Old4New. Find out when the Old4New van will be in your town at [old4new.coastguard.nz](http://old4new.coastguard.nz)



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# HAINES HUNTER HQ *and* TREV TERRY JOIN FORCES

Auckland's home of Haines Hunter will be boosted by a new alliance with powerboat specialists Trev Terry Marine. Trev Terry, which has branches throughout the North and South Islands, has formed the alliance to run the retail operation, Haines Hunter HQ, in Ellerslie, Auckland.

Haines Hunter is one of New Zealand's iconic marine brands. The company began as SeaCraft in 1946 and has produced a hugely popular range of fibreglass family and fishing boats under the Haines Hunter brand for 40 years. Trev Terry is also a longstanding family business, which has been undergoing a period of growth and diversification in recent years, to position the company as one of the country's leading retailers of new and used recreational trailer-boat, personal watercraft, and marine accessories.

Brock Terry, one of the owners and Managing Director of Trev Terry Marine, says the new strategic alliance with Haines Hunter builds on the longstanding relationship with the manufacturer.

"Ever since I was a kid, I've been involved with our family business, picking up Haines Hunter boats for dealerships and seeing them going to happy customers," he says. "Haines Hunters are well known for the quality of their ride and their high standard of construction. You can go anywhere in the country and say you've got a Haines Hunter, and people will know that's a good boat."

Trev Terry Marine will run the Haines Hunter HQ showroom at 50 Cawley St, Ellerslie, next to the factory, and manage new boat sales. Haines Hunter CEO Denis Kendall says joining forces with Trev Terry Marine in this way will enable him to



Celebrating the new relationship between Haines Hunter HQ and Trev Terry Marine are (left to right): Jarred Arnopp, Neralee Heard, Tobias Dalton, Brock Terry (TTM), Denis Kendall and Dennis McCorkindale.

concentrate on manufacturing the boats and working closely with the dealer network, knowing the retail operation is in good hands.

"We have had a long relationship with Trev Terry - they provide a quality service, which is what we do too, so we are coming from the same place," Kendall says. "With this new alliance, Haines Hunter HQ will expand beyond just selling the boats to cover marine accessories and other products, so owners will be able to find everything they need in one place."

The connection with Haines Hunter comes after a period of growth for Trev Terry in 2023, which has seen the company expand from its core businesses in Taupō, Turangi and Kinloch to go on to proudly acquire dealerships in Napier, Wanaka, and Invercargill.

"We're seeing a real rise in family boating, and we can definitely see an opportunity to grow our business around New Zealand," Terry says. "Having this alliance with Haines Hunter in Auckland will give us another great opportunity to expand our retail presence to the biggest city in the country and continue to deliver an exceptional customer experience."

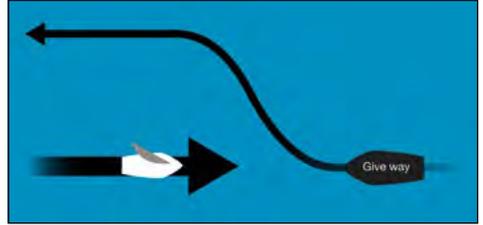
# PREVENTING COLLISIONS *is your responsibility*

From Maritime NZ

Recreational skippers have found themselves at the wrong end of maritime law recently, with one being charged over a collision between their power boat and a ferry, another sentenced over a causing a collision with a kayak and serious injuries to the paddler.

It's a reminder of the responsibilities recreational skippers hold in preventing collisions and keeping others safe.

All recreational skippers must understand the Maritime Rules; they include keeping a proper look out at all times, travelling at safe speed, using all available means to



determine if there is a risk of collision, and powered vessels keeping out of the way of vessels under oars or sail.

This means taking account of the harbour conditions, adjusting your speed and ensuring you can see adequately in front of you, particularly when you know there are a high number of recreational water users in the area.

Before you head out on the water:

Undertake a Coastguard Day Skipper course - [www.boatingeducation.org.nz/courses/1/day-skipper](http://www.boatingeducation.org.nz/courses/1/day-skipper) This is an introductory course for recreational craft users or crew, including those new to boating.

Maritime Rules, including those on navigation and collision prevention can be found on the Maritime NZ website - [www.maritimenz.govt.nz/recreational/rules-on-the-water](http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/recreational/rules-on-the-water) Local bylaws are published by the local regional authority.

