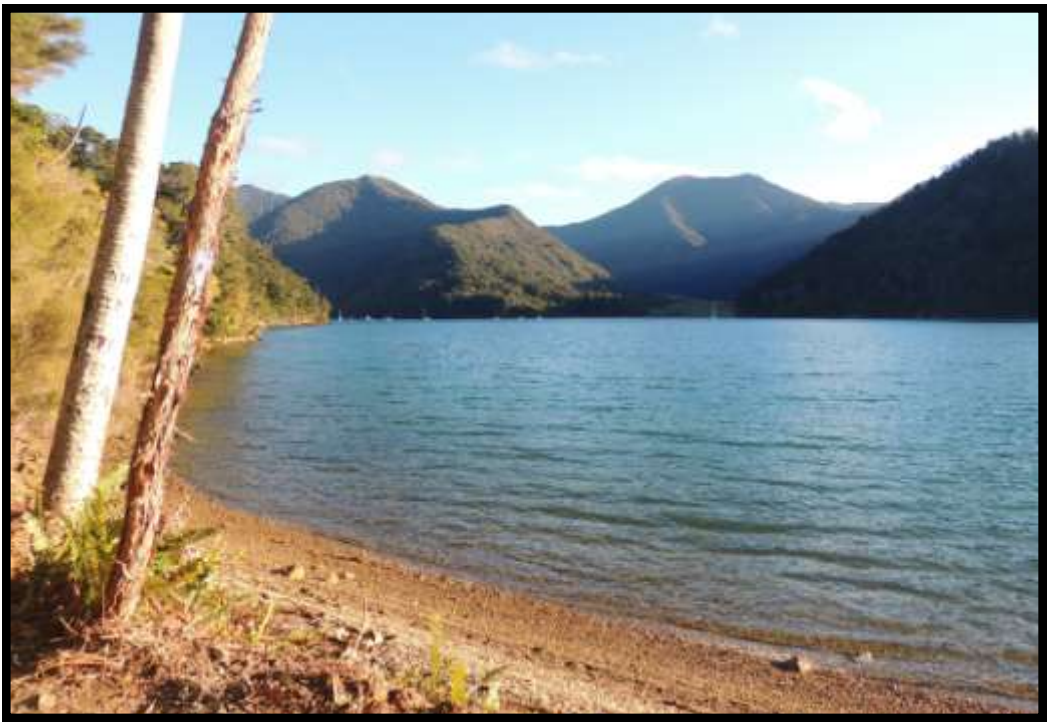

A memorial seat for Vivian Davies has now been repositioned to Pipi Beach.
A very pleasant walk and an amazing view.

T.I.B.C.Inc Newsletter

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CAPTAINS LOG

Greetings from the bridge.

The days are getting longer, cobwebs are being brushed off the gear in the shed and the scallop season is open. To quote Ratty from 'Wind in the Willows' - "If you believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing, half so worth doing as - simply messing around in boats!"

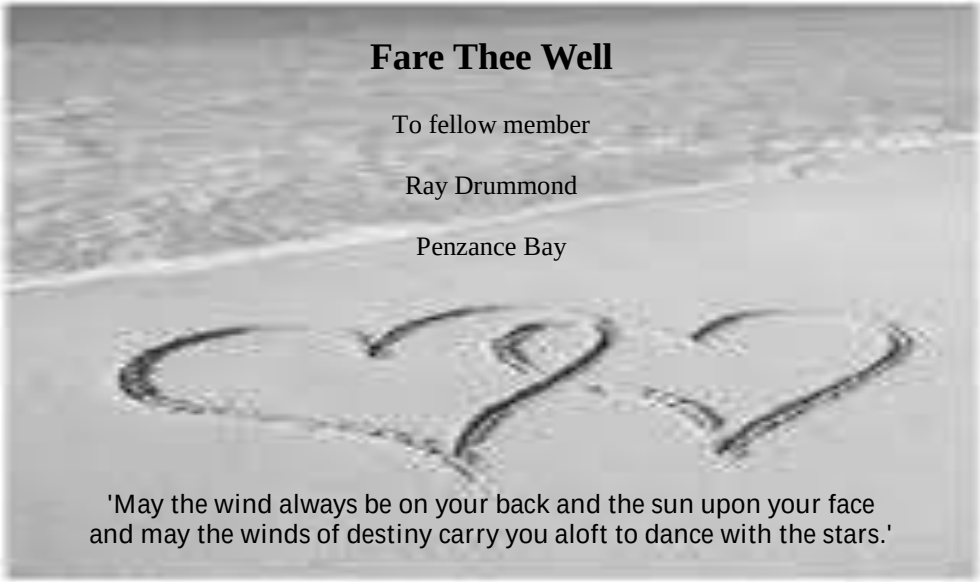
Like Ratty the committee had a quiet winter and resumed with a long meeting in early August. A number of issues were discussed, especially the number of Resource Consent applications re large Marine Farm extensions that we are now receiving from the MDC. We have been in discussions with the Pelorus Boat Club re having a unified approach to dealing with these. There is a lot of effort and at times money involved in drafting and supporting submissions and by joining forces with the other Marlborough Sounds Boat Clubs we will have a much larger and effective voice. In line with this we have also supported the nomination of Mike Connolly, the Commodore of the Pelorus Boat Club, for the vacant seat on the Blue Cod Management Group.

