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Not just an Adults Snapper category-winning catch, but at 75.5cm a personal best for Harrison Lohead.

## FAMILY, FRIENDS *and plenty of fish*

From Peri Snow

It's good to see participation numbers for the Club's most significant annual event climbing back up towards pre-Covid levels. It's certainly been a hard road to recovery for many people and businesses, but the opportunity to get out on the water fishing with

family and friends, with the chance to win some pretty awesome prizes, is a good way to shake off some of the doldrums. This year's OBC and Go 2 Trailers Family Fishing Competition saw 110 anglers in 35 boats take to the water. That's an

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

Those of you who have been to the Club since Christmas will have seen the earthworks underway at the entrance to the hardstand, in the area where the road floods at high tides.

You will recall this is the start of an ongoing plan to improve the Club facilities - this first stage improving stormwater collection and treatment before it discharges into Whakatakataka Bay. This improvement, while being good for the Club's care of the environment, is also a condition for renewal of the Club's Resource Consent over the property that expires in 2028. If the consent is not renewed, the Club will be unable to use the hardstand area - so the present construction is essential to the Club's future.

The work is going to plan and budget and will be finished by May this year. There has, thanks to good planning by the contractor Lawton Building, been relatively unrestricted access and minimal inconvenience for members' movements around the Club grounds.

We had the annual Family Fishing Contest on March 9, with 35 boats and 110 contestants. It was a good day for fishing - a bit windy on the trip home, but otherwise pleasant conditions. Some decent fish were caught, and a good time was had by all. We had some fabulous prizes donated by generous sponsors. I do not like to single out particular sponsors as all their contributions are all vital, but in this case I'd like to especially thank the naming sponsor, Go 2 Trailers, for donating a great selection of trailer parts; Marine Works which donated two Mercury outboards; and INNOVISION Boats and Concept Carpenters were particularly generous with donations of prizes for the kids' categories. A list of sponsors is published on pages 16-17 of this issue of Outboarder. I commend them to you and encourage members to support these supporters in return.

We have a number of interesting events planned so keep an eye on the Events Noticeboard in the Outboarder and the weekly email messages.

- Phil Allen

## SHARKS and SAUSAGES

OBC members enjoyed a sausage sizzle and an insightful talk from Adam Clancey at this year's fishing meeting and hardstand auction.

A special thank you goes out to Adam for his ongoing support for the event, this year's talk being all about anchovies, sharks and smoked fish. Another thank you to Rob Blake for being our wonderful auctioneer.

The auction was quite competitive, and with a lot of members keen to bid for a one-year hardstand spot at the Club we reached record heights! Congratulations to our winner, who has nominated Coastguard and Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust to each receive a share of the winning bid.



Our man on the barbeque cooked up some delicious sausages at the fishing meeting and hardstand auction. Thanks Jacko!

## SCALING DOWN

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March was a busy month for events at the Club, kicking off with an electric outboard talk and demonstration on March 4.

Chris from NZ Electric Boat Co. came down to Auckland from Kerikeri to share his knowledge of electric outboards with interested members. In addition to hiring electric boats to the public for trips on the Kerikeri River, the NZ Electric Boat Co. sells a range of electric outboard, inboard and hybrid motors.

Chris brought different models of outboard with him, and gave a very interesting talk, providing new insights into the world of electric outboards. Going electric can help you save money in the long-term, and it's better for the environment. If you missed the talk and are curious about the benefits of switching to electric for your boat propulsion, visit the website at <https://electricboat.co.nz>



Chris from NZ Electric Boat Co. brought members up to speed with the latest in electric outboard options.

## One million fish

How many fish do you reckon you've filleted? Kai Ika fish filleter Dave has recently hit a massive achievement – having filleted more than one million fish in his lifetime!

Members at the most recent Evening with Kai Ika and Victory Knives experienced an up-close tutorial, learning how to fillet fish the way Dave does it. Some also took advantage of the opportunity to get hands-on themselves, wielding the purpose-made Victory Knives knives and getting on the spot advice as they sliced fillets under Dave's watchful eye.

Victory Knives was established in 1927, and current owner Gareth Hughes had kicked off the March 6 evening with an insightful talk about the manufacturing process of the New Zealand-made knives. As most members will be aware, the Kai Ika Project recovers fish parts and distributes them to families in South



An evening with Victory Knives and the Kai Ika Project was once again a huge success.

