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## Captains Log

Greetings from the bridge.

Summer is coming .... hopefully soon! There have been mixed messages from the Met Service. They are now predicting a hot January so lets keep our fingers crossed.

The next few months are the busy season for boating in our bays, so we do ask that people please observe the usual courtesies around our wharves and slipways. Our launching areas are very accessible compared to places like Waikawa or Havelock, so patience and consideration around launching and parking are appreciated.

We have a reminder from the Harbourmaster re some key safety issues especially concerning boat speed around our populated bay areas.

**Safe Speed :** All craft (including jet skis) must not exceed a **speed of 5 knots** (a fast walking speed) if you are:

- . **within 200m** of the shore
- . **within 200m** of any structure
- . **within 200m** of a boat displaying a diver's flag
- . **within 50m** of any other boat
- . **within 50m** of a person swimming
- . **Lifejackets:** Sufficient number and size of lifejackets must be carried for all persons on board and if your craft is under 6m they must be worn at all times.

Our wharfs and slipways in Duncan and Penzance Bays are in reasonable condition but we are programming a working bee at Duncan Bay on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to replace a broken pile on the catwalk and some planks on the wharf and tidy up the signage and mussel growth. If you can spare a few hours please meet at the Duncan Bay slipway at 9.00am on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with a spade and drill.

Mike Maher, one of our long serving committee members and his wife Jeanette have recently sold their house in Penzance and moved closer to Blenheim. Mike was a great asset to the club and conducted or oversaw all the maintenance on the club gear trailer and the Penzance wharf and slipway. I would like to thank Mike for his contribution and wish him and Jeanette the best in their new life. I know they have the offer of several bach's when they wish to visit, so we look forward to seeing them again once their new house is completed.

A reminder of other important upcoming events:

**CLUB AGM:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of December at 4pm at John Hebbard and Beryl Archer's house in Tuna Bay

**PICNIC DAY:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January in the Betty Archer Memorial Reserve, Penzance Bay.

Wishing everyone a Merry Festive Season.

Safe Boating,

Roger Smith,

Commodore.



# News from the Helm

A summary of matters arising from the TIBC Committee meeting held on 1st December 2018

**Financial Report:** Dave Wade tabled his report.

Total YTD income for the club is \$17,732.27 which is up \$971.80 (+5.8%) on last year's \$16,760.47.

The main difference relates to the increase in interest received by putting \$80,000 on term deposit with SBS.

Total Gross profit is \$15,188.21 compared with \$14,641.33 (+3.7%)

YTD Expenses are \$12,258.22 compared with \$18,425.83 last year (this includes \$12,504 donation to the Matai Bay Hut Trust last year) so on a like for like basis – expenses are actually up on last year by \$6,335.99. The main variances relate to:

- . Rescue Helicopter Donations – 3 x \$350 = \$1050. This included catch up on previous years donations which had been missed.
- . Club trailer maintenance - \$681
- . Ramps & Jetty maintenance & repairs - \$2,745
- . Bad debt expense – uncollectible membership subs - \$1,140

Profit for the year is \$2,929.99 compared with a loss of (\$3,784.50) last year.

The cash position (and balance sheet in general) remains strong with a total of \$100,745 (includes \$2,044 of accrued interest) in cash across the various club accounts.

We have \$80,000 in a term deposit. Interest is paid at the end of the term but has been accrued in the above total. That leaves close to \$19,000 readily accessible to enable us to respond to any urgent maintenance issues that may arise. The net assets of the club at the end of the year are \$103,781.

A lot of work has been done on the accounts and a significant portion of the overdues have been collected. A number of members had left the area and not notified the club so they were still being invoiced. That resulted in a write off of \$1,140. With this tidy up of our membership database, the total member numbers for the year ending 31/10/2018 are: 152 general/paid up memberships; 6 honorary life; 1 financial life. Total memberships – 159

**Health & Safety:** Reports tabled on Duncan Bay and Penzance slipway and wharf facilities.

### ***Duncan Bay:***

An engineer has provided a verbal opinion on the safety of the reinstated catwalk at Duncan Bay. The committee are still awaiting the written report.

New signage has been installed at the slipway Working bee to be organised at Duncan Bay prior to the busy Christmas period to address some maintenance issues.