The MDC has also recently sent out a discussion paper re their proposal to implement Coastal Occupation Charges. These proposed charges would be levied on a wide range of structures including moorings, jetties, boatsheds, slipways, marine farms, pipelines etc that occupy areas of coastal space in the sounds. Public submissions on this paper closed on 22nd August. We have supported the PBC submission plus along with a number of individual submissions. Further submissions can be made once the reviewed Regional Policy Statement is made available. If you would like to be notified when it is, please email the MDC on ***rps@marlborough.govt.nz.***

Following the successful incorporation of the Matai Bay Hut group into the Boat Club we have been approached by the Tennyson Islands Project group re the possibility of bringing them under the Boat Club banner as well. This is still at the discussion stage and would need to be ratified at a General Meeting. We will keep you posted on progress.

Sadly we recently lost another member with the passing of Ray Drummond. Our sympathies go to Ray's family.

Safe boating,
Roger Smith,
Commodore.



Fare Thee Well

To fellow member

Ray Drummond

Penzance Bay

'May the wind always be on your back and the sun upon your face
and may the winds of destiny carry you aloft to dance with the stars.'

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A day out scalloping

John Hebberd.

15th August 2015
Having friends out on the boat for a couple of days we decided to have a scallop dredge at Ketu Bay.
One 15 minute tow brought up a dredge so full it took four of us to haul it aboard.
With great excitement we began sorting, over 60% of the catch was returned to the sea, and this consisted of at least 50% empty shells with the balance of small scallops. Not surprisingly meat was small and most of the rows were still not well developed.
Still delicious but no doubt will be better in a couple of months when they fatten.

Our intrepid visitors caught a Spiny dogfish, asked for it to be cooked for lunch and to our surprise we all found it very eatable.
I have since read they are best filleted immediately then frozen before eating to improve the texture but we found it fine. Something else to target when the Blue Cod season closes on the 31st August.

Spiny Dogfish- Squalus acanthias

A small shark with sharp spines at the front of the dorsal fin; they can inflict a nasty wound.
The Spiny dogfish are very plentiful in the Sounds and have become more prevalent as more desirable species have been reduced. As with the Sea Perch (Jock Stuart) until we all discovered they too were good eating.
The flesh of shovel nose Spiny Dog a deep water fish are sold in shops as Snow fillets.

You have to be careful of the spines, though not poisonous they can inflict a nasty jab, especially when fishing barefoot in the boat. Spiny dogfish like all sharks have a tendency to spin when hooked. If you get several on your gear they can quickly make a mess of your terminal rig tying it in knots!

From the Editor.
Thanks John.
Contributions are always welcome.

THE TAXMAN

At the end of the tax year, the Tax Office sent a inspector to audit the books of a local hospital. While the taxman was checking the books, he turned to the executive of the hospital and said.
"*I notice you buy a lot of bandages, I imagine there's a lot of wastage there. What do you do with the end of the roll when there's too little to be of any use?"*
"Good question," noted the executive. "We save them up and send them back to the bandage company and every once in a while, they send us a free roll."
"*Oh," replied the taxman, somewhat disappointed that his unusual question had a practical answer. However, he was now well mounted on his favourite hobby horse and ready to be critical.*
"*What about all these plaster purchases? What do you do with what's left over after setting a cast on a patient?"*
"Ah, yes," replied the executive, who actually hadn't a clue, but rising to the challenge he said, "We save that too, and send it back to the manufacturer and every so often they send us a free bag of plaster."
"*My, my, an answer for everything!" responded the auditor, who also fancied himself a bit of a wit. "What do you do with all the remains from the circumcision surgeries?"*
"Here, too, we do not waste," answered the executive. "What we do is save all the little fore-skins and send them to the tax office, and about once a year they send us a complete prick."