Auckland who use the parts for food. As well as collecting these fish parts in our filleting station, the OBC has Cans for Kai bins located in the clubhouse and on site. Please remember after a day out on your boat to leave your empties here as the proceeds from the cans help the Kai Ika Project operate.

## OPERATIONS REPORT

### SITE WORKS

Work continues close to schedule with the completion of the first, second and sixth stormwater drain installations this month. The concrete footpath has been poured over the seawall and the auto wash-down slab is also now complete. The remaining stormwater outlets will be completed over the next month along with the compaction and sealing of the area around the tractor shed. We hope that the work will be finished by ANZAC weekend.

### BLACK WATER PUMP

Repairs are under way to the 'black water' suck out pump on C pier. We have managed to engage a local repairer to manufacture parts to keep the existing



pump working without incurring the huge expense of a new one. This is an important part of our ongoing Clean Marina programme.

### BIO SECURITY

Last month we had a Council bio security audit done at the OBC. This audit was a starting point for evaluating the adequacy of our pest control network in place and identifying opportunities for improvements where appropriate. Generally, the findings were good and the continued growth of dotterels nesting on site (see accompanying image), was proof that we are doing something right.

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the Outboarder magazine during the competition and after it closes and the winners are announced. Competition closes December 31, 2024. Happy snapping!




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# THE EVENTS RUNNER

Originally from Massachusetts, USA, the OBC's Events and Promotions Manager Peri Snow is settling in quickly, despite having only arrived in Auckland 10 months ago.

Peri graduated from Assumption University in Massachusetts in 2023, with a degree in Digital Marketing. One month later Peri moved to New Zealand with her kiwi partner, who she'd met at university. Peri had worked as a web design intern at a digital marketing agency during her last semester at university, and after moving down-under she continued to work remotely for the company until starting her new job at the OBC.

Moving overseas is a huge step and doesn't come without its worries.

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Arriving in New Zealand in time to catch the FIFA Women's World Cup, Peri was there supporting her home country when it played against Portugal at Eden Park.



From Massachusetts, USA, Peri graduated from Assumption University with a Digital Marketing degree. She's pictured here with her dad, Peter.



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Enjoying the sunset over water at Gloucester, Massachusetts.



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Fortunately for Peri, things fell into place nicely. "While preparing to move over 14,000 kilometres from home, I wasn't sure where I was going to work here in New Zealand," said Peri. "But I am really happy and thankful that it is at the OBC. It's been a joy getting to know members of the Club and learn more about boating." That's not to say Peri isn't familiar with the pastime, having enjoyed boating with friends and family in various US locations, such as Gloucester, Massachusetts; Lake

Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire; and Cape Coral, Florida.

A huge Boston sports fan, Peri is no slouch in the physical activity department herself and while at university she ran cross country and track, competing in distances from 400m up to 5km. She's enjoyed continuing running here and has already run a few half-marathons in Auckland.

"Since moving here, I have fallen in love with New Zealand," said Peri. "It took a few months to get adjusted, but my first experience of a beautiful New Zealand summer certainly helped to make it feel like home." Peri has been enjoying post-graduation life in our "beautiful country" and has even taken up new hobbies, with hiking having become her favourite. She lists the Kauaeranga Kauri Trail (Pinnacles Track) on Coromandel, and Fiordland's Routeburn Track as her top picks to date.

When she's not out pounding the pavement or enjoying some of the stunning backcountry New Zealand has to offer, Peri's busy planning more events and looking forward to getting the opportunity to meet more Club members. If you have any requests or ideas for social events, Peri encourages you to get in touch: "Feel free to email me or pop by the office for a chat, I'd love to hear what you are interested in!"



Peri rates Coromandel's Kauaeranga Kauri Trail (Pinnacles Track) as one of her favourite hikes.

# FAMILY BOATS ad to come

# PEST-FREE BOATING

We all know that anti-fouling and regular checking and cleaning is the best way to

avoid transporting invasive flora and fauna from one area to another on the external surfaces of your boat. But what about pests that make a home in your vessel? Rats, mice, and other stowaways can make their way onto your boat, and if you don't notice



any evidence of their presence, you risk helping these pests move house to somewhere they're not wanted.