## OTHER EVENTS/ ROAD CLOSURES

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10:** Bean Rock Swim - Be alert for swimmers in the area between Mission Bay Beach and the Bean Rock lighthouse, 7.30am to 12.30pm.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18:** People's Triathlon Series - Tamaki Drive will be closed from Ngapipi Road east to Long Drive, 7.00am to 11.30am. Please follow all instructions from traffic management staff if attempting to access OBC from Ngapipi Road.

**MARCH 3:** ROUND THE BAYS - early warning. Closures include: full closure of Tamaki Drive from 7.00am to noon (The Strand-Ngapipi), 1.45pm (Ngapipi-St Heliers Bay Road); Ngapipi Road (Paratai-Tamaki Drive) closed 7.00am-1.45pm. OBC access times/details to follow.



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Kids Snapper  
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## COOK THE CATCH

# Lobster OMELETTE

### INGREDIENTS

#### SEAWEED BUTTER:

- 1/2 cup (115g) unsalted butter, room temp
  - 2 tbs edible seaweed, rehydrated and chopped
  - 2 tbs tarragon leaves, finely chopped
  - zest of 1 lemon
  - 1 tsp minced garlic
  - 1 tsp smoked paprika
  - 1/4 tsp salt
- Combine all ingredients and set aside

#### OMELETTE:

- 1 red onion, diced
- 1 Fresno chilli, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- Seaweed butter
- 1-1/2 cups lobster meat, cut into large chunks
- 5 heirloom cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- Small handful of chives, thinly sliced
- 5 eggs
- 2 tbs mascarpone cheese
- 1 lemon

### METHOD

1. Set a large nonstick skillet over med/high heat and add two tsp olive oil. Add approx 3 tbs of seaweed butter and let foam briefly. Add onion, chilli and garlic and toss to combine. Lower the heat, add lobster meat and cook gently for a moment.
2. Add the tomatoes and toss. Taste for seasoning then transfer mixture to a bowl. Add chives and mix.
3. Crack eggs into another bowl, lightly whisk. Add a tbs or so of the seaweed



butter, then pour into the skillet over med heat. Stir vigorously with a spatula.

4. Once the eggs start to cook through, remove from heat. Flatten with the spatula and spoon lobster mixture down the centre of the eggs. Dollop mascarpone on top, then zest the lemon directly over the mix.

To serve, tilt the pan up and fold the sides of the eggs up and over the lobster mixture. Once folded, lift a plate up to the pan and let the omelette flip itself out onto the plate so that the mix is covered by the eggs. Serve immediately.

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# FISHING REPORT

From Adam Clancey

## WANTED *Alive or Dead*

Without doubt one of the best ways to target predatory fish is with live bait. Most game fish, as well as species like snapper, John Dory and hapuku, respond very well to live baits. But there are often occasions where live bait is not freely available, and if you still want to target fish the only option is dead bait. While getting fish to respond to dead bait can be a little more challenging, there are a lot of tactics that you can use to make sure your bait is presented in the best possible way.

On many trips live baiting, if for whatever reason I have lost all my live bait fishing in an area where it is unlikely that I can catch



The motion of your boat will give a flutter bait the action it needs to attract snapper and kingfish.

more, needs must that I use dead bait. The first thing to remember is to keep your dead baits in the best possible condition. Leaving them on the bait board to dry out and go crusty is not the best. Ideally, once a bait is dead it should be put onto ice or at minimum kept cool and moist. Try and keep the bait as straight as possible. Many times I have been on extended trips and kept a couple of dead baits for the start of the day, and they get taken as readily as fresh live baits. This is especially the case



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with big kingfish.

The favoured baits to keep as dead baits are smaller kahawai, any type of mackerel and - the best in my mind - piper.

Rigging dead baits is different to live baits. I find the best way is to use a two-hook fixed rig with one hook through the centre of the jaw and the second mounted near the tail. Using straight hooks rather than offset is a good idea as it will prevent the baits from spinning and looking unnatural. When you start using a dead bait that has been chilled it pays to give it a bend to take out the rigour mortis. You can even carefully break the backbone to make it more supple. There are many ways that dead baits can be rigged to make them swim naturally and if you intend to troll them for a long time it would be worth investigating the techniques.