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Do we need to be a "Golfer"

The answer to this question is NO. For a great day out - Come along to enjoy the fun, bring a sense of humour and excitement with you.

Where do we stay?

Probably the biggest obstacle to re-establishing this event is the fact that St. Omer House is not currently an option in terms of a meal and accommodation.
However there are other options such as the Portage, Raetihi, and Te Mahia.

How do we get there?

In respect of getting there, we are confident arrangements could be made for a charter of some type from the Tennyson Inlet area.

Are you interested?

So, what we would like to establish at this point is the possible level of interest in participating in such an event, or even just coming along for the adventure!

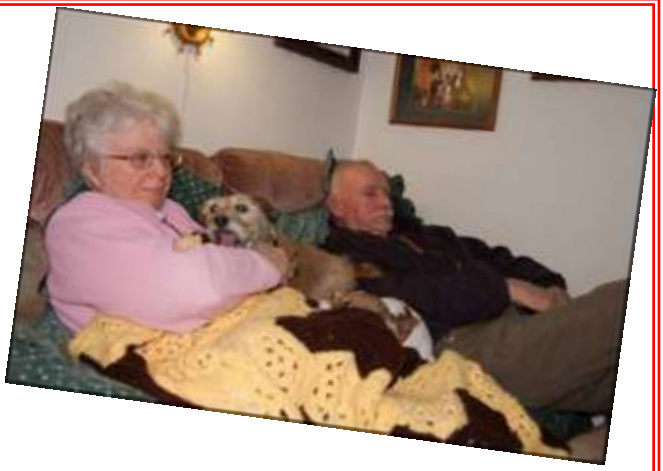
When will this be held?

If interested, an indication of the time of the year that would best suit would also be helpful.

Who can we contact?

Please email any responses to
Leanne Schmidt at solarplus2@paradise.net.nz

Fishing or Retirement



An elderly married couple was at home watching TV.
The husband had the remote and was switching back and forth between a fishing channel and the porn channel.

The wife became more and more annoyed and finally said:
"For god's sake! Leave it on the porn channel..
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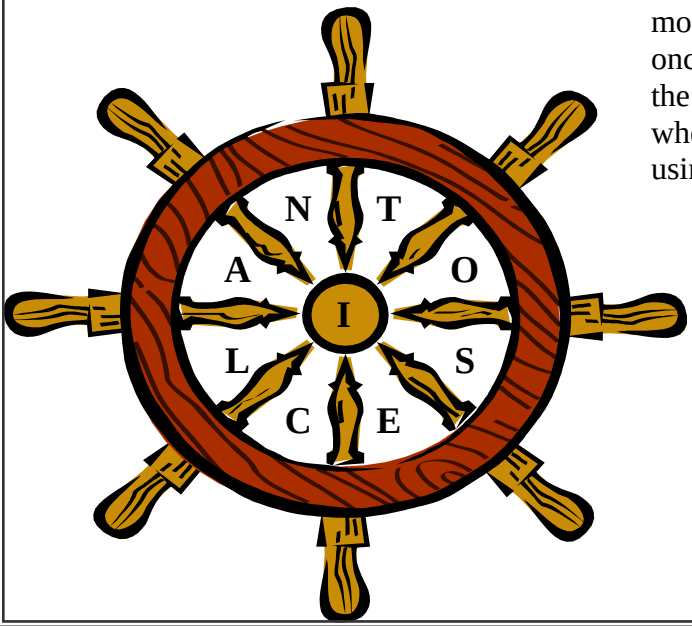

Your target is to create as many words of 4 Letters or more using the given letters once only but always include the letter in the centre of the wheel. Find a 9 letter word using all letters.

