

Whitianga Marina Society

**Newsletter update
for Whitianga
Marina members**

Insurance

Most of you are aware we have grizzled about insurance cover for the past five to six years. This year our committee commenced a process to review all marina insurances. Three different firms were approached for quotes, and as a result Whitianga Marina has changed insurers to Citadel. This is at a considerable saving over previous years. However, conversations are ongoing with further savings envisioned going forward. This is in part due to us not insuring things like the carpark, and rock walls, which we will self cover with our adverse event fund. This has been discussed at previous AGMs.

Our contact at Citadel is Tom Blampied. He, Calum (Chair) and Dave (Manager) are in the process of making packages available for private craft. If you wish to proceed with enquires initially please contact Tom tom.blampied@citadel.co.nz 021 079 7552.

Personal Safety

Recently we had a member requiring medical attention whilst boating. On return to the marina, the paramedic staff attended to him, but the member due to a common kiwi male trait of pride, declined the use of a stretcher or wheelchair. In reviewing this incident there have been several recommendations observed. Please follow the instructions of staff and medical personnel. If anyone falls into the water, it can jeopardise the safety of everyone. If you are returning to the Marina with unwell passengers, it is best to use the fuel berth as access is faster for the ambulance than returning to your berth.

*If using the hose
reels please roll up
with no kinks, or
they wont work in
an emergency.*



Northern End Parking

Parking on the northern end of the marina has become more and more congested partially due to an additional charter boat on Z pier along with the upgrade of the Hotel/Salt Bar, often meaning Marina members can't get a park. Accordingly, we will be erecting signage advising this area is for members parking only. The area will be monitored and cars WILL be towed if they not Marina members.

Electrical Matters

Have you been receiving notifications regarding vessel compliance from our office. You can stop receiving these by providing evidence of current electrical warrant of fitness (EWOFF), lead tags, or notifying us you do not use power. Evidence can be by compliance certificate or just take photo of your EWOFF/ lead sticker and email through. It is a requirement that any vessel plugging in must have a current EWOFF.



Alternatively, you may plug a lead in provided you remain on board. NB: Leads must be tested annually.

Also a reminder that vessel owners need to be certain when plugging in leads that their electrical fittings are properly connected to prevent arcing. Often plugs are found not quite connected which creates a huge fire risk.



Electrical Upgrade

Approximately six months ago Worksafe examined several northern marinas and found considerable issues. All marinas were requested to provide an electrical certificate of compliance. During this process at Whitianga Marina, it was established that the wiring is failing (being in excess of thirty years old). Over the next six months Z and E piers will be rewired. This will be headed by local contractors and will require co-operation with berth owners as power will be temporarily disconnected for up to a month.

Upgrades

Southern Walkway Entrance Ramp

This is being upgraded so it will no longer wobble. This work should commence mid-July. Detours are expected to be in place for approximately three weeks.

Barrier Arm

Potentially more parking is on the way. Cables and concrete pads have been laid for a barrier arm to be placed on the northern grassed area by the ablution block. After Labour weekend, members with a swipe card will be able to park on the grassed area. We will trial this over Summer before deciding if a permanent carpark should be built for our members.