When I am fishing with fresh dead bait I use a few different techniques. As mentioned, at first light when fishing for kingfish I will simply let a dead bait out behind the boat, either free drifting or suspended under a float or balloon. Usually, I suspend these baits on a 3m leader and let the action of the boat work the bait. When prospecting in areas, casting dead baits into washes and around reefs will definitely entice action from big snapper, kingfish and John Dory. The best approach is to cast the dead bait into the desired area, let it sink slowly and then start retrieving it. If you see a fish, follow it, speed up the retrieve or twitch the rod tip to invoke a strike. When a fish grabs a dead bait using this technique you may need to put the reel in free spool or give the fish a little slack and allow it time to swallow the bait before you strike.

Trolling dead baits is a great way to catch surface feeding predators like kingfish and marlin but you will need to rig your baits to not spin. Most trolled dead baits work well at 2-5 knots. Fish with the drag set lightly so that the fish can pull line without over-running the reel when it bites.

My final and favourite way to fish a dead bait, especially for big snapper and kingfish,

is a flutter bait. I always fish this when anchored or drifting slowly. To rig this cut down the middle of the bait from top to bottom, from the point behind the gills to the tail. Then place a circle hook with the point facing the mouth of the fish and add a 2-4 oz ball sinker on top of the hook. Lower this bait to a metre or so from the bottom and set it in the rod holder with the drag on. The two flapping sides will attract fish with the motion of the boat giving the action.

I can't count the number of times a fresh, well looked after dead bait has saved my fishing day and some days dead bait can be the best way to catch fish. Don't think it's just limited to game fishing as any predator will take a well-presented dead bait.

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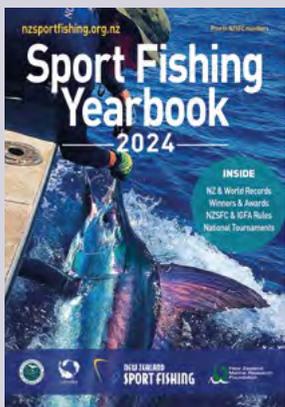
It looks like the 2023/2024 gamefishing season is going to be better than most. Already, as of January 10, there have been significant catches of yellow fin and big eye tuna. Striped marlin, although many under 100kgs, have been plentiful with a good percentage being tagged and released, and there has been a couple of blue marlin landed also. Junior anglers in particular are having a good success rate.

Remember there is \$1000 for the heaviest marlin weighed at the OBC by a Whakatakataka Bay Sport Fishing Club member, and \$500 each for the heaviest tuna and kingfish. These two species must be weighed at an NZSFC member club or weigh station. Free entry if you are a WBSFC member!

We also have tags available for purchase at the OBC office.

## NZSFC YEARBOOK

The 2024 Yearbook is now available. We have stock at OBC or the online version is available here: <https://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/NZ-Sport-Fishing-Yearbook-2024.pdf>



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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held November 29, 2023. Nine Executive Committee members present and OBC GM Phil Davenport for the final meeting of the calendar year.**

Prior to the meeting starting, Steve Harris from BTG provided an overview of the IT upgrades being undertaken. The committee sincerely thanked Steve and BTG for their considerable support for the OBC.

## PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting dated October 25, 2023, were approved.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Noted and discussed.

## FINANCIALS

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

• The General Manager noted work to

identify savings, and all Committee members invited to offer any thoughts. IT costs were noted as per discussion with Steve Harris from BTG. Increased security costs were also noted, reflecting the trade off with the loss of fencing etcetera, on Hakumau reserve.

- The Committee agreed that the Administration and Finance Committee is no longer required.
- The Committee discussed the need to have full visibility on the costing for the hardstand upgrade, to ensure that the Marina Berth License Holders are assigned the right amount to reflect the obligations under the Deed. This needs to be discussed and agreed with the Marina Trustees.
- A discussion was held on which charity



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should be the beneficiary of the upcoming hardstand auction. An interim agreement was reached that the winner could choose between Coastguard, the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust, and LegaSea/Kai Ika, as to which would receive the funds.

## OPERATIONS REPORT

Phil D noted that the Hakumau lease is currently in the process of being signed with some very minor changes. Monthly lease payments start from this month.

## EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PROPERTY AND PLANNING:** Noted that the Auckland Council Building Consent for the hardstand has yet to be approved, should be done in the next week. Survey work for the wall is about to commence. Paul asked what the security situation is since the fence was removed / lowered. Phil replied that it's a wait and see situation once we see how the arrangement is working. No need to rush into any response.

**MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS:** The draft membership flier was discussed and supported with some minor amendments. The Committee agreed that the joining fee can be remitted as part of the promotion.

## MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

There was a discussion about the marina licenses and that the MMC might hold a different view on what happens to licenses and marina rights (if any) at the end of the second 35-year term. Noted that the OBC Executive Committee has not discussed this issue to date and is receiving advice.

## MEMBERSHIP

New members: 14 Resignations: 31  
Total membership 27/11/23: 1765 actual members

## GENERAL BUSINESS

• **NEW CONSTITUTION:** Noted that Russell McVeigh has written an explanatory paper to accompany the new constitu-

tion. There needs to be an informal meeting for members to hear about the new constitution, with a SGM to approve it a month or so later. Agreed that the explanatory paper needs to be circulated to all Committee members.

- **OBC FINANCIAL SCENARIO ANALYSIS:** Harvey Brooks queried if this has been completed - important for decisions about clubhouse etcetera. Agreed that Warren Meyer will bring an updated spreadsheet to the next meeting.
- **91/95 OCTANE DISCUSSION:** Phil D provided a background on the issue and survey results

*Meeting closed at 8.45pm*

## NEXT MEETING:

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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By Rebecca Hayter

## BOAT REVIEW

*Sasga Menorquín 42 HT*



The Sasga Menorquín 42 HT represents a rare breed in New Zealand: a European take on a trawler style vessel capable of long-range cruising and handling rough conditions in comfort, with a light brush of retro charm.

Sasga Yachts NZ sees the target market as the mature boatie, possibly an ex-sailor, who appreciates open water sea handling and traditional nautical design. The boats are named for one of the Balearic Islands in Spain, where they are built.

Their hull shape reflects those of the traditional Balearic Islands fishing boats, with workboat charm in the straight stem, high gunwales and a fine, flared bow that carves through the sea with a spray-deflecting hard chine running all the way aft. The signature feature is the stem post on the bow profile, a hark back to yesteryear when similar boats were built in timber. The modern construction is resin-infused moulding technology.

The rounded stern hints at the boat's Mediterranean origins, although it's not a true canoe stern, as the hull finishes straight across, out of sight beneath the point where the transom meets the swimboard. This means the generous 4m beam extends all the way aft to provide maximum space in the engine room.

The Sasga 42 will appeal to those who appreciate lower fuel bills and a steady gait

through the waves.

The cockpit is sparsely furnished with just one permanent seat for two over a locker. It's a blank canvas, awaiting folding table and director's chairs which could be stowed in the vast engine room beneath the cockpit. There is a hot and cold shower in the transom for use on the swimboard. The clears, managed with substantial clips, are easily deployed to enclose the cockpit in all weathers, and take advantage of the saloon's air-conditioning and heating.

This is an indoor-outdoor flow kind of boat, with the bi-fold doors providing instant access to the mid-size galley to port. The galley makes diligent use of space thanks to dedicated compartments for cutlery, crockery, glassware and pans. It is well equipped with a fridge / freezer, twin electric ceramic hob with pan brackets, large sink and a countertop in Silestone marble, electric oven with microwave, and an extractor hood above.

For'ard, the galley meets a large, flat-topped cabinet. In the old days this would be handy for reading paper charts. The cabinet is home to a 28-inch TV which rises on command from a remote control.

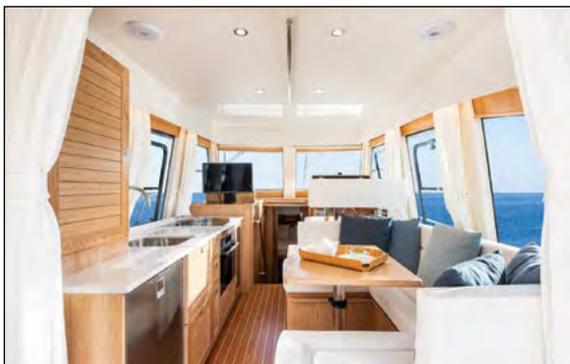
The saloon dining table with upholstered, three-sided seating for six is to starboard opposite the galley, with a clear divide from the helm. The table seating converts to a double berth.

