

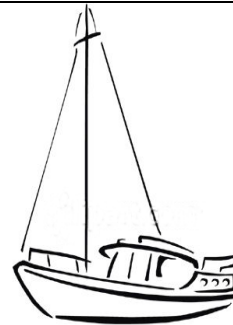
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DECEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



Firstly - **Seasons Greetings to all our MBMA members**, we trust you are able to make the most of the lovely weather to enjoy your boating.

Your executive committee felt after the close of the recent "Waikawa Bay wide solution" hearing a short report as we see the situation was required.

Plan Change 21

This was presented by Port Marlborough, with MBMA representing 120 of the 180 mooring holders of Waikawa Bay

MBMA had been in negotiation and consultation over nearly 3 years to work toward a solution by way of the plan changes, presented as the "bay wide" solution toward future planning. Our immediate principal objective to ensure property rights of current moorings holders. In addition Port Marlborough wished looking forward, to have the north west area zoned 'marina' to cater for future demand, a move not objected to by MBMA.

As will be seen in the Press, although the change in its entirety was strongly opposed by some parties, particularly local Maori, Te Atiawa, the moorings zone and management proposals in isolation, received little opposition, in fact mostly support in that the proposal tidies up a very difficult legal situation for all current mooring holders as well as establishing policies for the future.

The hearing lasted well over a week. Towards the conclusion Port Marlborough endeavoured to create dialogue with Te Atiawa that could have led to the possibility of accommodation to settle concerns. This unfortunately was not successful and the three commissioners requested to adjudicate on evidence presented, including Port Marlborough's summing up, due 17 December.

The outcome is expected by mid February. MBMA feel the lack of opposition to the moorings management zones bode well for the outcome as far as these people are concerned. However the total application depends very much on Port Marlborough's final submissions, and the weight the Commissioners may place on the submissions of the objectors to the marina zone and whether or not they can rule on part only if they wish to.

We have a confidence the moorings solution will in this way or possibly with changes, finally be accepted. You as members can be assured the MBMA team professionally led by Paul Williams presented an excellent case. In addition a number of committee members gave up many days last week to support Paul and make sure we were all well acquainted with proceedings. As Chairman my thanks to all concerned.

You can all be rest assured we will, in the next weeks, be ensuring our members positions will be well canvassed in discussions with parties involved.

RELATIONSHIP PORT MARLBOROUGH/ MBMA

Recent comment from a small number who have not renewed subscription has been a little disturbing. There is a suggestion MBMA are "too close to Port Marlborough".

Be assured we operate very independently and pro-actively, many outcomes eg marina fees and charges over all marinas and facilities could be quite different had we not actively pressed for change to proposals. Real dollars were saved over the board by MBMA on your behalf. For many long term Port Marlborough tenants almost 3%.

LOOKING FORWARD

HAVELOCK.

We need an active boatie who can represent Havelock on our committee. Dawn Wheeler has resigned due to a posting to Auckland. Many thanks Dawn for your contribution. Please approach Neil Croad as Chairman or any other member on our committee with your thoughts re replacement. In any event the Commodore of Pelorus Boating is a co-opted member who can attend our meetings as well as receiving all minutes, correspondence etc.

Port Marlborough dredging plans needed clarifying for local boaties, we pressed for this and pleasing to see PM had a meeting recently at Pelorus Club

WAIKAWA BAY

Ongoing the moorings situation need finalised.

OVERALL MARINAS.

Marinas, charges and maintenance will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

IN CONCLUSION.

Relationship with Port Marlborough and our politicians is good. We are well recognised with all of these people being well aware of the "boaties voice" and the need to be entirely fair to all.

Happy Christmas and the best New Year to you and yours.

On behalf of your committee,

Neil Croad

Chairman.