### ***Penzance Bay:***

- Railway iron has been delivered for strengthening a section of the wharf against future king tides. This task is more difficult than the earlier work done on the shoreline section as it is in deeper water and will require a barge to be involved.

### **General Business:**

***Member Survey:*** To be formatted and hopefully sent out in the next Newsletter

***Newsletter:*** Discussion on content and format

***Picnic day:*** Arrangements for Picnic Day were finalised



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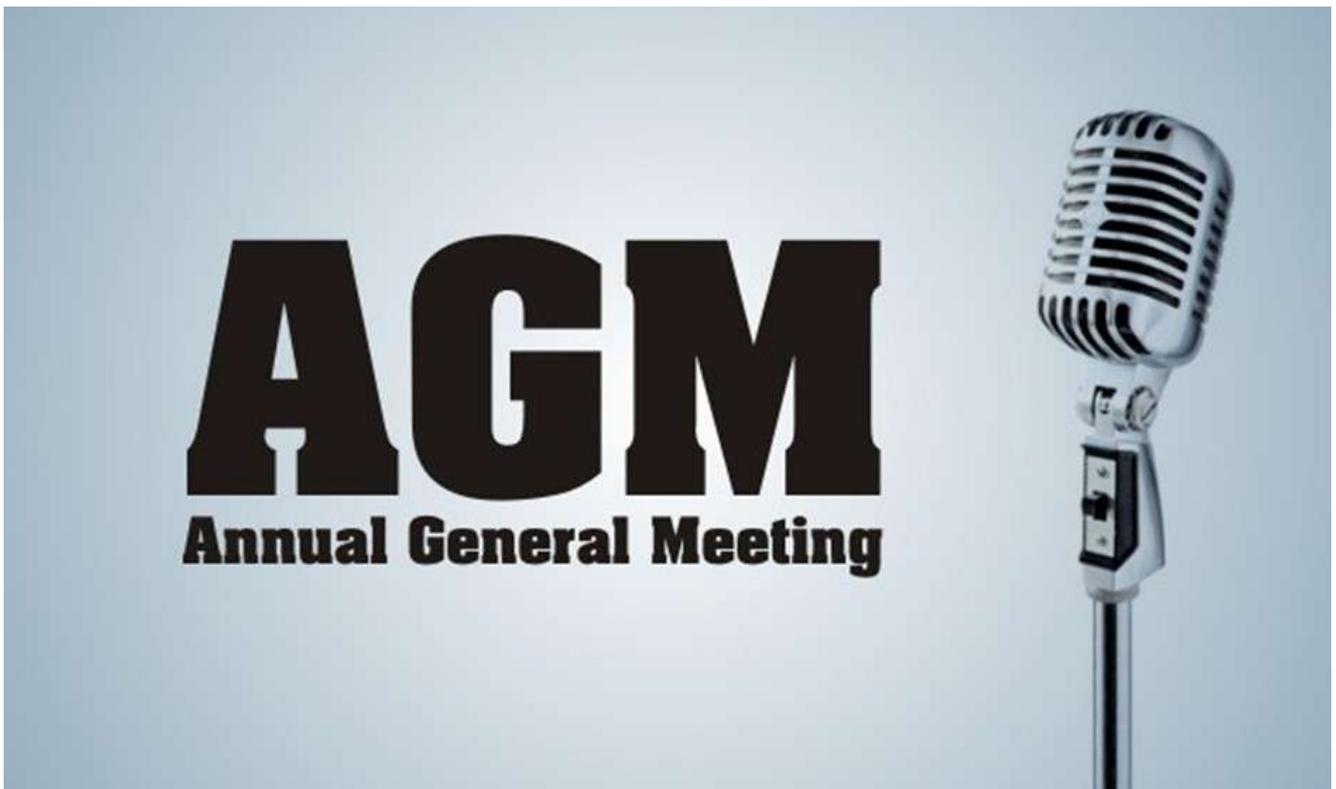


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All members are warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the  
TIBC on  
**29<sup>th</sup> December 2018**, to be held at  
Beryl Archer & John Heberd's residence, 3138 Archers Road, Penzance Bay.  
The meeting will start at **4pm** and be followed by drinks & nibbles provided by  
the club.