- Regularly clean and declutter the boat's interior.
- Store food and trash securely in lidded containers to minimise attractive (to rodents) smells.
- Clean surfaces regularly.
- Empty and dry all water sources.
- Remove lifejackets, cushions, towels and

any other soft materials rodents can use for nesting.

- Remove live bait and clean fish storage areas after fishing.
  - Check for and seal any holes or cracks.
  - Use wire mesh or similar to cover openings including vents, hatches and exhaust pipes.
  - Install weatherstripping/seals on doors and hatches.
- The best defence is a good offence. Regularly check for droppings, shredded materials, chewed wiring or that 'dead mouse' smell. If you see evidence of pests around the boat, place bait or set traps. In fact, even if you don't necessarily see evidence but it's been a while since you took the boat out, set some traps or lay bait just to be sure.

## COOK THE CATCH

### Get a head

Ever wished you could use a whole fish rather than just the fillets, but not sure where to start? We'll be bringing you some recipes over the next few months that are sure to tempt you into trying some new culinary experiences while increasing utilisation of your catch.

First up is fish head terrine, put together by Tim Nightingale of x/km and reproduced here with the kind permission of the good folk at the Kai Ika Project. Using 14 fish heads, this is a perfect recipe for the results of a productive day's fishing.

Step one, of course, is to separate the heads from the rest of the fish. Scale the whole fish and once gilled and gutted, lop off the heads. For smaller fish, cut from the wing back to the top of the head on both sides, and flip the fish so the dorsal fin is facing you. Grab the head and body and bend it back on itself to release the head. For larger fish you may need to chop through the spinal cord first.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 14 snapper heads
- sea salt
- Aromats for stock:**
- Fennel herb,
- Macadamia,
- 3x bay leaves,
- Zest of 1 lemon,
- 1 bunch thyme, 3 dry chillies
- 6L water



#### METHOD

1. Rinse heads under running water until water runs clear.
2. Put water into a large pot, add aromats and bring to a rapid simmer. As soon as it is simmering turn the pot down to a gentle simmer.
3. Cook your heads for about 10 minutes or



until the flesh is just flaking from the bone. Don't overcook the heads or your terrine will be too dry and not have the desired texture.

4. Take the heads from the pot and remove all the flesh. While you're doing this, leave the liquid in the pot boiling until reduced to 1/6 of original volume. Collagen in the liquid is what will help set your terrine overnight and will give a massive umami kick.
5. Line a mould with cling film (a long Sistema clip container will work if you don't have a terrine mould).
6. Add all the meat and other ingredients into a bowl, combine and season to taste.
7. Fill the lined mould with the mixture and use another container the same size to weigh down the mix.
8. Let sit in the fridge overnight or for at least six hours.
9. Once set, slice and eat on toasted sourdough, or add a slab to any antipasti board.

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# FISHING REPORT

From Adam Clancey

## The art of burley

When it comes to fishing, mastering the art of burley can be the difference between a mediocre catch and an unforgettable haul. Auckland, blessed with abundant coastal waters, offers a diverse range of fishing experiences. From snapper to kingfish, the bounties of the sea are within reach. But to truly unlock the potential of these waters, understanding and utilising burley effectively is key.

Burley, often referred to as ground bait, plays a crucial role in attracting fish to your fishing spot. Whether you're targeting bottom-dwelling species like snapper or pelagic predators like kingfish, burley acts as a potent attractant, stimulating the natural



Mastering the art of burley opens up a world of possibilities for saltwater anglers in the Auckland region.

feeding instincts of fish and encouraging them to linger around your baited hooks. In Auckland's dynamic marine ecosystem, where currents and tides influence fish behaviour, deploying burley strategically can make all the difference in your fishing success.

There are quite a few ways to deploy burley, taking into consideration the fishing environment and target species. An onion sack with the burley in it is the simplest way to get a good burley trail going, just hang it over the side and let the action of the boat wash it around. If targeting bottom species in current or deep water, lowering the burley to the bottom or on the anchor line is a good idea. The most important thing is to get a steady stream going rather than putting heaps out at once.

### DIY burley tricks

- A bottle of tuna oil is always handy; add a splash when making burley.
- **Chum slicks:** Mix a combination of fish scraps, breadcrumbs, and fish oil in a bucket. Gradually add water while stirring until you achieve a slushy consistency. Pour the mixture into a burley cage or mesh bag and suspend it from your boat. As the chum slick

disperses in the water, it creates a scent trail that attracts fish to your fishing area.