The helmseat, with room for two and a small fridge underneath, is the skipper's happy place. There's a full suite of Raymarine electronics including radar, plotter and depth sounder displayed on a 12-inch touch screen. These are complemented by controls for VHF radio with AIS trans/receive, auto anchor, searchlight, Zipwake, bow thruster and full Volvo controls and instrumentation.

To adjust the trim fore and aft, and laterally, the Sasga 42 has Zipwake interceptor blades that lift and lower to affect the boat's attitude in the water. As expected, the Sasga easily chomped through the waves. With twin Volvo D4-320hp engines supplying the power, the Sasga 42 has a top speed of 23 knots, with a cruising speed of 10-17 knots.

Accommodation below decks is accessed by five steps, offset to port in the for'ard saloon. There are three cabins - a master suite in the foc's'cle, a twin cabin to starboard and a double island berth to port under the saloon. There are two bathrooms opposite each other, one of which is an ensuite for the master cabin.

The Sasga 42 delivers simple boating. It is excellent for comfortable cruising, easy living, the enclosed cockpit for al fresco entertainment, and the huge swimboard is water fun city. It is built to the European Category A rating, the toughest standard for vessels of more than 40ft. This means it



Bi-fold doors provide instant access to the mid-size galley/dining area leading to the helm.

is considered suitable for seas up to 3m and winds of 34-40 knots.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Boat design name:	Sasga Menorquín
	42 HT
Year launched:	2022
Style:	Sedan
Builder:	Sasga Yachts
LOA:	14m
LOH:	11.98m
Beam:	4m
Draft:	1.10m
Displacement (dry):	12,000kg
Max speed:	23 knots
Construction:	GRP
Fuel capacity:	1200L
Water capacity:	500L
Engine options:	2x Volvo D4-320hp

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

Catch up with fellow Club members at the monthly morning tea. Held on the first Wednesday of each month, from 10.00am, the Club provides the cuppa and nibbles, you bring the chat.

## **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21**

### ***OBC Fishing Meeting and Hardstand Auction***

Grab some great fishing tips and techniques from Fishy Business TV's Adam Clancey, then try your luck at hooking yourself an OBC hardstand for 12 months. More details on page 10.

## **MONDAY MARCH 4**

### ***Electric outboard demo***

Curious about the new electric outboards? Love a discount? Then come and talk to NZ Electric Boats Co at the OBC. Learn about electric outboards, and view a range suitable for tenders, including an on-water demo. Attendees receive an OBC discount of 10 percent on EZ Outboards, Kicker portable electric outboards and Cruiser kayak motors.

## **WEDNESDAY MARCH 6**

### ***An evening with Victory Knives and the Kai Ika Project***

Whether you missed this opportunity last time, or you're just keen to brush up on your own skills, watching the filleting talents of the Kai Ika Project team will have you on a knife-edge. And you'll be able to see the stylish and sharp Victory Knives in action and displayed

for your inspection. See page 18 for more information.

## **SATURDAY MARCH 9**

### ***OBC & Go 2 Trailers Family Fishing Competition 2024***

Earlybird entry closes on Sunday February 9, so get yours in pronto to be in the draw for a fantastic prize. Your entry will also give you a day out fishing with family and friends, heaps of prize categories for all ages, and random draws ensuring everyone has a chance to grab a prize – even if you don't manage to catch a fish! Check out the details (pages 16-17) and get your entry in. Raindate Sunday March 10.

## **TUESDAY MARCH 12**

### ***OBC/Coastguard Flare Demonstration***

The next opportunity to experience setting off a distress flare, or to safely dispose of your expired flares. Kicks off 7.00pm. Register early to ensure you don't miss out.

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## **SATURDAY APRIL 13**

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# FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>4</b> 0237/1452	<b>5</b> 0334/1545	<b>6</b> 0438/1645 	<b>7</b> 0542/1750 OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS	<b>8</b> 0642/1854	<b>9</b> 0737/1955 FFC 2024 EARLYBIRD ENTRY CLOSES	<b>10</b> 0829/2050
<b>11</b> 0920/2143 Orakei Basin flushing out 2030HRS	<b>12</b> 1010/2234	<b>13</b> 1100/2323 OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS Orakei Basin flushing in 2400HRS 3.6m	<b>14</b> 1150	<b>15</b> 0013/1240 OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	<b>16</b> 0104/1332	<b>17</b> 0157/1425
<b>18</b> 0255/1521	<b>19</b> 0358/1620	<b>20</b> 0502/1722 OBC MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 1600HRS	<b>21</b> 0602/1823 OBC FISHING MEETING / HARDSTAND AUCTION	<b>22</b> 0657/1919	<b>23</b> 0745/2009	<b>24</b> 0829/2053
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## Sprat Chat



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invertebrate  
(has no backbone) that  
is part of the greater  
crustacean group of  
animals.