**We hope to see you all support your club!**



# Events

## **NOTICE OF BOAT CLUB WORKING BEE**

**9.00AM SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2018 AT DUNCAN BAY WHARF AND  
SLIPWAY**

### **TASKS TO BE ADDRESSED:**

- . MUSSEL GROWTH ON WHARF**
- . REPLACE BROKEN POST ON CATWALK**
- . REPLACE A NUMBER OF PLANKS ON WHARF**
- . UPGRADE WHARF SIGNAGE**

If you can spare a couple of hours, your help will be gratefully accepted.

Materials and some tools will be provided but if you have a power drill, spanners or a spade please bring them along. An aluminium dinghy and lifejackets will also be required to assist with mussel removal.

Contact:

Peter Barnett, Duncan Bay - 576 5667

Roger Smith, Penzance - 0273666195

With thanks,

Roger,  
Commodore.

Tennyson Inlet Boat Club





2 January 2019  
10:30am  
Picnic Day 2019  
Opens

Get yourselves down to the Betty Archer Memorial Reserve in Tennyson Inlet

Be on the main beach at 10.30am for special visitors!

Canteen available with home baking treats & lots more yummy options!

First Aid available from the Shop tent.

# Picnic Day 2019

Morning	Events Held at the Betty Archer Reserve	Events held at Penzance Beach
10:30am	Picnic Opens Pirates of Penzance	'Special' Guests arrive
11am	BBQ opens	Kayak races
11.30am		Swimming Races
12pm	Running races Walk the Plank' Balloon races	
Lunch		
Afternoon		
1.30pm	Nail Driving	
2pm	Iron Men/Women/ Kids	
3pm	Egg Throwing Tug o' War Lolly scramble	
4pm	Raffles Drawn Prizegiving	

Scan this to get directions to Penzance Bay



PICNIC DAY, WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY 2019  
KAYAK RACES

The Organising Committee would be most grateful for  
the  
loan of Kayaks and Life Jackets for this most popular  
event.

If they could be delivered to the Penzance Bay beach  
by  
10.00am on the day of the Picnic, we would be most  
grateful.

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**WATER SPORTS – TENNYSON INLET**

It would be helpful if visitors to the Area are made aware of the fact that a designated area for skiing and tobogganing is situated at Ngawhakawhiti Bay. Such activity is strictly forbidden within the confines of Duncan, Tuna, and Penzance Bays and will be monitored by the Port Marlborough Harbourmaster from time to time, as indicated in the attached letter from the Marlborough District Council.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A FINE BEING LEVIED.**

# A wee reminder that the only ski lane in the inlet is in Ngawhakawhiti Bay

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Ask For: Alex van Wijngaarden

3 January 1996

The Commodore  
 Tennyson Inlet Boat Club Inc.

Archers Road  
 Tuna Bay  
 TENNYSON INLET

*Dear you*

Dear Sir

## SKI LANE : NGAWHAKAWHITI BAY

At the Regular Council meeting on 14 December 1995, Council resolved, by resolution, to allow the establishment of a ski lane in Ngawhakawhiti Bay.

The establishment of the water-ski lane is subject to the following conditions:-

The marker poles, two at each end of the lane, painted with red and black horizontal bands, are to be installed and maintained by the Boat Club.

Entry into the lane, from seaward, will be on the right, exit on the left.

Department of Conservation have raised concerns about the possible conflict of other users, especially kayakers. The Boat Club is to ensure that adequate room is available for other users.

The Boat Club is to ensure that the area is kept free of possible increased litter.

Although the mooring to the North of the ski-lane is unlikely to be impacted adversely, the Boat Club should show consideration to vessels that may be using the mooring at the time that water-skiing activities are undertaken.

Activities will be monitored from time to time and would be interested to know the amount of use the lane enjoys during the season.

Yours faithfully

*Alex van Wijngaarden*  
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# Epipen and Defibrillator locations in Duncan Bay



Photos 1 and 2 are of where the EpiPen is situated in Duncan Bay

195 Duncan Bay Road.



Photos 3 and 4 are of where the Defibrillator is situated in Duncan Bay

5 Matai Street.



## EpiPen and Defibrillator locations in Penzance



# Did you know there are TIBC funded EpiPens available for community use in Penzance & Duncan Bay?

For several years now the TIBC has been co-funding EpiPens with the local body Rate Payers Associations.

