

Presidents Report

Our Coastguard Rescue vessel 'Celia Knowles Rescue' and crew were fairly busy over the Christmas break and into the boating summer season. We have been fortunate that there have not been any fatality incidents to date however there have been a few capsized vessels, boats needing assistance and even a rescue of a tourist amphibious duck truck which had run aground.

Our radio operations continue to provide a valuable service to our Hawke's Bay boating community and with the introduction of the networked radio communications via Whakatane Radio hub handling our out of hour's radio traffic, this has been an extremely valuable service to our area. Thanks to everyone including operators for this – it really is appreciated and certainly adds value to the Coastguard community service.

This summer also has seen the start of our public safety awareness programme; where with funding assistance from our Regional Council, Napier City Council and Hastings District Council we have visiting beach communities, marine groups and various fishing competitions up and down our coastline from Mahia to Porangahau giving small safety talks, doing boat safety checks, discussing bylaws and handing out boating and navigation safety information.

Our Air Patrol Unit is well underway with the project to purchase a dedicated aircraft for search & rescue, an aircraft type has been decided on and a specialist aircraft agent has been hired to provide advice, source and purchase an appropriate aircraft for our use. We have also been in discussion with other agencies for the lease out of the aircraft to share operating costs. The project is well advanced and we are aiming for a purchase this year.

Our Marine Operations and Education complex on Meeanee Quay continues to provide teaching facilities for marine education programmes and marine safety courses for our local community.

I want to end by acknowledging the dedication and hard work of our vessel crews, radio operators, air crews, volunteers, members, management committee and sponsors – thank you



Dick Hilton
President Coastguard Hawke's Bay

Coastguard Hawke's Bay in partnership with Hawke's Bay Regional Council

This summer has seen a new initiative launched in the Hawke's Bay boating community. It's the result of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's partnership with Coastguard Hawke's Bay, to raise public awareness about responsible boating practices and local Bylaws.

Coastguard members Roger Bottomley and Janene Hole of Napier have developed the 'Marine Safety and By-Law Awareness Programme' which has been running since December last year.

The programme is taking potentially lifesaving safety messages and resources out to the public. Roger and Janene have been giving presentations and supplying information packs at fishing competition briefings, prize giving's, boat ramps and marine recreation Club meetings from Mahia to Porangahau. We're getting the message, to the members of the community where it will have the greatest impact, often where there's been an information gap in the past.

The information packs contain the Regional Councils Navigation and Safety Bylaws for recreational boats, safe boating booklets, Coastguard Boating Education course information, a membership application form and a quiz. These resources enable keen boaties to gain further knowledge by educating themselves or by taking one of CG boating education's courses.

So far the response to the programme has been extremely positive. Boaties have been asking questions and sharing opinions which will shape the programme as it evolves. Event organisers have appreciated Coastguards involvement in promoting safety in their event.

We look forward to developing the 'Marine Safety and By-Law Awareness Programme' and hope that by sharing it with our community next season the ultimate outcome is in the prevention of loss of life at sea, while a fun and safe summer is to be enjoyed by all.

Please contact Roger or Janene if you believe this programme could be of benefit to your event or organisation.

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From The Shed...

Coastguard Hawke's Bay Statistics

Membership

2006/07	401
2007/08	496
2008/09	528
2009/10	599
2010/11	625

Volunteer Hours spent on Coastguard operation – 1st July 2010 – 31st March 2011

Fund Raising	305
Rescue Vessel SAR	391
Preventative Actions	20
Training	1915
Administration	1766
Repairs & Maintenance	300
Public Education	536
HBCAP	434
Radio Call Hours	953
Total Volunteer Hours	6620
Radio Calls Logged	2440
Callout	17

1 paid office administrator
– 16 hours per week

Office Hours

Monday	0900 – 1200
Tuesday	0900 – 1300
Wednesday	0900 – 1300
Thursday	0900 – 1200

Have you seen our website



- Details of latest incidents
- Latest weather and tide information
- Local Radio channels and information
- Boating safety checklist
- Become a member of Coastguard
- Info about Boating Education available
- Facilities hire
- Photos and videos

www.hawkesbaycoastguard.co.nz

Hawke's Bay Coastguard Radio Watch - Channel 82

Channel 82 is the dedicated Coastguard channel for trip reports, assistance calls and search and rescue operations.

