

THE MARINA MAILER

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Marina Team News: Holiday Opening Hours

Bruce and the team wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and hope you have lots of boating adventures planned.

The Marina Office is normally open weekdays 9am – 4pm and Saturday / Sunday 9am – 12noon. These hours will change a little over the holidays when we have reduced hours. Marina staff will still be available on call for all emergencies on Ph: +64 3 546 7768.

Hours that we are open:

- **Tuesday 24 December: 9am – 12noon**
- **Wednesday 25 December: Closed**
- **Thursday 26 December: 9am – 12noon**
- **Friday 27 December: 9am – 4pm**
- **Saturday 28 December: 9am – 12noon**
- **Sunday 29 December: 9am – 12noon**
- **Monday 30 December: 9am – 4pm**
- **Tuesday 31 December: 9am – 4pm**
- **Wednesday 1 January: 9am – 12noon**
- **Thursday 2 January: 9am – 12noon**
- **Friday 3 January onwards: 9am – 4pm**

The number of vessels visiting Nelson Marina peaks in the first four months of the year and berths are at a premium. Therefore, if you are going away for more than four weeks, the Marina team is happy to arrange for your berth to be sub-let – particularly if it is 15m or more. For the days your berth is occupied, your berth fees will be credited to your account. To take advantage of this, email dates that your berth is available to marina@nelmac.co.nz.



Environmental Care: Can You Help?

Marinas are the perfect place to start helping clean our oceans. Because there are reduced tidal flows, rubbish can accumulate and contaminated water is flushed less thoroughly.

In response, Rutherford Rotary Club wants to install a 'seabin' at the Marina. This is a floating garbage bin that collects waterborne plastics and trash 24 hours a day with capacity to collect up to one tonne of debris per year.

The seabin will form part of a Nelson College for Girls science project with students clearing and monitoring the waste collected. Seabins are about implementing a 'whole solution' approach to ocean pollution, using education, science, technology and community activation. Read more here <https://seabinproject.com/>

The seabin will cost approximately \$7,000 including freight and installation. While Rotary is leading this project, they are looking for some funding and hope that the Marina community can help. If you wish to contribute please contact picatto@xtra.co.nz



Environment: We Want Our Recycling to be Shipshape

We have listened to your requests for better recycling options and want to 'up' our sustainability efforts.

At the Marina a lot of waste is generated; we collect the equivalent of 330-530 full 240L wheelie bins per month. Not all of this is from Marina users as bins are easily accessed by the public to dump their household or commercial waste. Other problems with the current system are that wheelie bins sometimes end up in the water during high winds, and regular recycling contamination means that we pay higher costs for removal (if recycling bins are contaminated they are emptied to general waste).

Our proposed solutions are:

- Fish bins have been replaced with 240L wheelie bins that have metal grates and a padlock on top to prevent waste other than fish being disposed of.
- Fenced waste 'compounds' will be built with swipe card access. The proposed sites are at Vickerman St, the Marina Office and/or the boat ramp. These compounds will house mixed recycling bins (paper / card / plastics / cans) and glass crates.
- The pontoon wheelie bins will be removed and blue rubbish bags will be provided to berth-holders as part of their annual berth fees. The bags, when full, will be left within the secure waste compounds for collection.

Your feedback is welcomed on these proposed solutions, and especially any bright ideas that we haven't thought of. Thank you for working with us on these improvements, which will minimise the amount of waste generated at the Marina and thus costs.



Marina Safety: Keeping You Safe and Your Paperwork Tidy

With the annual renewal of berth-holder licences, it is important to make sure your compliance records are up-to-date prior to renewal. In particular:

- Have you provided your insurance details to the Marina Office? We need proof of your current insurance expiry date. Also, if you have gas on board, check if you need a Gas Certificate for your insurance to be valid.
- If you are plugged into shore power, via an onboard circuit board, then your vessel must have an Electrical Warrant of Fitness (EWOF). We need advice of expiry dates for your EWOF (current for four years) or shore power lead (current for one year). The easiest way is to email us at marina@nelmac.co.nz
- Any appliances plugged in from a vessel must be disconnected from shore power when the owner is away from the boat. Repair costs for power failures, faults or damage caused by a lead from a vessel to shore power are charged to the vessel owner. If you have a shore plug lead, it must have the locking ring secured.
- Berth-holders can stay on their vessel in the Marina for a maximum of five nights per month. If you want to stay longer than this, please get a visitor permit from the Marina Office. The regulation exists because the Marina is not set up as a residential one and therefore has a maximum number of live-aboards (who pay an additional fee per month). The facilities, parking and power supply is not designed to cope with more people.

Interview: Pete Kara, President Nelson Coastguard

Pete Kara is dreaming of a new boat and has been talking to Santa Claus about the good deeds that Coastguard Nelson has been up to this year.

As President of Nelson Coastguard, Pete works with other volunteers to help the unit achieve its core function: saving lives at sea. He says, "It is a real honour to have this role, and at the moment I am focused on a new rescue vessel as our current one is past its use-by-date. Couple this with one of the largest geographical areas to cover in New Zealand, plus challenging sea conditions and increasing demands for help, and you have a potential problem.

"We recently had the boat off the water for a week for urgent repairs on the pontoon bags, highlighting again the need for a new rescue vessel.

Good news is that we have reached a milestone in our fundraising campaign for a new vessel after success with



Pete Kara, President of Nelson Coastguard

grant applications to Pub Charity, Lion Foundation, NZ Community Trust, Mainland, Tasman District Council and Network Tasman Trust. We've also got some major sponsors on board."

Pete reckons that the Coastguard is about 80 percent of the way towards its fundraising target and they now need the community to help. He hopes that you can make the Coastguard's Christmas even better with a donation to www.givealittle.co.nz/org/ or contact Pete on Ph: 027 246 8672.

Marina Noticeboard

- We want to keep all Marina users safe while walking the pontoons, and for this reason it is not permitted to leave any items on pontoons. If you have items like hoses, bikes or dinghies on the pontoon, please shift them onto your boat for storage. As well as creating a tripping hazard, these items can create issues in the event of an emergency by potentially blocking emergency services.
- We are noticing dogs coming with their families to the Marina. Please note that no animals are permitted on the pontoons and also respect others by keeping your dog on a lead at all times.
- Lifebuoys are located at the land-end of each pontoon and there are fire extinguishers halfway along each pontoon.

- Please use our fish bins for fish waste only.



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