



Get sorted for the summer season

The days are certainly longer and warmer now, after a cold, dry winter followed by an unexpected heavy rainfall. The usual Oct / Nov equinoxial winds are already evident.

Now is a great time to check out your boat, have your engines serviced; electronics, especially batteries checked before hitting the waterways. Coastguard Hawke's Bay can also carry out a safety equipment check, for our members this is a free service while non-members pay \$20. If you missed having the check done when we visited your club contact us on 06 834 1345 and we can arrange a check for you.

As you head out to sea, remember to log a trip report on VHF Channel 82. For the Hawke's Bay area Coastguard monitors that channel 24/7 so you can call us at anytime. Next year will see significant change to the VHF channel 80 series. Coastguard uses this series for communications and as the result of an international treaty there will be a massive re-allocation of channels. Coastguard New Zealand are currently checking our network of VHF radio repeaters and other equipment to ensure that they will be fit for purpose. As we work through the project there will be public updates and

prior to the actual switch over there will be lots of information in regards to what channels will be used where. In the meantime continue to use VHF Channel 82 locally to contact Coastguard.

To coincide with Boating Safety Week (Oct 13-17), the Harbourmaster (HB Regional Council), Coastguard, MPI, Transport and Marine, Napier Sailing Club and HB Sports Fishing Club ran a safety event afternoon on Saturday 17th October. This featured flare demonstrations onshore at East Pier reserve and from our rescue vessel CK Rescue, free boat safety checks, lifejacket prizes sponsored by Transport and Marine Ltd, and prizes sponsored by Napier Sailing Club and HB Sports Fishing Club.

Best wishes for a safe boating season.

Henry van Tuel

President Coastguard Hawke's Bay

Coastguard gets tech savvy

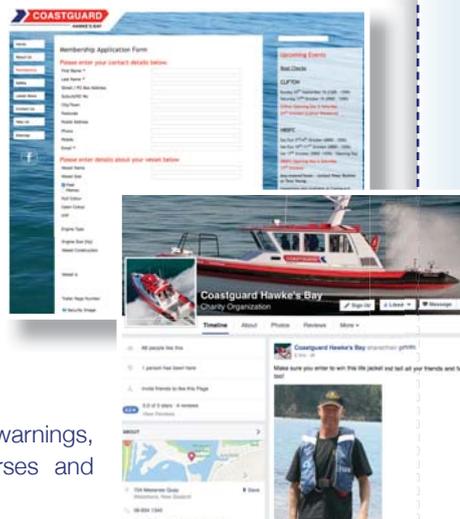
Last summer we refreshed and re-launched our website. We have made several tweaks to the site since then; including adding the membership section to the left navigation tabs - to make it easier for new members to join.

www.hawkesbaycoastguard.co.nz

This year we have taken the next step and launched our Coastguard Hawke's Bay Facebook page.

If you haven't already... Like and follow us on [facebook.com/coastguardhawkesbay](https://www.facebook.com/coastguardhawkesbay)

A great way to receive the latest weather warnings, tsunami alerts, competitions, upcoming courses and general safety information.



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From The Shed...

Harbourmaster's message - Spring 2015

Dredging in the Port and approaches was finally completed in July this year. The new outer swinging basin at 'C' buoy was also completed and two additional buoys are to be established to mark the extremities of the basin. Council has an application lodged with MNZ to establish a number of virtual navigation aids around Pania Reef and in a number of positions in the approach fairways and the new swinging basin. Once approved the changes will be promulgated by Notice to Mariners through LINZ. A number of physical buoys, North and South Pania, Saphto and 'A' buoy will also be marked by virtual aids. The process entails an application to Radio Spectrum for MMSI numbers (completed), a radio engineer prepared licence application (underway) and the establishment of an aerial and transmitter on one of the light towers within the Port (pending). Information on the system is available at www.vespermarine.com/virtual-ais-beacon.html

For those of you who venture away from Napier further improvements in navigation aids continue as a priority. The beacon at Pourerere that failed is to be re-established once the weather and tides are favourable, presently looking like the end of September. The leads at Waimarama Beach, Blackhead and Kairakau have been upgraded and warning signage is planned for the beach access at Kairakau. The help of locals in erecting signage and providing feedback on navigation aid's performance is greatly appreciated. A number of these people

are Honorary Enforcement Officers who assist Council with boat safety education in addition to acting as Council's eyes in relation to compliance with Navigation Safety Bylaws and Maritime Rules. With new Health and Safety legislation due in April 2016 the requirements for HEO's will change considerably entailing compulsory training and regular meetings, please keep this in mind if you are considering becoming an HEO. Anyone interested should email me at harbourmaster@hbrc.govt.nz.

The Safer Boating Forum has again planned a Safe Boating week in October, immediately prior to Labour weekend. The main activity here in Hawke's Bay will take place on Saturday 17 October at Spriggs Park, Perfume Point, and will be run by Coastguard under contract to HBRC. Activities presently include free boat safety equipment checks, pyrotechnic displays, a prize of sail training for one youngster through Napier Sailing Club, lifejacket and safety equipment demonstrations, inflatable liferaft demonstration, and special deals on safety equipment from Transport and Marine. A number of clubs have been invited to set up stands to showcase their organisation and sell themselves to prospective members.

Council is continuing with the boat safety education programme in schools that started last year with presently in excess of 1300 children confirmed to take part.