- **Burley bombs:** Combine canned tuna, breadcrumbs, and mashed-up fish scraps and, if you can get them, a few kina. Form the mixture into burley bombs using a piece of PVC pipe and freeze. Once frozen, remove from pipe and store in the bait freezer.
- When fishing where fish are shy, anchor your burley under a float in the area you are going to fish. Move the boat away and cast to where the burley is.
- In an area where burley will not wash away, try putting out whole fish frames like mullet, skip jack or kahawai. This creates a feeding environment where small fish attract the larger fish as they feed on the fish frame.

### Burley recipes

**ANCHOVY MASH:** Blend fresh or canned anchovies with a splash of fish oil until you achieve a smooth paste. Mix in breadcrumbs and a bit of water to create a thick consistency. Form the mixture into small balls and refrigerate until ready for use.

**PILCHARD PULP:** Take fresh or frozen pilchards and thaw them slightly. Place them in a blender with a bit of water and blend until you achieve a thick pulp consistency. Add a dash of fish oil for extra scent attraction. Mould the mixture into balls or cubes and freeze them for later use. When fishing, drop these pilchard pulp bombs into the water to create a trail of irresistible scent.

By harnessing the power of scent and taste, anglers can lure in a variety of fish species and enhance their fishing experiences. Whether you opt for DIY burley tricks or experiment with homemade recipes, the key lies in understanding the behaviour of the fish

you're targeting and adapting your burley tactics accordingly. So, next time you cast your line into the waters around Auckland, remember the transformative potential of burley and let it guide you towards a rewarding fishing adventure.

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Winner of the Adult Kahawai prizes with a 53.5cm catch was Connor McKeeting.

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increase on 2023's event by 11 boats and 29 fishos.

As always, it's an early start for our volunteer helpers and those especially keen anglers, with members and their crews arriving at the Club from 5.00am on competition day, Saturday March 9. All teams were greeted with a boat bag and each person treated to a glazed ham roll – a delicious way to set oneself up for the day.

The weather was perfect early in the morning, great fishing conditions, although the wind did start to pick up later as skippers pointed their boat's bow back towards the OBC for the prize-giving. Once back on shore and boats were taken care of, everyone headed to the reserve where hot barbequed food and cold drinks were waiting. Bouncy castles kept the kids entertained as they waited to find out who the day's lucky winners would be.



Harley Scott (top photo, right, with OBC Commodore Phil Allen) and Jensen Parker (above) were joint winners of the Kids Mystery Length Snapper prizes.

Did you know it's been five years since the OBC moved all its fishing competitions to length-based rather than weight? In the first year of the new system (2019) the adults snapper category first prize was taken with a 70cm fish; this year's winner Harrison Lohead went more than 5cm better, with a 75.5cm snapper. The kids snapper category also saw a big jump from five years ago, with Harry Murfitt's winning 51cm fish a good 10cm longer than the 2019 winner. Oddly enough, the snapper category was the only one where the fish measurements exceeded that first length-based Family Fishing Competition!

The mystery length snapper prizes are

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always sought after, and as there's no indication of what the number will be until all the competition fish measurements are uploaded, it's anyone's guess who will take home one of the two outboard motors generously sponsored by Marine Works. This year's mystery (average) lengths were 40.7cm in the adult category and not far behind, 37.9cm in the kids category. The prizes were won by Dave Harris (41cm) and Harley Scott and Jensen Parker (each with a 38.5cm fish) respectively. Phil Barlow entered a 40.5cm fish, putting him closer to the adult mystery length, but as a non-member he was allocated second in the category.

For the second year in row, legal-sized kingfish proved elusive and no catches were entered. That didn't apply to the other categories, and you can find a full list of all prize-winners on the opposite page.

We had a superb selection of prizes courtesy of fabulous sponsors, including more than \$4000 worth of Trojan trailer parts and accessories from event naming rights sponsor Go 2 Trailers. Marine Works once again gifted Mercury outboards, which are definitely a fan favourite! INNOVISION Boats and Concept Carpenters both sponsored numerous awesome prizes, with kids able to take home paddle boards, fishing rods, towable tubes, snorkle sets and body boards. We are so thankful for the many sponsors that we had for this year's Family Fishing Competition and highly recommend these businesses to you. You will find a full list of sponsors and each one's contact information on pages 16-17 of this issue.

