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NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS WITH WAIKAWA BAY MOORINGS

Your mooring committee has been meeting with officers of Port Marlborough and the District Council throughout the year working on your behalf to safeguard your long term interests in the bay.

We have had excellent co-operation from all parties.

Toby May was appointed by the Council to oversee the process and we are pleased to report that he will be sending out the final drafts of the mooring layout, new mooring systems, plan change and mooring zone rules during next week. As a committee we have had full input into the process and must report to you that we are pleased with the outcome.

It is important to remember that a large amount of work has gone in by all parties to come up with the current proposals and while all moorings need to be re-sited they have been placed to ensure as little movement as possible from current sites. We have researched mooring rules used by other Councils around NZ and incorporated the best & most suitable parts into our document. A little give & take is required to see this solution move ahead however at the end of it all mooring owners will have

- 1 A plan change that will create swing mooring zones in Waikawa Bay that cements in place permanently the rights of current owners. The rights of other interest groups like swimmers, canoeists, trailer boats using the launching ramp plus Maori waka etc have all been recognized and zones placed accordingly.
- 2 All current mooring holders will have a license to occupy in the mooring zones for as long as the mooring zone is operational and provided they meet their obligations. There will be a yearly license fee payable to the Moorings Manager to cover the costs of managing the area. For example, licenses for other mooring areas around NZ are in the order of \$150-200 pa.
- 3 There will be no requirement for on-going individual resource consent renewal applications, just the annual licensing fee and documentation.
- 4 The moorings will be run & managed under a proper written Management Plan by a mooring manager.
- 5 Moorings can be bought, sold and sub-leased as at present.

- 6 Moorings that are in deeper water than 7m will have their moorings upgraded to a more modern space saving system like Seaflex.
- 7 Moorings in depths less than 7m will stay on the current block & chain system but will have their moorings checked and re-sited.
- 8 All moorings will be re-sited with the correct space for the swing room required by their current registered length. The present overlapping of swing circles and boats being too close to others in some cases will hopefully be a thing of the past.
- 9 For moorings in the area NW of the existing marina adjacent to the Snout, Port Marlborough already has arrangements in place with individual mooring owners regarding costs and relocation of moorings in the event that the marina is extended in that area.
- 10 Port Marlborough has offered to make a significant bulk financial contribution to setting up the moorings areas and physical rearrangement of moorings, and this would offset the cost of relocating the balance of the moorings in the new swing mooring zones in the central and NE side of the bay. While final costs cannot be guaranteed at this stage, we anticipate that each mooring owner with a mooring in waters less than 7m deep will pay around \$500-700 and those in deeper water around \$1,500-2,000.
- 11 Improved dinghy storage areas are planned for swing mooring users. Please consider the proposals from Council carefully. Your committee all own moorings themselves so have experience as to what will or will not work in the bay. We have set out to obtain a fair long term solution for everybody at the best possible price.

We urge acceptance of the current proposals (albeit with various improvements that may come after input from mooring owners).

The alternative of not going ahead is a return to the Courts, lawyers, expense and protracted negotiations that may in the end be unsuccessful with some mooring owners missing out on retaining their current space due to the many overlapping swing circles currently in the bay.

We believe the current proposals are in line with other mooring areas around NZ that are now run on similar lines to what is proposed for Waikawa.

Once you have had time to read the information package from Toby, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to discuss with any committee members below or Council rep Toby May.

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