A brownish colour,  
sea lice can be  
hard to spot.  
They grow up to  
1cm in length.

They will also feed on anything dead and rotting, even baits and fish in traps and nets.



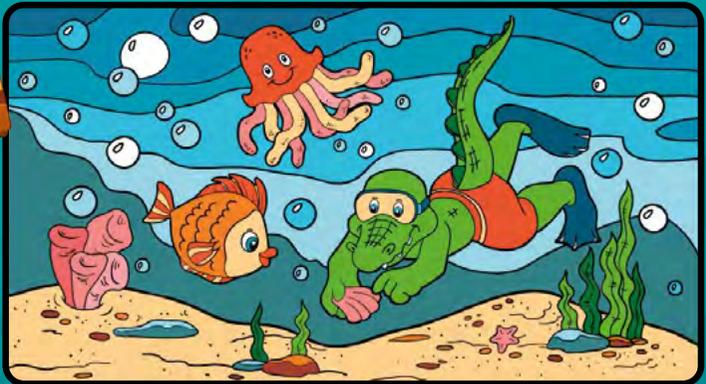
Sea lice do not generally feed on humans, although you might occasionally get a nip from a bigger one if you happen to be in their habitat at certain times/tides.

So, if they don't feed on us, what caused that itchy rash we blame on 'sea lice'?

It's more likely to be from the microscopic larvae of jellyfish or sea anemones. The larvae get trapped in your hair, or under your bathing suit, and when your suit rubs against

your skin, the larvae release toxins that cause the annoying, itchy rash.

If you get 'bitten', the best treatment is to take off your bathing suit and have a shower. Wash your suit in hot water to get rid of any larvae and dig out the good old calamine lotion to ease that itching!



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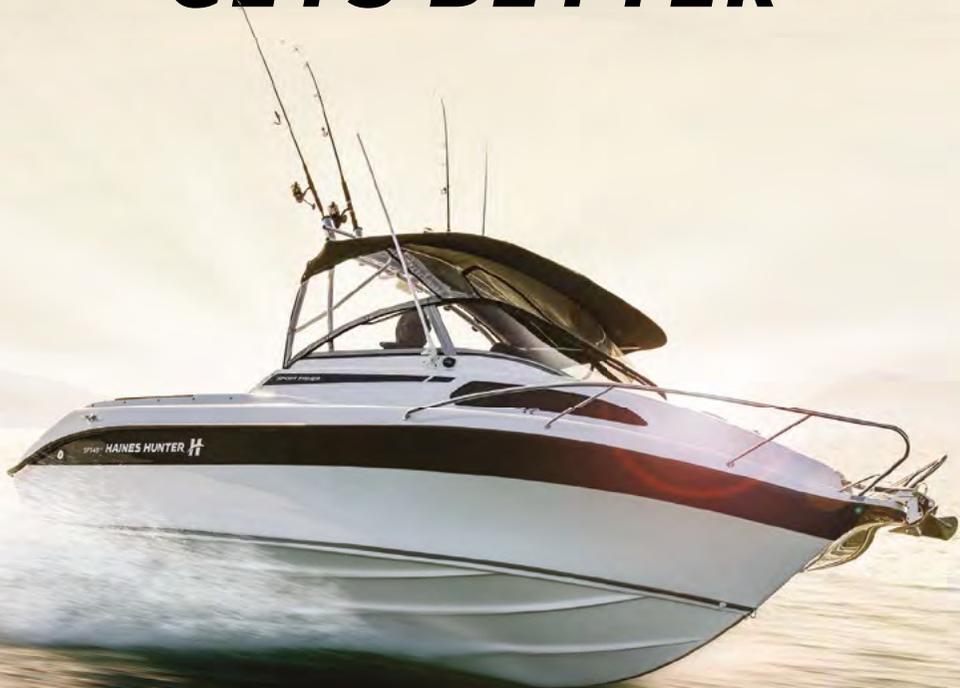
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