A massive thank you goes out to our volunteers who operated the barbeque from 2.30pm at the OBC for some hungry anglers, their culinary talents ensured all who attended en-

joyed delicious sausages and steak sandwiches.

Well done and thank you to all that participated in this year's OBC and Go 2 Trailers Family Fishing Competition. A huge thank you to our sponsors and volunteers for making this day as amazing as it possibly could be.



Kids Kahawai category winner Arabella Carr is all set for her next fishing trip.



Harrison Lohead took home the Adult Snapper win as well as coming in a close second in Adult Kahawai.



'Photo of the Day' was a new addition to the prize list this year, won by Logan Stevenson.



Hooking a 51cm snapper scored Harry Murfitt the top prize for the kids category.



Only one 'other' species was caught, a 32.5cm gurnard hooked by Jameson Blow.

## Congratulations 2024 PRIZE-WINNERS

### ADULTS MYSTERY LENGTH SNAPPER - 40.7cm

- 1st Dave Harris, 41
- 2nd Phil Barlow, 40.5
- 3rd Max Smitheram, 40

### ADULTS KINGFISH

None caught

### ADULTS SNAPPER

- 1st Harrison Lohead, 75.5
- 2nd Grant Lamont, 68
- 3rd Troy Mihaljevich, 66

### ADULTS KAHAWAI

- 1st Connor McKeeting, 53.5
- 2nd Harrison Lohead, 53
- 3rd Rachel Hanna, 50

### KIDS MYSTERY LENGTH SNAPPER - 37.9cm

- 1st Connor McKeeting, 53.5
- 2nd Harrison Lohead, 53
- 3rd Rachel Hanna, 50

### KIDS SNAPPER

- 1st Harry Murfitt
- 2nd = Ashton Lindsay / Gregory Stychinsky, 45
- 3rd Oliver Gowens, 44.5

### KIDS KAHAWAI

- 1st Arabella Carr, 47
- 2nd Cooper Lindsay, 36.5
- 3rd Casey Jordan, 36

### KIDS OTHER

- Jameson Blow, gurnard, 32.5

### BEST PICTURE OF THE DAY

Logan Stevenson

### RANDOM DRAWS

- ARHT Lucky Draw: Mike Symonds
- Lucky Lady: Rosie Hooper
- Lucky Skipper: Brendan Lohead
- Lucky Skipper: Igor Stychinsky
- Early Bird: James MacQueen

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held March 5, 2024. Seven Executive Committee members present and OBC GM Phil Davenport.

## PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting dated November 29, 2023, were approved.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Two incidents in the last three months. The GM fractured his ankle on the uneven surface of the Hakumau Reserve, and the Maintenance Co-ordinator got a large shock off the electric fence as the security guard had neglected to turn it off when he left the premises in the morning. Action has been taken to prevent further incidents.

## FINANCIALS

With no Executive Committee meetings since November 29, we had three months

of accounts to approve. Things are going well, we are getting some good interest rates on our deposits, expenses are being held, the only issue to cause concern is our falling membership.

The OBC and Whakatakataka Bay financial reports for the months ended November 30 and December 31, 2023, and January 31, 2024, as presented and circulated were approved.

## OPERATIONS REPORT

Phil D noted that the Hakumau lease is all signed and operative. Monthly lease payments started in November, 2023.

There was a complaint in regard to the cleanliness of the women's toilet and shower behind the filleting station. The



contractor had been slacking and the GM took action. This should not happen again.

Work is progressing well with the site redevelopment with minimal disruption to the functioning of the Club. Work is scheduled for completion in April.

## EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PROPERTY AND PLANNING:** Work on Stages 1, 2 and 3 is well advanced with minimal inconvenience and very minor variations. Now we are out of the ground any variations should be minimal.

**MARKETING, PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS:** Events are well patronised. Hardstand auction yielded \$15,600, a record amount. It is being split between Coastguard and Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust.

## MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Minutes of the MMC meeting held February 20, 2024, were tabled and discussed. Refurbishment has gone well with work to date coming in under budget. Marina is currently in sound condition with many upgrades made.