Feel free to call up and leave a trip report between the hours of 0800 and 1830 hours on weekends, public holidays and over the Christmas period. Weather forecasts and current conditions are broadcast every 2 hours from 0800 - 1800 inclusive when the service is in operation. Our radio scheds operate at 0805, 1205 and 1605.

All vessels are strongly encouraged to lodge a trip report when heading out for a day's fishing or sailing. All you need to do is tell Coastguard your boat name, number of people on board, the area you are heading to and expected time back then up date us of any position changes you make during the day. This will give us invaluable information if you get into strife but also give you peace of mind that someone is aware of where you are and waiting to hear that you are safely back.



Nowcasting - Continuous weather information - VHF Channel 21

You can now access 24 hour a day information about weather conditions in and around Hawke's Bay.



VHF Channel 16 - The Universal Distress Frequency

Location	Call Sign	VHF Channel/Frequency	Hours
Napier	ZMH213	CH82	0800-1830 Weekends and public holidays. 0630-1830 Mon to Fri
Gisborne	-	CH60, 83	0800-1700 Weekends Sept-May 0915, 1215, 1415, 1615 (365 Days)
East Cape	-	CH61	24 Hours
Opotiki	-	CH68, 71	As Required
Waihau Bay	-	CH63	0915, 1215, 1515, 1815 (365 days)
Whakatane	ZMH83	CH80, 71, 83	
(Waihau Bay)	0800-1800		
Tauranga	ZMH35	CH83, CH62 SSB 4417Khz	24 Hours 0700-1800
Waihi Beach	-	CH85, 68, 71	0700-2100
Whangamata	ZMH54	CH84, SSB 4417Khz (Request only)	0800-2000
Tairua/Pauanui	-	CH86	ex Whitianga
Whitianga	ZMH48	CH86, 61, 78 Weather 21, 23	0700-2100
Rotorua Lakes	Rescue 1	CH86	As Required
Taupo	ZMQ4343	CH61, 83	0900-2030 (weekends)
Turangi	-	CH61, 83	0915, 1615, 1815 0900-2030 (Pub Hols)



HELP US TO HELP YOU

TELL someone where you're going
and what time due back

CALL VHF channel 82 with you trip
report every time you go to sea

CHECK weather forecasts before
leaving and monitor Nowcasting
Weather on VHF channel 21

Radio Operations

As you probably know, Hawke's Bay Volunteer Coastguard has been running a weekend and public holiday radio service for all boaties in Hawke Bay since 2006 that allows boaties to file a trip report, and request help if they require it. The radio room also communicates when needed between the rescue boat and any vessel in trouble.

The radio room has several radios which include channels 82, the local Coastguard radio, 62 the sports fishing club, 16 Maritime Radio, Police radio and aviation radio. We monitor all channels to allow us to gather all possible information to assist if you find yourself in need of assistance.

Hawke's Bay Volunteer Coastguard has a small but loyal and hardworking team of radio operators. All these operators give freely of their time and experience. We are always looking for people who would be prepared to undergo some training and join our team, so if you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please tell the office at Coastguard and

they will pass the information on to me.

Since late 2010, our radio service has been operating the communications for The Hawke's Bay Sports Fishing Club during fishing competitions and we have covered communications for The Coruba Fishing Competition and the Classic Fishing Competition amongst others. This has been a positive move that has allowed us to form closer links with the boaties and personnel at the Hawke's Bay Sports Fishing Club.

In late 2010 Hawke's Bay was included in the Coastguard Whakatane communications hub. This service runs 7 days per week from 6.30am-6.30pm all year and means that a Coastguard radio service is available to all during these times. This has been very successful and many boaties have been using this service to log trip reports outside the times when the Hawke's Bay radio room is operational. Whakatane record and log EVERY call, so if you call in and your trip report isn't answered, please leave all



Lynda Fairley is operating the radio during her weekend shift.

your details including number of people on board, destination and time of return and be assured your call will be logged. The operator may be busy so please try again later.