## Do you know where they are located so you could access in an emergency?

**Penzance EpiPen** is located underneath the deck at **3220 Archers Road**, underneath the deck in a Red Cross tin.

**Duncan Bay EpiPen** is situated at **195 Duncan Bay Road** (in a click clack container screwed on the wall next to the door behind the water tank).

**Scott Archer** who works daily in Tennyson Inlet also carries one in his vehicle.

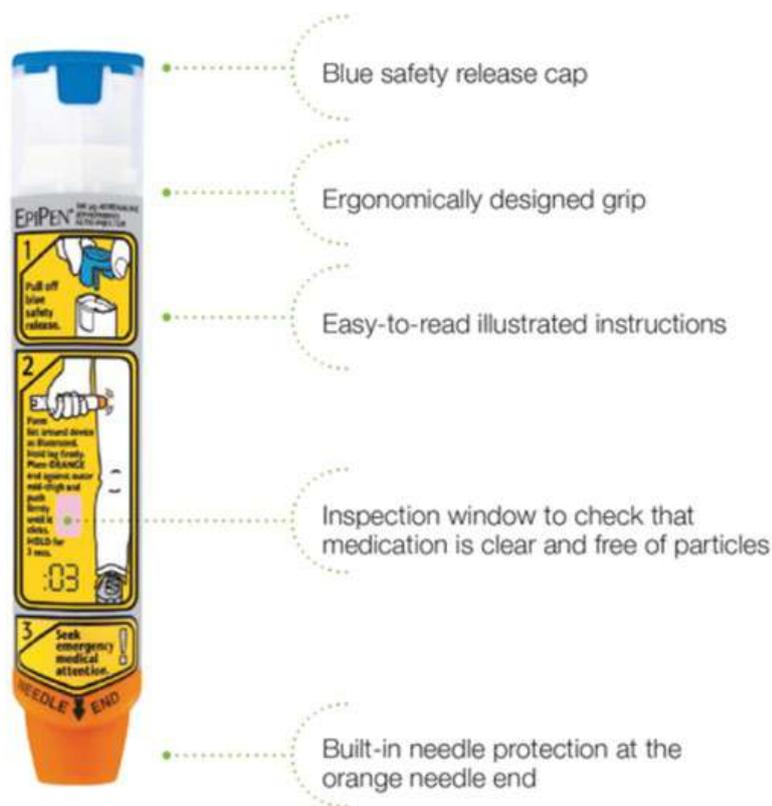


***It's great to know these are available in our remote area – let's spread the word in case they are needed!***

## What is an EpiPen & when would I need to use one?

**EpiPen** is a cartridge based auto-injector containing adrenaline, the first-line treatment for severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis). Immediate access to an EpiPen Auto-Injector is critical. At the onset of anaphylaxis, you can quickly and easily self-administer EpiPen in two simple steps, providing time to seek life-saving medical assistance.

**Anaphylaxis** is a severe allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and can be life-threatening. Mild symptoms can progress rapidly to a severe reaction. Anaphylaxis must be treated as a medical emergency requiring immediate medical attention. Prompt treatment with injected adrenaline is required to halt the progression of the reaction.



Symptoms of anaphylaxis vary, but can include hives, itching, flushing, and swelling of the lips, tongue, and roof of the mouth. The airway is often affected, resulting in tightness of the throat or chest and difficulty breathing. These reactions can also be accompanied by chest pain, low blood pressure, dizziness and headaches.

### Symptoms you should look for:



MOUTH

Swelling of the tongue



THROAT

Swelling, tightness or closure



HEART

Weak pulse, dizziness or unconsciousness



LUNGS

Coughing, wheezing difficult or noisy breathing

## How to use an EpiPen – Two Simple Steps



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**After administration of an EpiPen – always seek medical attention  
Call 111**

# Swimming Sponsorship

## 2018 Scholarship Recipient – Harlee Cross

L) Harlee enjoying his swimming lesson at the Richmond Aquatic Centre

R) Harlee enjoying the waterslide at Picnic Day 2018 – so confident in the water!