## MEMBERSHIP

January 2024  
New members: 16 Resignations: 14  
Total membership 25/01/24: 1763  
February 2024  
New members: 13 Resignations 2  
Total membership 20/02/24 1774

## MARINA BERTH TRANSFERS

F22 10.5m Lindsay to Knight

## GENERAL BUSINESS

• **NEW CONSTITUTION:** Information eve-

ning to be held Tuesday March 19, for Club members to be informed of the new proposed Constitution required by the new Incorporated Societies Act.

**Meeting closed at 8.31pm**

## NEXT MEETING:

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 24

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

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Auckland	11 and 12
Tauranga	12
Taupo	12
Queenstown	12
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directly supporting our volunteers on the water.

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- 17 people (on average) were returned safely home every day.
- 67,000 children were educated on how to stay safe when out on the water.

**Joining the adventure**

Register: Sign up for The Lifesaving Leap at <https://skydive.coastguard.nz/> or contact your local Coastguard unit for details.

Fundraise: Start spreading the word and gathering support from friends and family. Set up your online fundraising page and share it with your network. Raise \$1000 and receive a free skydive!

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## NZSFC NATIONALS WRAP-UP

The 2024 New Zealand Sportfishing Council (NZSFC) Nationals, supported by Pelagic, unfolded as an exhilarating showcase of angling prowess, camaraderie, and sportsmanship. Anglers from all corners of New Zealand converged for eight days of intense competition, highlighting the nation's rich fishing culture and the passion of its anglers.

The tournament kicked off with 1139 anglers from various clubs, the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club leading the charge with an impressive turnout of 168 anglers, setting the tone for a spirited competition. Notable battles ensued in many of the categories.

Day 2 saw the competition intensify, anglers now numbering more than 1200. Noteworthy catches included a 192.8kg blue marlin, 113.1kg striped marlin (with 43 tagged and released), and a 31.6kg tuna. The halfway point of the tournament was marked by a significant milestone - more than 100 striped marlin recorded, the majority of which were tagged and released. The total number of participants increased to 1320, representing 107 teams.

The broadbill swordfish category witnessed intense competition on day 5, while the yellowtail kingfish and trevally categories showcased impressive catches



from various clubs.

The following day Tauranga Sport Fishing Club's vessel 'Lady Doreen' emerged as the leader for the Nationals in the blue/black marlin category, while Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club's 'Smuggler' claimed victory for the day in the mahimahi category. Counties Sport Fishing Club's 'Phleigh' dominated the striped marlin section.

Another milestone was reached on the penultimate day, a total of 200 striped marlin recorded so far, with an impressive 95 percent tagged and released. Notable performances included Gary Pearce from Counties Sport Fishing Club landing a 100.2kg striped marlin on 10kg line, showcasing exceptional angling skill with this notable 10:1 fish.

As the tournament reached its final day, 1388 anglers were determined to give their all in a bid to secure top honours. The day culminated in the announcement of the winners across all categories, with each angler and club celebrated for their achievements and contributions to the sport.



# MARINA SAFETY TIPS

From Maritime NZ

You can find plenty of information about staying safe when you're out on the water, but what about while you're still in a marina? Marinas are full of hazards, and while some of these will be familiar to you as requirements of OBC membership and Marina use, others can be often overlooked.

1. Watch your step, docks and decks can be slippery.
2. No swimming (or fishing!) in the marina area.
3. Familiarise yourself with the marina layout and the lifesaving equipment locations. Some marinas have a man overboard marina alarm system in

case you fall in the water. Are there in-water ladders close by? Could you climb onto your or a neighbouring boat if you fell in?

4. Ensure all children wear lifejackets, don't run, and are under constant supervision.
5. Alcohol and boating don't mix.
6. Test and tag electrical cords on your vessel and always wear personal protective equipment when carrying out maintenance.
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# ROOM for a crowd

## BOAT REVIEW

Sea Ray SDX 250 OB



By the PowerBoat Magazine team

A Mercury outboard-powered sibling to the sterndrive version, the Sea Ray SDX 250 OB deckboat (bowrider) provides more storage and more room for family and friends.

A deckboat is exactly what the name implies, a boat with lots of deck space. The flared hull design in the topsides forward of the SDX 250 OB creates more than usual deck space – providing social space for up to 14 people.