GOOD 24
VERY GOOD 28
EXCELLENT 32

ANSWERS. Page 24

Spicy Thai Fishcakes

Ingredients

- 500g/1lb 2oz fish fillets (whiting, pollock, coley, etc)
- ½ red pepper, chopped
- 2 red chillies, chopped
- 2 tbsp coriander
- 3 spring onions, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 stalk lemongrass, tender part only, chopped
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 125ml/4fl oz coconut milk
- 1 whole egg
- 125g/4½oz green beans
- vegetable oil

Thai Fish Cakes
Great delights for a cooler day

1. Cut the fish into small pieces. Place the pepper, chillies, coriander, spring onions, garlic, lemongrass and fish sauce into a food processor and blend to a paste.
2. Add the fish pieces to the paste and blend well. Mix to a smooth paste adding coconut milk and egg.
3. Place the mixture in a bowl. Slice the beans finely into 3mm (1/8in) and stir into fish paste. Chill in refrigerator overnight or for at least two hours.
4. Half-fill a heavy-based frying pan with oil and heat over a medium to high heat. Shape the chilled paste into small patties with the help of a spoon. Carefully lower the fish patties into the hot oil, in batches (the oil should reach halfway up the sides of the patties). Fry until crisp and brown, turning once during cooking.

To serve for nibbles.

Chilli-spiced Almonds with Cumin.

Makes 500 grams
11/2 tsp flaky sea salt
11/2 tsp ground cumin seeds
1 tsp hot chilli flakes or 2-3 small dried chillies
1 small fresh chilli
10g (1 tbsp) sugar
45m (3 tbsp) peanut oil
360g (21/2 cups) blanched almonds
125g (1/2 cup & 21/2 tbsp) sugar

Method: Lightly grease a low sided baking tray with baking spray or oil. Place salt, cumin seeds, chilli flakes, fresh chilli and first measure of sugar into a bowl and mix together. Place oil in a heavy based frying pan over a medium heat till hot. Add almonds and sprinkle second measure of sugar over almonds. Cook almonds for 8-12 minutes, stirring from time to time, till they become golden and sugar has caramelised.

Remove almonds from pan and add to bowl with spices. Stir together quickly to ensure spices are spread evenly over almonds.

Pour almonds onto prepared tray and before they are completely cool break into pieces.

Cabin Kids Corner

Spot the Difference.
There are 17 differences in these 2 pictures.
How many can you find? Answers on page 22.

Cabin Kids Corner

Ahoy m" Hearties
Did you know these facts about turtles

- Turtle's are reptiles.
- Turtle's have a hard shell that protects them like a shield, this upper shell is called a 'Carapace'.
- Turtle's also have a lower shell called a 'Plastron'.
- Turtle's can hide their heads inside their shells when attacked by a predator.
- Sea Turtle's can NOT retract their head and legs into their shell.
- Turtle's have existed for around 215 million years.
- Like other reptiles, Turtles are cold blooded.
- The largest turtle is the Leatherback Sea Turtle. It can weigh over 900kg (2000 lb)
- Turtle's lay eggs. A sea turtle can lay between 70-190 eggs
- Female turtles lay eggs every 2-3 years.
- In some species of turtles the temperature determines if the egg will develop into a male or female. Lower temperatures' lead to a male while the higher temperatures lead to a female.
- Some turtles lay their eggs in the sand and leave them to hatch on their own.
- Baby turtles are called 'hatchlings'
- The young turtles make their way to the top of the sand and scramble to the water while trying to avoid predators.
- Sea turtles have special glands which help remove the salt from the water they drink.
- Turtle's are notoriously slow movers.
- Many turtle species are endangered.
- Green sea turtles can stay under water for as long as five hours even though the length of a feeding dive is usually five minutes or less. Their heart rate slows to conserve oxygen: nine minutes may elapse between heart beats.

A GREEN SEA TURTLE

Funding our Wharves' and Ramps

A summary of general questions and answers.

