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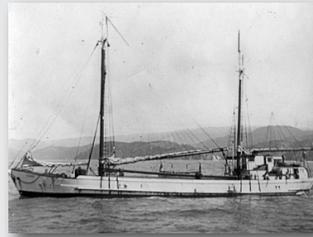
'K' Pontoon Upgrade Talisman Scow

'K' Pontoon is now fully operational. It features a new ramp with a non-skid surface, rubbish bins and provides better access for boats. As a final touch, the scow Talisman has been commemorated with her original name-plate mounted here.

'K' Pontoon is the site of the original dock for Nelson Marina and Talisman features prominently in its history. A 94 foot, 92.6 gross ton hold schooner-rigged scow, Talisman spent half of her 84 years in Nelson and Tasman.

Built in Whangaroa in 1897 by Messers Lane and Brown, she initially worked in the Auckland region. Talisman's registration was transferred to Nelson in 1939 when she was ketch-rigged with an auxiliary oil-engine and twin-screws and owned by Golden Bay Shipping Limited.

From 1951 she was owned by the Inter-Island Trading Co as part of a team of wooden scows that transported produce around Tasman Bay and over to Wellington. Cargo could include bulk freight such as live pigs and cartons of butter. By now diesel motors had been added and the mainsails would only go up to help boost speed.



The Nelson Harbour Board purchased Talisman in 1963 when her previous owners asked the Board to accept her as payment for costs incurred during her rescue after she broke loose one night. At that point Talisman was moved to a position close to what is now 'J' Pontoon and was used as a floating berth with dingy racks.

Talisman remained here until 1981 when she sank overnight after someone inadvertently switched off her bilge pumps. Talisman was then sold to an engineering firm who salvaged much of her kauri timber and disposed of the rest.

A steel barge was brought in to provide floating berth facilities and stayed in use until the Marina expanded and pontoons replaced most of the pile moorings.

Today we have Talisman's original nameplate to remind us of her fine service to the region.

Marina Fees 2015 Update

Fees for Nelson's marina are much lower than other facilities around the country, even allowing for differences in service provision. In its draft Long Term Plan, the Nelson City Council proposed to increase fees by 4% per year for the next ten years. However, community feedback led to the Council deciding that fees for 2015/16 should only be increased at the rate of inflation until a Marina Strategy is developed.

The Marina Strategy will address issues such as the appropriateness of the development levy, and other marina services, as well as fees. Consultation with berth-holders will be a key part of developing this document and will occur in 2015/16.



Marina Matters Annual berthholder licence

Since 1 July 2013, we have been working on a new Berthholder Licence. The Nelson City Council has talked in detail with the Nelson Marina Berth Holders' Association about the proposed content to make sure all parties are comfortable. It is important to protect the rights of both boaties and Council.

Although the new Berth-holder Licence is much the same as the old one, there are a couple of differences.

The new agreement will require licence holders to provide details of those who live on-board, rather than naming the licence holder solely. One reason for this is so that the Marina Office has information on the live-aboard population in case of emergency. The licence will also require berth-holders to provide evidence of their insurance to the Marina Office and, if they are connected to shore-power, to provide an Electrical Warrant of Fitness.

The new berth-holder licence should be with you shortly and all boaties are required to sign this as part of having a boat in the Marina.

Winter Maintenance

Is your boat carrying unwanted pests?

Marine pests are a big threat to our region's waters. They can harm wild and farmed shellfish, smother native species, and are a nuisance by fouling boat hulls, marinas and moorings. They also impact on activities like fishing, swimming, sailing and diving.

These pests love a dirty boat bottom and typically spread by 'hitchhiking' on boats and other marine equipment or in a ship's ballast water.

The single most important thing to prevent the spread of marine pests is to get your boat hull checked, cleaned and anti-fouled regularly.

A good general rule is an annual clean and re-application of antifouling. Many boaties find a good coat of paint lasts longer than this, and an occasional light water-blasting helps with maintenance. The aim is to have your vessel carrying no more than a light slime layer at any time.

Another reason to check your boat is that if fouling level exceeds 15%, you could be fined \$750 NZD. This year, Port Nelson has had divers in the Marina looking at growth on boats. Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012 (No. 218) states that 'No person shall anchor, berth or moor, or allow to remain anchored, berthed or moored, within the Harbour (including within any marina) any vessel which is subject to significant fouling with marine growth'.

A good cleaning and antifouling routine is part of being a good biosecurity citizen and ensuring that boating remains enjoyable for everyone. A clean hull will also extend the life of your boat, reduce vessel running costs (lowering fuel consumption) and reduce maintenance costs. For more information refer to: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/enter/ships/clean-boats-brochure.pdf>

The photos are taken in the Nelson Marina and show examples of what more than 15% fouling looks like from above the water.



Marina Noticeboard

- Marina staff are pleased with the positive response to boaties getting their Electrical Warrant of Fitness (**EWOF**) sorted. These are required so that you can connect safely to the Marina electrical supply. You must provide a copy of your EWOF to the Marina Office if you connect to shore power (please post or email a copy, email or call us for a list of local EWOF certifiers).
- The Marina has a **new address** for mail: Nelson Marina, PO Box 5124, Port Nelson, NELSON 7043
- The Marina has a **vacancy for one live-aboard** berth. Although the live-aboard list is normally closed to new applicants due to over-demand, there is one vacancy for an 8m berth. The charge is \$150 plus GST per month, plus an annual mooring fee. This is cheaper than paying visitor rates, so if you know of someone who wants a berth please contact the Marina Office.
- Two new **oil recycling points** are to be installed for boaties to dispose of oil-based waste, which may include dirty bilge water and contaminated oil. We have contracted EnviroWaste to take this material and recycle what they can. Large tanks for oil-based waste will be located on Akerston Street by the boat trailer ramp and behind the Marina office. We urge you to use this free service and help protect our environment.
- Shortly we will be inviting berth holders to take part in an online **survey** to gauge opinions of your Marina experience. The information we receive will be used to guide future decision-making, investment priorities and marina management. Where we do not hold a berth-holder's email address, survey forms will be posted. **If you have email** and would prefer to receive communications this way – please let us know via: marina@nelmac.co.nz.

Marina Hardstand

Providing an adequate area for a hardstand is important to the successful functioning of the Marina.

An outcome of the recent Nelson City Council Long Term Plan process is that Council officers are investigating options for using vacant land around Akersten Street. Council has allocated money in 2016/17 to allow the hardstand project to proceed, if a prospect arises.

Meanwhile, it is business as usual for people wanting to work on their boats. Nelson Hardstand Ltd is the private company who maintains the haul-out facility and the Travelift. If you want to make a booking, ring Pete on 021 546 914.

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