Harlee has done so well with his swimming this year. At the start he was learning to kick on his back, and starting to learn about using his arms and putting together freestyle. He went up a class mid year and started to learn about adding breathing. He is working very hard at mastering using breathing, stroking and kicking. His confidence has increased dramatically we now see him whizz off in the pool to play in the deep water, even when the waves are on. He is no longer sitting on the side or staying in shallow water. Harlee even mentioned this week how he can't wait to try snorkeling over some rocks, not too deep though. We can't wait for this to happen. His sister reminded him now he can swim to the edge he can go on the diving boards at Nayland Pool which he is excited to give a go. Thanks so much for the sponsorship and providing such a wonderful opportunity.

**Do you take kids out in your boat?**

**Do you want to make sure your precious little ones can swim?**

**How would you like them to receive over \$500 towards swimming lessons?**

**You can! Apply now for the Annual TIBC Swimming Scholarship**



The Tennyson Inlet Boat Club welcomes applications for the Annual Swimming Scholarship from:

Children or grandchildren of members (nominations of other children will be accepted at the discretion of the committee) and:

Limited to one entry per child and;

Children of 12 years of age or younger.

**Conditions:** The club will sponsor a child for the value of up to \$145 per term for 4 terms or until the child can swim 25m which ever comes first. Any additional costs will be met by the parent or guardian. The money will be paid directly to the registered facility. The successful applicant and their guardian agrees to provide the club with regular progress reports and photos which can be used in our newsletter, marketing and social media.

Applications close 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The decision of the committee is final with the successful applicant being drawn by ballot at the February committee meeting (date & time yet to be confirmed).

**Apply now!**

**APPLICATION FOR TIBC ANNUAL SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Tph #: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Your relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Swim school attended: \_\_\_\_\_

TIBC Membership Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the terms & conditions shown for this sponsorship and nominate the child above to be considered for the TIBC Annual Swimming Scholarship.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to:** Libby Archer, Secretary TIBC