Q. Who owns the wharves and ramps?
A. The Tennyson Inlet Boat Club, which is you as members.
Q. Which ramps/ wharves does this involve?
A. Ramps & wharves at both Duncan & Penzance Bays.
Q. What are the requirements for these facilities?
A. 1st. Coastal Permits,
2nd.Regular inspections and maintenance programme which also includes a health & safety plan and liability insurance.
Q. When are these requirements due?
A. 1st. Coastal Permits are due for renewal in June 2016.
2nd. Insurance annually, inspections are 6 monthly and maintenance is as required.
An annual health & safety policy review is reported at the AGM,
Q. How do we fund the repairs?
A. A percentage of all Membership fees is held in a wharf repair account. We recently spent approx $20,000.00 on replacing some piles and deck timbers on both wharves
Q. How do we raise our funds?
A. We have no fundraising program in place. “Happy Feet” donation boxes were recently built and installed at both ramps for non members.
Q. How can we support our club?
A. With the Coastal Permit Resource Consents up for renewal in 2016, the members can expect significant costs in order to retain the wharves & ramps. The club committee welcomes ideas & volunteers to assist with fundraising & sponsorship.
Q. What about the swimming platforms?
A. TIBC owns the swimming platforms in both Bays? These are both currently out of the water for inspection and repair. Estimated cost for Penzance platform is approx $1200.00. Duncan Bay platform is yet to be assessed.
Q. Who owns the car and trailer parking areas?
A. In Duncan Bay the area is owned by DOC. This area is maintained by members, with the assistance of the DBRA Inc. Penzance Bay is owned by DOC and the MDC.
(Who maintains this area?)

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My Working Life At Sea
By
Graham Spall

For the past 8 or so years I have been working in the offshore industry in Australia as a Marine Engineer. Usually I sail as Chief Engineer on a variety of vessel types with different roles in the industry supporting oil and gas production at sea.

AHTS. (Anchor Handling, Tow and Supply). These are multi role vessels generally between 50 and 120 meters with a crew of around 14.
When anchor handling we are usually working with a construction barge laying pipe and held in position with about 12 anchors that have to be continually moved as the pipe is laid. The anchors weigh about 12 ton and have a buoy and wire (called pennant -wire) attached to the anchor. We connect our work-wire to the pennant and lift the anchor clear of the bottom. The anchor is either winched clear of the sea floor or landed on deck for checking of connections and any damage. The barge then winches the anchor cable back in and the gives us a new target point to set the anchor.

The survey team, on the barge, works with DGPS (Differential Global Positioning System) and provides a computer on the tug our position and where they want the anchor located. Once the anchor is on the bottom and holding we disconnect and move to the next anchor. If working with a drilling rig there is a collar on the anchor chain that we connect to and tow down the anchor chain while it is under tension. Once at the anchor they release the tension and we tow the anchor free and lift it clear of the bottom while the chain is winched in.

Towing normally involves towing barges from Singapore or Indonesia to location in Australia. The winches have 2 drums, one with the work wire which does get a fairly hard life and one with the tow wire usually about 1200 meters long.
When being used for supply it is deck cargo, fuel, water, liquid mud or brine (for the drilling process) and dry bulk cement and barite (compound to make very technical mud). The dry bulk products are pumped to the rig using compressed air and the liquid cargoes using the ships pumps at around 80,000 liters per hour.

When operating alongside a rig, most vessels use DP (Dynamic Positioning). Inputs for the position reference come from DGPS, a radar that locks onto a target on the rig, a sonar transponder on the sea floor, a weight on the bottom with a taught wire (the angle of the wire gives a position reference) Not all these are used at once but always at least 2. Also there are sensors on the vessel for heave and roll changes in antenna position due to sea conditions are taken into account.

My Working Life At Sea cont

Construction vessels generally used on sub-sea construction and maintenance.
The sub-sea cranes on these vessels are fitted with heave compensation so a load can be suspended in place regardless of the rise and fall of the vessel due to waves and swell. There may also be saturation divers on board along with their support team and equipment for saturation diving. Also usually there are ROV's along with their operator's and maintenance team. These vessels usually have large accommodation blocks and if involved in above sea level construction (new production platform etc.) there may be 400 to 500 people onboard.

Crews can consist of as few as 11 or up to 500 people on board. Normal working days are 12 hours, with strict requirements on hours of rest. A roster away is usually 28 to 35 days, generally always at sea. Between rosters I enjoy spending time on our yacht "Christobel" sailing the sounds.

Note from the Editor

Graham, thanks' for sharing your experiences with us all.

