

# THE MARINA MAILER

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## Marina News

*From the team*

A big thank you to all who have signed the new berth-holder licence details and updated their Electrical Warrant of Fitness details. This makes it much easier for us to keep the Marina operating in a safe and efficient manner.

Insurance is taking a bit longer to sort; about 30% of berth-holders still haven't provided a copy of their insurance. In the interest of all Marina occupants, berth-holders must have adequate public liability (third party) insurance. This is for loss or damage to property of others (including the berth-holder) and for claims arising from berth use.

Also pleasing is the response by boaties to biofouling. Out

of the 45 people that were notified they were in breach of conditions, all but ten have attended to this matter – or put in plans for cleaning their boats. A clean boat and antifouling is part of being a good biosecurity citizen as it ensures that boating remains enjoyable for everyone. A clean hull also extends your boat's life, and reduces both maintenance and running costs.

The Marina has recently upgraded the hardstand area with new gates and fencing. There have been heavy bookings for the hardstand throughout the past six weeks as boats are being readied for summer use. A booking is essential if you are wanting to work on your boat. The hardstand operates give days a week 0700 hrs to 1600 hrs. To make a booking phone the Marina Office on 03-546 7768.

## Marina User Survey

*Have your say*

Here is a link to a survey about the Nelson marina – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCCMarina>

Please complete this survey – it should only take ten minutes. Your responses will help Nelson City Council to manage services to berth-holders, and help identify priorities for future Marina development. Your answers are anonymous and will be analysed by an independent researcher.

As a thank-you, one randomly-selected respondent will receive a complimentary haul-out, water-blast and first day on the hardstand using Council's facilities.

The questionnaire should be completed by the owner or one of the owners of the boat.



## Plankton Planet

*Looking after our sea environment*

Sh'khinah has recently returned from a trip to Fiji with Nelson sea cadets and skipper Milo Coldren. The trip was part of a planktonaut training exercise, with assistance from Cawthron Institute research scientist Dr Xavier Pochon.

Oceanic plankton (small drifting plants and animals) play a major role in sustaining life on our planet. They generate half of the oxygen we breath, help regulate our climate, and provide an indicator of climate change. Plankton are also the basis of the entire ocean's food chain.

Plankton Planet is an international participative science programme that seeks greater understanding about plankton by equipping citizen sailors (the planktonauts) with a user-friendly sampling toolkit able to easily collect samples while navigating the high seas.

The samples are then dried and sent to expert laboratories for testing. In the lab, they are measured for plankton



biodiversity through mass sequencing of DNA barcodes. This technology has opened a new view into the world's oceans.

As trained planktonauts, Milo and his team of cadets collected plankton samples from the ocean throughout their journey across the South-West pacific.

Milo first learned about Plankton Planet last year and was instantly interested in getting involved. "At first the naval and scientific worlds might not seem like obvious partners, but both play a part in protecting and caring for our oceans. In fact, Sh'khinah was used in the 90's for testing water quality in the Pacific and our First Mate is trained in environmental management".

## Safety While Boating

Tasman District Council produce a handy booklet called **'Boating and water sports in Tasman District'**, which contains helpful maps for anchorages, Pick this up from TDC offices or download from: [tasman.govt.nz/recreation/boating-fishing/water-sports/](http://tasman.govt.nz/recreation/boating-fishing/water-sports/)

Another useful publication is **'Nelson by the sea'** put out by the Nelson City Council. As well as information about boating in the region, this contains the Marina Rules. Download it here: [nelson.govt.nz/assets/Our-council/Downloads/nelson-by-the-sea-2007.pdf](http://nelson.govt.nz/assets/Our-council/Downloads/nelson-by-the-sea-2007.pdf)

Those wanting an interactive mapping system should download the App called **'Cruise Guide for the Marlborough Sound's'**. This contains all marinas, anchorages, boat ramps, moorings, facilities, local knowledge on a smart map, together with satellite images and nautical charts. The App is free to download: [www.cruiseguide.co.nz/](http://www.cruiseguide.co.nz/)

## Nelson Marina Berth- Holders Association Inc

The Association was formed in 2011 to represent the interests of berth-holders at Nelson marina and around 40% of berth-holders are members.

Over the past six years the Association has successfully worked with Marina management and the Nelson City Council on issues that affect berth-holders e.g. berth rental increases, hardstand improvements, freedom camping, Marina strategy for the next 10-plus-years, berth holder license, parking and traffic congestion, security, safety, and submissions to Council annual and long-term plans. The Association is pushing for sustainable growth and improvements to Marina services and facilities.

If you're not already a member, the Association would like berth-holders to join. A one-off charge of \$5 is all you pay – there is no annual membership fee. For details on how to join please email: [nelsonmarinabha@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonmarinabha@gmail.com)

## Marina Noticeboard

- The Nelson City Council Annual Plan 2017-18 contains several items of interest to berth-holders.
  - Work is progressing on the **launch ramp and water sports facilities** and \$150,000 has been allocated by Council in 2017/18 for this, with an expectation of partner funding. In addition, renewal of the launch ramp will occur.
  - The number of motor boats using the **boat ramp** is significant. To improve access, a fixed and floating pontoon system will be built so that boats can immediately clear the ramp and allow the next one to be launched. This will provide pontoon space for tying up and boaties will be able to fetch their vehicle without blocking the ramp. Pontoons will be installed in stages during 2017/18.
  - During 2017/18 the **trailer boat storage yard** will be relocated and fencing, lighting and security cameras will be installed. This will improve access/parking layout around the proposed water sports facility and boat ramp.
- Fees for the Nelson marina are much lower than other facilities in New Zealand, even allowing for differences in service provision. This year Nelson City Council has announced that **berth-holder fees** will increase by 2%, the same as the CPI. This increase commences with the October invoice – and for most berth-holders will be around \$10 per quarter.
- **Marine pests** are harmful to the economy, environment, and people's health. If you have a bent towards philanthropy may wish to talk about research into this important area. Contact Cawthron Foundation by email [foundation@cawthron.co.nz](mailto:foundation@cawthron.co.nz) or phone 03-548 2319.

## Company Profile

Bluewater Solar and Marine Electrics Ltd offers 12/24/ DC/AC 230/415 repairs, installation, service, products for all on board systems.

Business owner, Jonathan (Jon) Pirie, has a merchant marine background and has sailed as electrical officer on container, LPG, and research vessels. His best sea voyage (and the scariest) was at latitudes 50, 60 and 70 degrees amongst the ice where no two days were the same and formations looked like they were from another planet!

Most days you'll see the Bluewater van parked near

the marina or down by his base at # 17 Harbourside Quadrant, 219 Akersten St, Port Nelson.

Jon says "with fast changing/improving technology, we need to be consistently keeping up to date. If I don't know something, I know someone who does within my marina service network. By mid-morning I'm always looking for a coffee so happy to chat about marine electrics over a brew and some bikkies. If you can't find me, check out [www.Bluewaterelectrics.co.nz](http://www.Bluewaterelectrics.co.nz) or phone 027 2705335"



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