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# Children's Corner

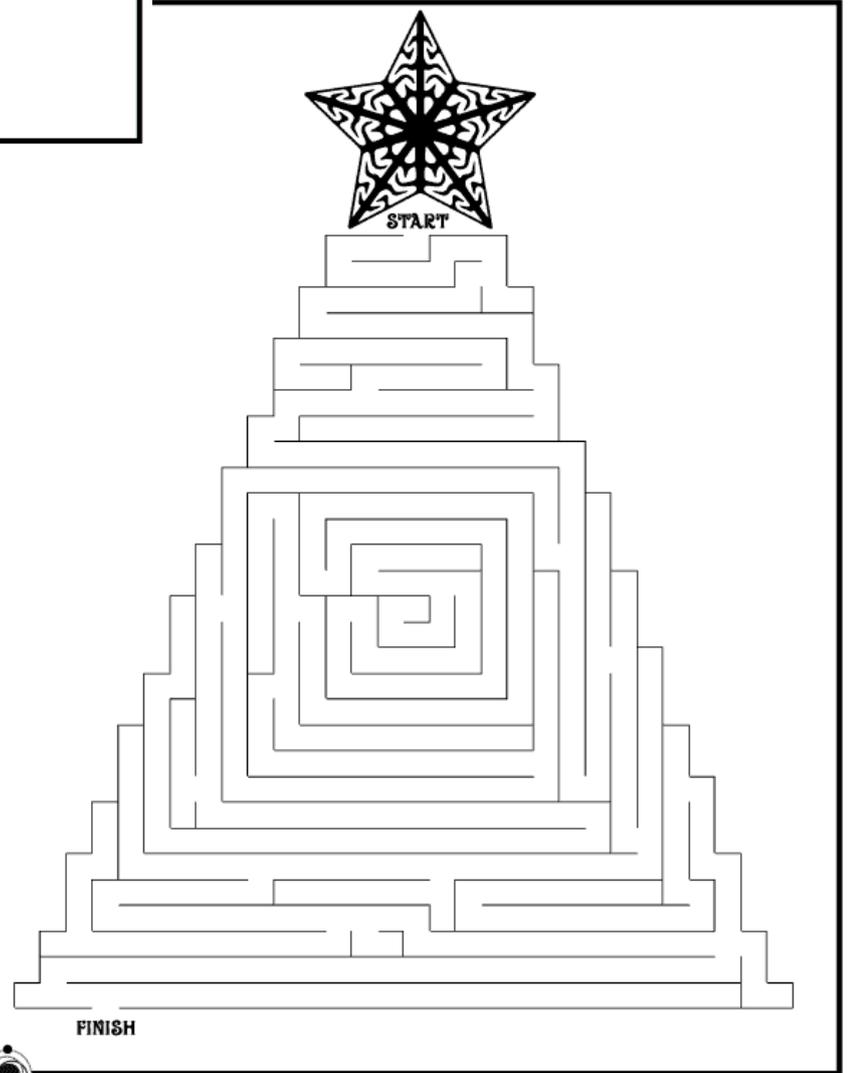
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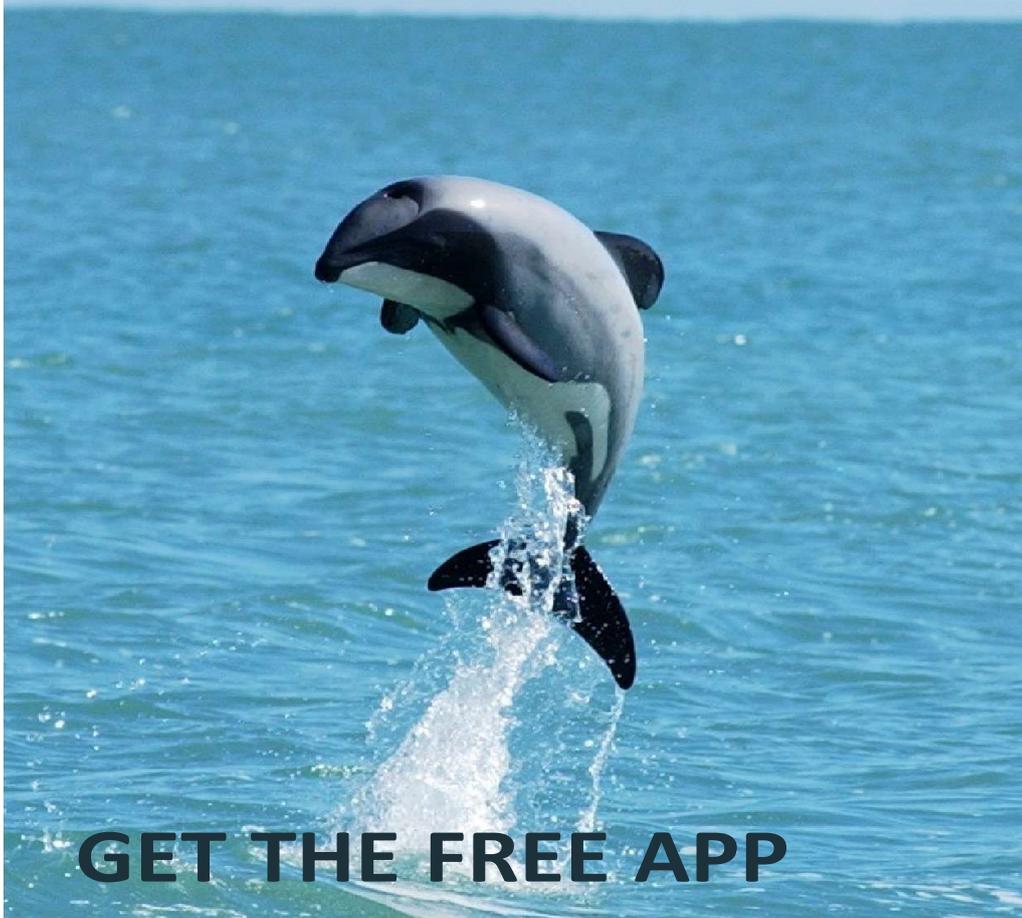


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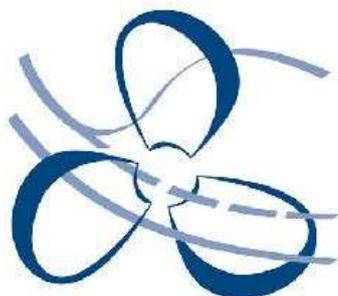
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# Sounds History