Year Planner 2014

Month	Day	Event
January 2014	Saturday 25th	Matai Bay Celebration Day
February	Friday 14th	Committee Meeting
February/March		Newsletter
April	Saturday 18th	Fishing Competition, Weigh in at 4.00p.m Duncan Bay
May		Wharves and Facilities' Inspection
May/June		Newsletter
August	Friday 8th	Committee Meeting
August		Newsletter
October	Friday 10th	Committee Meeting
November		Wharves & facilities inspection
November		DOC Health & Safety Briefing (Matai Bay)
November		Newsletter
November	Saturday 22nd	Committee Meeting & BBQ Social
December	Saturday 27th	AGM 4.00 pm Penzance Bay
January 2015	Friday 2nd	Picnic Day

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Blue Cod Management Report
From Beryl Archer

The Blue Cod Management Group.
Three founding members of the group have left, citing frustration at the group's lack of influence.
Spokesman Eric Jorgensen said the group had met several times since then, and "once the frustrations of the remaining members regarding how the process had previously evolved had been aired", the focus of those meetings moved to what should happen in the future.
The original terms of reference for the blue cod management group defined the scope of work as being the recreational blue cod fishery within the Marlborough Sounds region, Jorgensen said, but it had been agreed that next year's review should address the wider fishery and not be limited only to the recreational aspect.
It was also agreed that the review would be of the total management options for the fishery, including input from science, compliance, policy and stakeholders.
That widened scope made it necessary to expand membership of the group to include all fishing sectors as well as the Ministry for Primary Industries as it had overall responsibility for management of the fishery.
There would be three new members of the group, one each from the commercial and customary sectors, and a replacement recreational fishing representative.
"This is a significant departure from the previous structure of the group and a change that, it is believed, will encourage greater contribution and buy-in from stake holders during the review process and development of the regulatory changes. This is particularly so given the management group now includes the ministry as a member who will be contributing throughout the process."
The group wanted a package of measures developed to be implemented by October next year.
Because all fishing sectors and the ministry would be involved, it was envisaged that whatever management plan was developed, it would go to the minister with everyone's support, Jorgensen said. This did not occur with the previous plan where much of the advice given by the group was perceived as being ignored in the final recommendations.
Letters to the commercial sector and to iwi groups had been sent out, and recreational groups would also be approached for nominations.
Jorgensen said the management group was tasked with developing management measures for blue cod in the Marlborough Sounds and it was imperative the community and users of the resource work together and not become fractured through political lobbying and unclear promises.

Beryl Archer was one of the members who resigned after six years and nominated Jeremy Cooper as a representative for the club.

Note from the Editor:
Thanks to Beryl for her contributions to both the Blue Cod Management Group and as Editor of this report for 6 years for TIBC Inc members.

Vacancy, Vacancy, Vacancy

After 6 plus years, it is my intention to resign from the position of

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3. different fish near bottom left,
4. starfish added,
5. 3 fish that are the same are missing,
6. less speckles on ocean floor,
7. crab replaced by conch,
8. bubbles missing,
9. pillar missing,
10. Sea grass clump missing,
11. purple stalk missing,
12. new clump of coral on bottom right,
13. green sea plant on right turned blue,
14. tiny fish schools missing fish,
15. big jellyfish added,
16. small jellyfish moved up.
17. orange and blue fish swimming other direction,

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If you have remote keyless entry and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone for your cell phone, hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door, then have the person at home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Distance is no object.

Is your mobile battery flat?
All mobiles have hidden battery power. To activate press the keys *3370# don't forget the asterisk(*) and do this when the phone is almosr dead. Your mobile will restart in a special way with this new reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery life. The reserve will get recharged when you charge your mobile next time. This secret is in the fine print in most phone manuals but most people however skip this information without realising.

How to disable a stolen mobile phone:
To check your mobile phones serial number, key in the following digits on your phone *#06# Again, don't forget the asterisk (*) A 15 digit code will appear, this number is unique to your phone so write it down and keep it safe. If your phone gets stolen, ring your provider and give them this code. They will be able to block your phone so even if they insert a new SIM card your phone will be totally useless.

ATM pin reversal
If you should ever be forced to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify police by entering your pin in reverse. IE. Your pin number is 1234—then enter 4321. The ATM system recognises that your pin number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the Machine. The machine will still give you money as requested, but unknown to the other person, the police will be immediately despatched to the location. All ATMs carry this emergency sequencer by law.

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BLUE COD
CLOSED AND RESTRICTED AREAS

In each Fishery Management Area there are closed areas where no fishing is allowed. These areas may be closed by the Ministry for Primary Industries as prohibited areas or by the Department of Conservation as marine reserves.
Contact the Department of Conservation for details of marine reserves.
In each Fishery Management Area there are also areas where particular fishing methods are restricted.
The notes in this guide identify the areas within the Challenger Fishery Management Area, but these are only a guide. If you are not sure about the location of closed fishing areas, contact your nearest Ministry for Primary Industries or Department of Conservation Office.

