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This newsletter is prepared to ensure Recreational Mariners understand clearly the work of MBMA on your behalf goes on, **and why continued support by way of membership is important.**

If you receive this by post with an account attached you have 'not' renewed your Membership as at the 1st April. If received electronically you are a current member and this is sent to you for information and action where required.

Should you have not renewed because of not now being a Mariner please advise our Secretary as per the addresses above.

You will see as per below, work continues to ensure Recreational Mariners are receiving fair treatment from authorities.

1. RESOURCE CONSENTS, MOORINGS WAIKAWA BAY

MBMA have an ongoing involvement with proposals to provide long term security of ownership for mooring holders in the bay. Marlborough District Council as authority for the original hearing billed all applicants with an interim account for work to date. MBMA objected to the charges which we felt were not fully justified.

A hearing resulted, Paul Williams a Committee member and Professional Planner led the group's evidence **on a non payment basis.** Paul put together an excellent presentation on your behalf. [The hearing Commissioner found in favour of MBMA's case with the result that each invoice to mooring owners has been reduced from \\$553 to \\$421. Over all of the mooring applications in Waikawa Bay this represents a cost saving in excess of \\$20,000.](#)

Mooring Owners Please Note

- (a) **We are happy the revised account for charges is fair and should be paid immediately to MDC.**
- (b) **Most importantly we are satisfied should the rezoning go as planned in Waikawa Bay, future charges for Resource Consent will be minimal. This confirmed by a senior planning officer of council at the hearing.**

2. WAIKAWA BAY HEARING NEW MOORING APPLICATION, CRUMP

Unfortunately, even though all parties are working together for a bay wide solution for current mooring holders, nothing legally precludes new applications being made and heard. If there was a rash of applications for new moorings, it would potentially scuttle the process.

In May this year, MBMA made a written submission against an application for a new mooring in Waikawa Bay. In late August MBMA and Port Marlborough made submissions to the hearing of this application, on the basis that currently all water is committed and until rezoning is achieved, placements are sorted, no further consents should be issued.

MDC's decision was received today and they have declined the application.

3. PORT MARLBOROUGH MARINA CHARGES 09/10

On going discussions with Port Marlborough have been held re the ability of Tenants to meet charges and the need to hold costs to ensure fees reflect today's market place.

We are pleased to be advised in these discussions fee adjustments this year are minimal and in some cases some reductions are expected.

Most Marina Berths will remain the same, some small adjustments in Havelock where capital expenditure to improve boating is planned although Port Marlborough to announce the nature of this shortly.

We are confident our input to and relationship with Port Marlborough has resulted in a much better attitude to Recreational Mariners and this years charges reflect this. Port Marlborough announcements have been distributed this week in line with our discussions.

4. MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

One of our principal objectives has been to ensure MDC have a clear understanding of the value of Recreational Boating and that fairness must prevail when comparing boating with other recreations supported by Council.

Regular meetings have been held and we are confident council is well aware of the attitude of Mariners in particular to the contributions made by us to Port Marlborough's profitability.

The Mayor and senior Councillors have attended these meetings, and, our point of view, we believe, well understood and received.

We are confident this will have a positive effect on our position when council review its expectations of Port Marlborough.

CONCLUSION

Our committee consists of a dedicated group of hard working people who are achieving for recreational mariners as regards affairs of Moorings and Marinas.

The need for strong membership to be seen to represent the majority is important. Port Marlborough and Council as our landlords in effect, appreciate having a voice to consult with.

Not only yourself but your boating friends should be members to ensure continuance of the good work. Have them join by e-mailing our Secretary, Elaine Bowden as above and also make sure you have renewed your membership.

Neil Croad
Acting Chairman
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Please feel free to contact your committee with any issues you wish us to address

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| Account Name | Marlborough Berth & Mooring Association |
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We are sending invoices to all members on our database. Some of you may have inadvertently failed to renew your subscription for last year.

We would encourage you to pay your subscription for the current financial year 2009/2010. Please note we are not asking for arrears!

We thank you for renewing your subscription, without your support we cannot continue working for you.

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