## THE SOUNDS

### TAMAHINE'S NEW TRIP

#### BEAUTIES OF TENNYSON INTLET.

The Marlborough Sounds were made available to the non-yachting weekender from Wellington for the first time by the Union Steam Ship Company's Tamahine's Queen Charlotte Sound excursion, and the "wonderful maze of deep-water land-locked channels was then a surprise to all of the excursionists, but last week-end a new and still more delightful cruise was undertaken, taking in the Tory Channel, Queen Charlotte Sound, and Pelorus Sound to Tarakaipa Island in the Tennyson Inlet, the loveliest, because the most heavily wooded, of all. Notwithstanding the extra distance covered, almost the same time-table as on the first occasion was adhered to, and still time was found on the return journey to visit Ship Cove. The night was spent at Picton, and as the first portion of the trip has been fully described, no more need be said of it save that though the weather was squally, the Tamahine behaved well, even in the Strait. Wellington was left at 1.16 p.m., Pencarrow Head at 1.58 p.m., Tory Channel entrance at 3.31 p.m., and Picton was reached, at 4.32 p.m. Tea was at 5 p.m., and shortly afterwards the rain came down in torrents, and the wind increased to very nearly a gale. Nevertheless, such an event as a deck dance, for which all the preparations had been made on the way across, was not to be lightly foregone by the passengers, and though the "floor" was wet and slippery, and a steady dripping fell, from the awning in places, dancing went merrily on from 8 till well after 11 o'clock, when a supper of ice creams, jellies, etc., was served in further defiance of the weather.

A start was made at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning. The wind was still strong, but the skies had cleared, and though the Tamahine danced a little on her own account as she popped into the open sea round Cape Jackson, she soon had the Chetwode Islands on her starboard bow, and popped out of the smother into the peaceful security of Pelorus Sound. Here the wind howled spitefully through the rigging until the anchor was dropped off Tarakaipa Island at 7.30 a.m. Then even the wind died down, the sun came out strongly, and on the placid surface the launches were waiting in which excursionists were to explore the beauties of the inlet. It is wooded everywhere to the edge of blue water deep enough to float a man o' war almost anywhere, and the mountains rise behind it to a height of over 3000 feet. Bata and bell birds

abound in fine birch bush, and every islet is feathery with tree ferns. The Tamahine could have gone deeper into the wonderland of mirrored woods, but the variety lent to trips by use of the ship's boats and launches was infinitely preferable. Six hours were spent here, and a wide choice was offered the trippers. Elaine Bay, from which a stroll enables a view of the Croisies Harbour on the Nelson side, was visited by one launch party. Another visited Godsiff Bay at the head of the inlet, where one climber scrambled up to the old Moriori pit dwellings. The ship's boats were dropped at good angling corners, and left to their own devices, moving about under their own sail in a lazy breeze, or rowing close in to the rocky shores of the islands. The parties returned enthusiastically full of the attractions of the inlet, and not the least contented being the fishing parties, for whom lines and bait were provided. Individual catches of a dozen fish were common, and the ladies camp back with half a dozen each. Blue cod, terriki, gurnet, and even baby groper were caught, and the fish bit so freely that the excitement was continuous. Dinner was taken in the inlet. The weather was perfect for the return trip, which commenced at 1.20 p.m., Picton being reached at 5 p.m. on smooth water all the way, as the sea had gone down outside. Picton was left at 6.15 p.m., and excursionists were boarding trams in the city at 9.25 p.m. The ever-changing panorama of tawny autumn hills, winding blue water channels, green bush, and the surf ringed sentinel isles that dot the outer coast, lingers in the memory, but, perhaps because of the contented feeling of a week-end well spent, the picture that remains most persistently is the exit through the rip of Tory Channel at sunset, where, between the jagged teeth of the salty guarding pinnacles, the Wellington hills rose purple beyond an oily sea, and the indigo Kaikouras, topped by delicate rosy clouds, stabbed starkly into a paling saffron sky. The new trip offers a wonderful scenic treat, and it has proved on this last occasion that boisterous weather cannot spoil a Sounds trip, as the ship is in the open sea for only short periods.

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# What's happening in our Marine Area

## Marlborough RPMP

Legally enforceable rules on marine pests came into force in the Top of the South Island for the first time on 1 October 2018 when Marlborough District Council's new Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) became operative.

The new RPMP has specific rules to prevent the establishment of the Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*) in Marlborough waters to try and prevent adverse effects on economic wellbeing, the environment and enjoyment of the natural environment.