Recreational Fishing For Blue Cod In The Marlborough Sounds

If you are a recreational fisher in the Marlborough Sounds, you need to read this.
In Area 1 – Marlborough Sounds Area:

>> Open every year – 20 December until 31 August inclusive.

>> Closed every year – 1 September until 19 December inclusive.

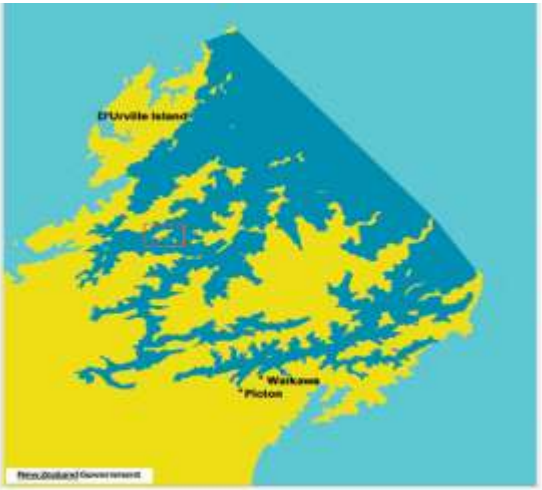
>> You can only take or possess 2 blue cod per fisher at any one time.
This applies even if you caught the fish from outside the area and you are transporting the fish through the area.

>> You can only have blue cod 30 – 35cm.

>> You must not fillet blue cod, unless you eat them immediately. Any blue cod eaten form part of your daily limit.

>> You must not use more than 2 hooks per fishing line, when fishing for any finfish species (excluding long lines).

>> Fishers staying in baches and aboard vessels are not exempt from these regulations and may only land or transport by sea, 2 whole or gutted blue cod on any one day.



NEWS FROM THE HELM.

- 10 committee members present.

- Nopra Golf Day will be organised depending on interest shown, to be re advertised.

- Treasurers' Report:
  Presented by Jane with a query on the details of the amount on the sundry account. Jane advised it was pleasing to have a prompt reply from Blenheim Accounting for Review of Financial Affairs. Jane also advised of her intentions not to stand as Treasurer at the end of this Financial year.

- Correspondence:
  A large amount of correspondence both inward and out ward was recorded and accepted

- Health & Safety Report:
  Swimming platform in Penzance Bay has been lifted for repairs. Duncan Bay still to be lifted, checked & repaired.

- Matai Bay hut Report was tabled.
  Caro spoke on a presentation to Marlborough Trust Power Community Awards for the Matai Bay hut.

- General Business: A Funding Expo was attended by 2 committee members.

- Submissions: Club will investigate joining with Pelorus Boat Club on some issues, to give a stronger voice.

NEWS FROM THE HELM cont.

- Charity Status:
  Decision made to apply for Charity status.

- MDC Coastal Occupation Charges:
  Submissions close 22nd August. Draft submission to be drawn and emailed to members.

- Moorings:
  Commodore presently in communication with MDC for bulk applications for mooring renewals in Duncan Bay.

- Blue Cod Report:
  Presented by Beryl Archer. (Report on page ?????)

- Tennyson Islands Project:
  Beryl gave a brief overview to committee on a new project for the Islands being investigated at present. Jeremy presented proposal to the committee of combining resources and how this may work.

- Meeting closed at 10.30p.m

- Next Meeting 10th October 2014

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Rats on your boat?

Mariners around the globe know that the only way to absolutely avoid having pests on board is to avoid owning a boat. They also know, that because boats offer food, water, and shelter, pests will come aboard even the cleanest, most well-maintained vessels. There's nothing to do but prepare to deal with it when it happens.

Aside from man, the rat is by far the most destructive creature on earth. Each year they consume one-fifth of the world's agricultural products.

They are truly omnivores, devouring almost anything they can get their little noses into up to 40% of their body weight every day. And what they don't eat they chew: wood, PVC, plastic, paper and electric cable are but a few of the things rats like to use for bubble gum.

- Rats can swim a half-mile against the current in open water (is your boat on a mooring?)
- They can jump four-feet horizontally and two-feet vertically.
- They can get through a hole as small as a quarter
- Rats are very significant this year. Have you checked your boat and bach?
- Remember a lot of damage can be done while your boat is in storage.
- Take precautions today.