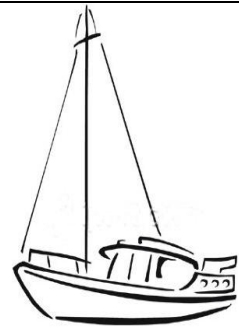


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Annual Subscriptions

Enclosed, your renewal subscription invoice.

Subs have remained at \$25 and sent by hard copy to ensure you act upon this request and continue the support for the work being done for all boaties in the Marlborough Sounds.

Non-renewal weakens the mandate we have to make progress on your behalf. Please act upon this invoice and also play your part by encouraging fellow boaties to be members. Membership currently stands at approximately 350 - we need to maintain and improve upon this.

Application forms for new members can be downloaded on our web site, above.

Current Activities

Annual General Meeting. This went well with a good turnout of members to endorse the new committee, the financial statements and revised objectives for the group.

A very good discussion followed as to MBMA role in the Bay Wide solution at Waikawa, results of the hearing having been announced and looking forward, the role we should play in the future.

The Mayor, as guest speaker became involved in discussion re Port Marlborough ownership and the arm's length requirement of this, versus the Mayoral and Council responsibility of promoting development and recreation for the Marlborough region, and in particular the proposed Marina Extensions. More comment below.

Marinas Committee. We have been closely involved over past years in representing tenants in the revision and setting of fees with Port Marlborough. While we are happy good progress has been made as regards holding cost, using benchmarks from other areas as well as arguing practical problems given the economic situation we have not been privy to in house Profit & Loss and asset information as regards Marinas to make real judgement on the fairness of charges.

We have requested this information from Port Marlborough before this year's fees discussion, this currently under consideration, should we be successful we have real concrete figures on which to have contribution on a business like basis.

Obtaining this information and as a result having a stronger position in discussion is the Marina's committee principal objective this year.

Mooring's Committee. Following the AGM and outcomes of the Bay Wide Solution Hearing, the committee have been very busy ensuring members' Mooring Asset position is protected as well as formulating a position, given the Port Marlborough objection to the hearings outcome as regards the North West and North East (current Marina Zone) Moorings and the application for more Marina Zone.

Currently all owners in these areas close to the Waikawa Marina entrance have an agreement with Port Marlborough as regards moving should a Marina extension be built in these areas. After negotiation as below we have requested these owners agree to Port Marlborough's request to vary the Resource consent recognising these agreements and varying the term of the consent.

Regarding the balance of the Moorings areas there is no objection from Port Marlborough to the establishment of the Moorings Zones as approved, and we have been working on an agreement to ensure these and the North East moorings owners have a cap on costs once the reorganisation gets underway.

We are pleased to report that Port Marlborough have agreed to a cap on costs of reorganisation and mooring tackle to Mooring Owners, for a period of 5 years. The numbers are in line with figures discussed by Toby May representing MDC in early discussion with individual owners regarding establishing Moorings Zones.

OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

ALL WHO HAVE RECEIVED INTERIM RESOURCE CONSENTS SHOULD NOT TRY AND HAVE MOORINGS MOVED TO THE EXACT COORDINATES. THIS IS JUST NOT PRACTICAL. WHEN THE ZONES ARE FINALLY ESTABLISHED, LICENCES GRANTED, AND RULES OF OCCUPATION TIDIED UP THIS WORK WILL BE DONE, UNDER THE ABOVE AGREEMENT AND ALL WORK UNDERTAKEN ON A COORDINATED BASIS. TRYING TO MOVE NOW ON A ONE OFF BASIS WILL ONLY CREATE POTENTIAL FOR COLLISION AND DAMAGE. CONTRACTORS ARE AWARE OF THE ABOVE.

In reality, physical organisation of Mooring Zones will not take place until the final determination as regards the appeals, but notwithstanding the outcome, whether or not a new Marina extension takes place our agreement covers Mooring owners affected as above.

Marinas Zone Appeal It is very apparent our Membership generally supports the provision of more Marina berths with the most practical place being Waikawa Bay. We have submitted as a supporter of Port Marlborough's appeal as regards that section of the Bay Wide Solution proposal.

We trust the various objectors concerns can be mitigated through a consultation process but if not will be prepared to go to the environment court in support.

New Committee Members, We welcome John Humm of Havelock to our committee, John is a commercial launch operator with a wealth of knowledge as regards the Marina and the area. John's input on behalf of the Havelock members will be invaluable.

Paul Tredennick has also joined us. Paul's role as CEO of Stadium 2000 as well as his knowledge of matters boating from long term Marina tenancy and sailing, will add valuable experience to our deliberations.

In closing, we are confident we are playing a strong role in our advocacy for fairness for boaties. Port Marlborough and Marlborough District Council look to us in this role.

Your support is important for us to have the confidence of our Mandate.

Sincerely,

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