The Council has used its ability to make a RPMP programme under the Biosecurity Act 1993 because of this pest's potentially threaten Marlborough's thriving aquaculture industry.

Recent studies have indicated there could be impacts from Mediterranean fanworm on the establishment of the new generations of some marine species and on nutrient cycling of the benthic environment. The presence of dense colonies of this species could also change the underwater scenery of an area, potentially impacting on dive tourism activities. While the Mediterranean fanworm has not yet been recorded to have had significant impacts on fisheries in New Zealand, it could easily become a nuisance to recreational and commercial fishers by clogging equipment and other fishing gear when in high densities. The Mediterranean fanworm has been found within Picton Marina and on a small number of vessels that have entered Marlborough carrying fanworm amongst biofouling. All contaminated vessels have been cleaned and follow up diver's have removed juveniles twice a year from the marina.

The RPMP programme provide for active management as well as legal rules that apply to anyone in charge of a craft entering Marlborough.

The key rule as part of the programme outlines that the owner or person in charge of a craft entering Marlborough must ensure that the fouling on the hull and niche areas of the craft does not exceed 'light fouling'. The prevalence of Mediterranean fanworm in other parts of New Zealand, including the key recreational vessel hubs of Auckland and Whangarei Harbour, means the arrival of craft into Marlborough that are carrying bio-fouling are the biggest risk to the to the achievement of the proposed Exclusion Programme.

Another key rule also outlines an obligation that the occupier of any place, unless a management plan has been put in place and approved by Council.

This imposes a new duty on managers of structures and facilities to take steps to keep them free of fanworm. While in most instances the initial response will be led by the management agency under a management plan, this rule will also place a base-line requirement upon the occupier of that place to remain vigilant and continue to play an active role in preventing establishment.

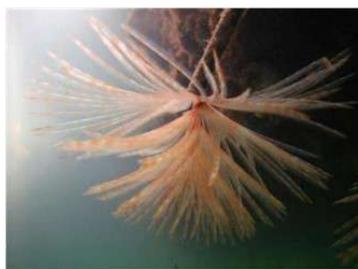
For more information see: [Go to RPMP Programme for Mediterranean fanworm on the Marlborough District Council website](#)

### Regional Pest Management Plan 2018

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**Top Left:** Sabella looking like a flower, with its filaments open. Credit: Serena Wilkens, NIWA.

**Top right and bottom left:** Diver Matt Smith (NIWA) in Auckland harbour. Credit: Crispin Middleton, NIWA.

**Bottom right:** The first specimen collected in New Zealand. Credit Geoff Read, NIWA.





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## Managing bilge water risks

### A simple message from Cawthron's biosecurity team (Lauren Fletcher)

#### What is bilge water?

Bilge water can mean different things for different vessel types. In larger vessels, bilge water is often restricted to the oily water that accumulates in the engine room, particularly in older vessels where sea water enters through the stern gland. In smaller recreational craft, it is found in the bilge sump or simply sloshing freely across the deck. In addition to sea water, bilge water also commonly contains fresh water, contaminants such as oil or fuel, marine debris and often some bait! Bilge water is typically discharged from vessels via pumps (manual and automatic operation) and is not commonly treated prior to discharge.



#### Dose bilge water pose a biosecurity risk?

Recent research by the Cawthron biosecurity team, in conjunction with NIWA, has shown that bilge water can contain a diverse range of microscopic life stages of marine invertebrates, including larvae of marine pests (e.g. the sea squirt *Ciona intestinalis*). We also found that some larvae taken on board within bilge water can survive for up to 3 days (perhaps longer for some species) and remain viable following discharge through the bilge system.

#### Our message to boaties

Bilge water has received a lot of scientific attention than hull biofouling and ballast water risks, but we believe there is enough evidence to suggest that bilge water could pose a biosecurity risk if it is transported over long distances. Recreational vessel owners can do their bit to help reduce the spread of pests in their region. For now, our advice to boaties is to use common sense: for example, if your vessel has been sitting in the marina, discharge the bilge before you depart for a journey, and frequently discharge throughout the day so that any pests that end up in the bilge aren't transported with you. If you take on water in a port or marina environment where there are many pest species present, don't then discharge your bilge at a marine reserve.



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