We would love you to call in and visit us between the hours of 8am and 4pm in the Coastguard rooms during the weekend, and please keep calling us from your boat. Your safety is our concern.

*Juliet Clarke
Senior Radio Operator*

Rules for General Radio Use:

- Listen before transmitting
- Don't make unnecessary calls and keep all calls as brief as possible
- Don't allow children to play with the radio
- Always identify yourself using your call sign and boat name
- Always ensure your microphone is correctly stowed to avoid accidental transmissions which will lock up the channel
- Use Channel 16 for making any emergency calls
- Stay on Channel 16 unless you are directed to another channel by MSA Maritime Radio or Coastguard
- Return to Channel 16 when you have completed a call
- Make sure you obtain an operator's qualification and call sign



Nationwide, Maritime Radio keeps a 24-hour listening watch on Channel 16. There are also many volunteer Coastal and Coastguard stations keeping a listening watch on Channel 16 and other channels locally.



Team Profile - Nelson Pomeroy

Nelson joined the CAP group at Bridge Pa as an observer and "Tacco" about 10 years ago, encouraged by his gliding instructor Steve Holder who has continued to solidly support the CAP, particularly in training.

Nelson eventually became a glider instructor himself, but after a mishap a couple of years ago decided to re-focus his piloting skills on radio-controlled helicopters. Especially after the gliding experience where the g-forces and horizon can adopt the most unnatural angles, the cabin of a Cessna or Piper has felt like a solid platform, even in rough conditions.

Despite feeling at home in the air, Nelson admits that keeping up with the communications, GPS tracking and pilot

instructions can be a handful. The array of modern tracking aids are wonderful but need to be adopted at a rate that crew can learn to manage.

As a full time school high school science teacher (a mid-life career change after bumble bee breeding and Massey research) Nelson has not always been available for call outs, but recalls a couple which have driven home the reality that without flotation devices, people in trouble in water quickly sink.

He has fully supported the amalgamation with "the boat guys" and looks forward to developments in local training and equipment.

Coastguard Summer Lottery 2010/2011

1100 tickets were sold in the region over a 2 month period – most of the sales were as a result of the use of a 2011 Toyota Hylander 3.5 V6 (supplied by Hawke's Bay Toyota), and a Haynes Hunter SF485 boat (supplied by Firmans Marine).

Napier City Council and Hastings District Council approved use of carpark areas in the CBDs, plus ticket sales from retailers' carparks generated great support.

We were able to sell an extra 100 tickets more than the previous year.

Special thanks to:

Napier City Council
Hastings District Council
Hawke's Bay Toyota
Firmans Marine
Pak N Save Napier

Ticket sales generated a nett return to Coastguard Hawke's Bay of \$7700.00 which is a remarkable effort in these times of harder economic conditions.

Of the 69 units based around New Zealand, Coastguard Hawke's Bay was awarded "Top Effort Award" by Coastguard New Zealand. This is in recognition of the regular updates, photos and great efforts in ticket sales. This was greatly assisted by the tremendous support from Councils, retailers, plus the community and public of Hawke's Bay.

Pak N Save Hastings
Pak N Save Tamatea
Peter Church Pharmacy Hastings
Mitre 10 Mega Napier
Mitre 10 Mega Hastings



Napier CBD 13th December 2010



Hastings CBD 15th December 2010

It was great to get out and meet supporters and public, promote the Coastguard image, and sign up new members.

Peter S Boshier

Treasurer and Organiser

We save lives at sea because it's the right thing to do

It's a great feeling to know that you have saved a life, but in typical kiwi fashion, we prefer to remain humble about it.

Saving lives creates a special camaraderie that is unique to those that have experienced it. There is now greater sense of team purpose that exists, when the end goal is to save a life. It puts many of the other priorities into perspective.

Coastguard's training regime equips us with valuable skills that include seamanship, boat handling, navigation and leadership. We are constantly challenged out of our comfort zone, both physically and mentally.

As a team, we make lifelong friends with the people we serve alongside.

The regard we have for each other and from the people we rescue is worth more to us than financial reward.

Sounds like you?

Call us on 0800 COASTGUARD or visit www.nzcoastguard.org.nz



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