Four parallel lifting strakes run the full length of the deep-v hull. A 21-degree deadrise at the transom is on the high end for inshore boats of this type, while the bow has a soft chine dropping to a fairly deep-v that cuts efficiently through the water at non-planing speeds.

Sea Ray offers the SDX 250 OB standard with a 200hp Mercury Verado, the test boat carried the 300hp option with 17P Rev 4 propeller. The deep-v hull shed water to the side during a WOT (Wide Open Throttle) turn of 41 knots (75kph), ensuring a dry, stable, exhilarating ride for everyone aboard.

The SDX 250 OB reached planing speed in 4.3 seconds with minimal bow rise, accelerated to 32kph in 5.7 seconds and

48kph in 9.2. At 6000rpm, the SDX 250 OB reached a top speed of 75.4kph. Optimal cruise came in at 4500rpm and 52.8kph using 45.1 lph (1.17kpl) giving a range of 251km, while still holding back a 10 percent reserve of the boat's total fuel capacity.

Turns have a solid feel with a 17-degree roll and barely a hint of chine walk. This is a nice handling boat that's very responsive to the helm and shows no pounding or hull slap across moderate waves. If she bleeds speed, with the stern almost falling off a turn, just keep adding power through the hardest turns. There is no problem in normal turns and none of our aggressive manoeuvres caused the prop to cavitate.

Access to the cockpit is via the 38.1cm wide starboard side walkway, where you will also find a hinged cover hiding the battery switch. A handy location whenever boarding or leaving requires powering up or down. Additional seating along the starboard side makes the cockpit into a conversation pit. A removable pedestal table, easily mounted in the bow and cockpit, is secured to a side mount, adding greatly to the area's functionality, especially

when the seatback, padded and upholstered on both sides, can be flipped and used for a swim lounge sun pad. The helm seatbacks can also be flipped to provide more cockpit room.

When the party transitions into the cockpit, simply slide the unique swim sun pad seat base aft 4cm and flip the backrest. Upholstery details add to the quality feel of the SDX, with beverage holders tucked into the face of the seat bases.

The helm console, with a centre head compartment door alongside, has a soft touch dash 17.78cm below the windshield frame providing a simple uncluttered appearance. Optional 22.86-30.48cm Simrad displays can be configured to the skipper's personal choice. Both come with Mercury's VesselView® link displaying full engine readouts and diagnostics. All the information needed to make life easier on the water. Our test boat was upgraded with the Simrad multi-function display that features a preloaded chart plotter, sonar with transducer and media connectivity, while the standard panel has analogue gauges.

Fitting a large head into a 7.62m deckboat won't make it an overnighter but adds a level of comfort not often seen in boats of this size. The toilet has a hinged cover cushion that drops over it as a filler. Additional storage is under the step and the moulded platforms. A pump-out toilet



Flippable seatbacks and a removable pedestal table provide easily reconfigurable seating areas.

system is optional.

The Sea Ray SDX 250 OB is a day boat with substantial power and performance, especially with the 300hp option. This vessel should satisfy buyers who enjoy driving a comfortable boat and want to spend their days on the water socialising, enjoying towed water sports or simply swimming off the boat. Big enough for 14 people, makes it the right size for family fun and entertaining.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Make/model:	Sea Ray SDX 250 OB
LOA:	8.38m
Beam:	2.59m
Draft:	91.44cm
Fuel capacity:	238L
Water capacity:	38L
Test power:	300hp Mercury Verado

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## WEDNESDAY APRIL 3

### OBC Members Morning Tea

Held on the first Wednesday of each month, from 10.00am, this is a great chance to catch up with fellow Club members. Cuppa and nibbles provided, you just bring the chat.

## SATURDAY APRIL 13

### OBC Kids Fishing Competition

A brilliant day out for the kids, fishing for whatever may be swimming in the OBC Marina (you'd be surprised what's out there!). Kids, dress up as your favourite animal. Lots of prizes to be won, and a colouring competition to keep the fun coming when you're not fishing. Free sausage sizzle for the kids' lunch, paid barbeque available for the adults and older siblings. Registration is free, see the advert on page 10 for details.

## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14

### Wild Chix presents Boating Basics for Women

The March event sold out, so we've scheduled another! Learn and ask questions in a supportive environment with other women who love boating. Welcome drinks, goodie bags and lots of fun guaranteed! Visit <https://www.obc.co.nz/social/events/boating-basics-for-women.aspx> for the link to register.

## OTHER EVENTS/ROAD CLOSURES

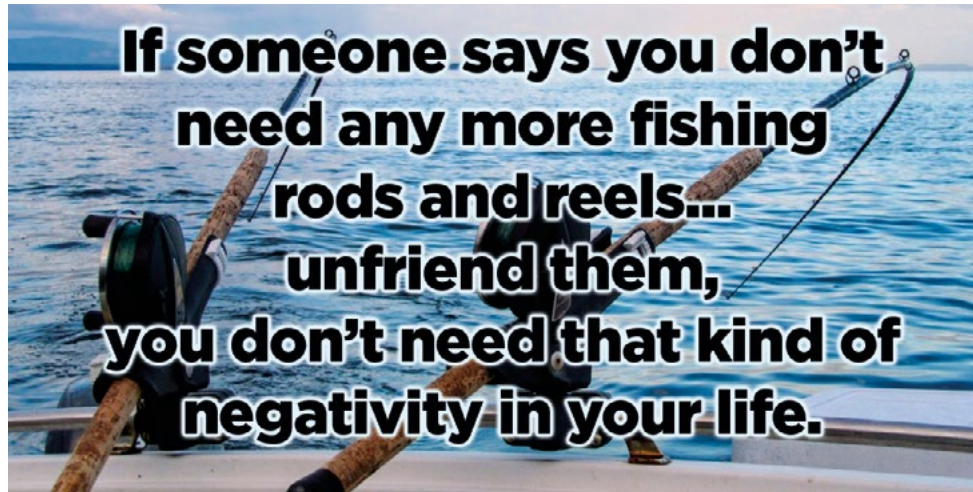
**APRIL 7:** Waterfront Half Marathon – Tamaki Drive closed from Ngapipi Road to Long Drive, 4.00am-11.30am, and from The Strand to Ngapipi Road 4.00am to 10.00am. There will be managed access to the OBC where safe to do so. No parking either side of Tamaki Drive 4.00am-11.30am.



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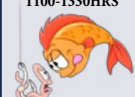

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# APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 0050/1307 <i>Easter Monday</i> 	<b>2</b> 0140/1356	<b>3</b> 0238/1453 OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS	<b>4</b> 0342/1558	<b>5</b> 0446/1706	<b>6</b> 0547/1812
<b>7</b> 0544/1813 DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS 0300HRS  Orakei Basin flushing out 1930hrs	<b>8</b> 0639/1908	<b>9</b> 0731/2000 OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS Orakei Basin flushing in 0831hrs 3.5m	<b>10</b> 0822/2050	<b>11</b> 0913/2139 OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	<b>12</b> 1003/2228	<b>13</b> 1053/2317 OBC KIDS FISHING COMPETITION 1100-1330HRS 
<b>14</b> 1144	<b>15</b> 0009/1236	<b>16</b> 0103/1329 OBC MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 1600HRS	<b>17</b> 0201/1427	<b>18</b> 0300/1526	<b>19</b> 0357/1625	<b>20</b> 0448/1719
<b>21</b> 0535/1808	<b>22</b> 0618/1851	<b>23</b> 0658/1931	<b>24</b> 0737/2009 OBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1900HRS	<b>25</b> 0816/2046  ANZAC DAY LEST WE FORGET	<b>26</b> 0855/2124	<b>27</b> 0935/2204
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Unlike other rays, electric rays aren't usually found in the shallows, they prefer water 5-1150m deep.

Longtail (or whiptail) stingrays can grow up to 4m long, including a tail twice as long as the body, and weigh up to 214kg.

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Going to a blacklight party? Why not take some glow bubble solution with you!

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Bottle of bubble solution

Highlighter pen/s

Needlenose pliers/wire cutter

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Remove the ink-filled tube from the highlighter pen casing (the pliers and/or wire cutter will help) and drop it into the bubble solution. Depending on the size of the bottle, you may need more than one tube.

Replace the cap on the bottle and let it sit until the ink all comes out of the tube and into the bubble solution.

Take your glow solution to the blacklight party and have fun!

Need glow solution more quickly? Use non-toxic glowsticks!

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