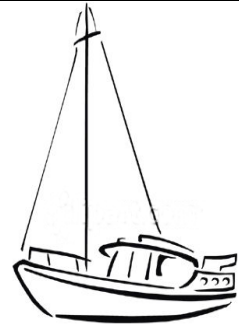


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MBMA Newsletter June 2014

A quiet year for your committee with only two meetings although we continue to monitor what is going on and fees charged around the marinas and swing moorings.

By and large we have been happy to see continued restraint from Port Marlborough with only small increases on some berths and none on others. The slow economy has definitely had an affect on boating generally and we are aware that there are still a lot of empty berths in Havelock and the waiting list for berths in Picton & Waikawa is way down on what it was 5 years ago. We will continue to push for nil or small increases in berth prices.

At our last committee meeting Rose Prenderville from Port Marlborough updated us on the latest developments with Waikawa marina extensions and Waikawa swing moorings.

Paul Williams has prepared the following to keep you up to date...

Update on Plan Change 21 and Moorings in Waikawa Bay.

To recap, Plan Change 21 was a proposal by Port Marlborough for a whole bay approach for accommodation of boats in Waikawa Bay. It included a proposal for a new North-West marina zone in the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan (the Plan) and for Mooring Management Areas in which moorings are proposed to be managed as a block by means of a specific bylaw rather than individual resource consents as is currently the case.

After a Council hearing, the proposed new marina zone was declined but the mooring management areas were approved. Port Marlborough appealed the entire Council decision to the Environment Court including the mooring management areas.

Port Marlborough has reached a resolution with the main objectors, Te Atiawa, essentially whereby the existing undeveloped North-East marina zone will be deleted from the Plan, revert to Coastal Marine Zone and become part of the Mooring Management Areas. The proposed new North-West Marina Zone that was promoted under PC21 will proceed to be changed in the Plan. A memorandum of understanding has been reached with the Marlborough District Council on this. MBMA has also agreed. A Consent Order has been

drafted to be sent to the Environment Court setting out the resolution. At the time of writing it is expected that all parties to the appeal will sign the consent order and that the Court will sign it off within the next month without the need for any further hearing.

As the deletion of the existing (and undeveloped) North-East Marina Zone and inclusion of this area as a Mooring Management Area were not part of the original Plan Change 21 proposal, those matters will have to go through a separate process. Council is required by law to regularly review its resource management plans and is currently in the process of doing this. Council will include the removal of North-East Marina Zone, reversion of this to Coastal Marine Zone and inclusion in the Mooring Management Areas. Council has agreed to consult with MBMA during the formulation of this part of the Plan review.

As moorings will be able to remain in in the undeveloped NE Marina Zone, MBMA will be exploring options with Council to spread all existing moorings out more within both this area and the previously proposed Mooring Management Areas. This would reduce the need for as many moorings to be on more efficient mooring tackle as originally proposed in PC21. The number of moorings however would remain the same as currently exists.

Moorings in Waikawa Bay had a temporary coastal permit issued to tide them over while PC21 was being resolved. Most of these temporary coastal permits are due to expire in May 2016. It is very likely that the new Plan resulting from the review will not be completely operative before that date. MBMA will be promoting that the removal of the NE Marina Zone and extension of the Mooring Management Area into that location be made operative as a discrete matter before the expiry of the coastal permits for the moorings. If that does not occur we will be discussing with Council how to extend the temporary coastal permits authorisations for the moorings to allow time for the Plan review process to be completed.

AGM
10am
Saturday 12th July 2014
at the Waikawa Boating Club.
All welcome.
Followed by tea & coffee.

Most of your committee have indicated that they are prepared to carry on - John Jackson has agreed to join the committee and we are pleased to have his experience and expertise onboard. Please let a committee member know if you would like to be involved.

Current Committee Members listed on website – www.mbma.org.nz/committee.htm