Janene Hole - fitting lifejackets to Wairoa Primary School students during the Coastguard Boating Safety education programme.

I am now set up and operating from my new office in the Port Administration building at the Battery Road Beach end of the Port. Access is from the road to the hovercraft ramp and you are most welcome to call in to enjoy my magnificent view and a coffee.

Together our endeavours will go a long way to ensuring boaties stay safe on Hawke's Bay waters.

Regards
Captain Phil Norman
 Regional Harbourmaster
 Hawke's Bay Regional Council
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Happy boating, sailing and fishing.

Introducing our new office administrator - Jodie Trow

We welcome our new office administrator – Jodie Trow – on board in the office.

Jodie commenced late July 2015, replacing Dot McIntyre who with her husband have moved to Motuopa on the southern shores of Lake Taupo for business reasons. Our thanks to Dot for the dedicated service to HB Volunteer Coastguard Inc.

Jodie brings an exuberant enthusiasm to continue this most important role in the office. With nearly 700 members that have continued to grow over recent years, there are always membership reconciliations, receipting and membership cards being sent out once subs are paid, preparation of agenda and documentation/information for the monthly management

committee meetings, booking the training/conference rooms, telephone queries, accounting reconciliations, assisting with fund raising and a multitude of other tasks.

Please contact the office for any queries that members or the public may have. Jodie will refer to the President or committee if required.

Office hours are:
 Mon, Wed and Thurs 0900 - 1300hrs.



Taranaki Challenge

On Saturday 8th August Taranaki Coastguard visited Hawke's Bay to take part in a challenge exercise with our local group. Taranaki have a sister ship to CK so many of the skills and experience are directly transferable. In 2014 Hawke's Bay visited New Plymouth and won the inaugural challenge trophy, so revenge was in the air.

Hawke's Bay split their crew into two teams of equal experience, so as to expose as many as possible to the exercise.

After a welcome from our president, they were taken on a tour of the base and introduced to equipment and the vessel, all of which impressed them.

The morning was devoted to two Mini SAREX, which were in the form of searches. The crews were mixed and also served to test our local reflex planning. Both crews were successful in finding the datum buoy target and some valuable lessons were learned along the way.

The afternoon was devoted to the challenge; divided into two parts - one on the water and the other land based.

Part one on the water required the teams to load a de-watering pump onto the vessel, depart the wharf and proceed to a harbour buoy, complete a 360 around the mark and return to the wharf sideways using buckets. After berthing the pump was to be unloaded, assembled and started and the container positioned some 6 meters away, filled by transferring sea water. This was carried out in front of the base and was timed.



The time to complete ranged from 7 min and 32 sec to 8min 51 and was won in impressive style by Hawke's Bay 1.

The second part of the on water component was to test navigation, boat handling skills and towing. Thanks to Firmans Marine, always a great supporter of Coastguard, for supplying a 6m boat used in the towing exercise.

On land various stations tested knots, splicing, first aid, oxygen management, and chart navigation. A surprise Darts station was won by one of the Hawke's Bay teams, lead magnificently by a 15 year old trainee.

The whole day was very competitive, entertaining and educational and by general consensus of great value.

Drinks, dinner and prize giving followed in the evening, with Taranaki taking out the challenge trophy by a single point. Congratulations to Lynn Fitzy and the team. This of course means that we will return to Taranaki next year to win it back.

Thanks to everyone that helped with the organization of the day and who contributed on the day. A big thanks also to the women who organized the food and dinner.

Trevor Mitchell
CI / HBVCG

Coastguard Radio

Do you realise you now, as boaties, have 24/7 radio coverage on channel 82?

Do you know that if you are ever involved in an incident, or need assistance, your local radio operators will be down at the radio room listening and talking to you? We have a dedicated team of 12 radio operators and we maintain a weekend roster, an emergency response team and specific radio training.

That's right. When the local radio room isn't manned, the channel is monitored by either Mt Maunganui hub or Auckland hub. But this only works if you put in a trip report when you go out to sea, and close your trip report when you return. We have noticed that the number of trip reports being logged, do not match the numbers of trailers and cars left parked by the various boat ramps. The information that we can get from the trip reports, especially position, give the incident management team a start point if anything should happen to you or your boat while you are out there and a family member rings us up saying that you haven't returned. So please, a radio call to channel 82 takes very little time and may save your life.



The view from the radio room.

If you are involved in an incident, or require assistance, the local radio operators will be in attendance at the local radio room and will take over the monitoring of the channel from either Mt Maunganui or Auckland. Their skills and knowledge around local area and conditions are invaluable when it comes to communicating information to the rescue vessel, CK.

On a different note. The VHF 82 band channels will be changed by October 2016 but Coastguard will let you know of any changes well in advance.

If you are interested in becoming a Radio operator volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact the Coastguard office and Jodie will pass your details onto me.

Juliet Clarke (Radio Coordinator)

Boating Safety Code - Know Before You Go

5 simple rules to help you stay safe

Before you go boating on our seas, lakes and rivers, get familiar with New Zealand's Boating Safety Code. Five simple rules will help you to stay safe, no matter what kind of boat you use.

1. Life Jackets

Take them – Wear them. Boats, especially ones under 6m in length, can sink very quickly. Wearing a life jacket increases your survival time in the water.

2. Skipper Responsibility

The skipper is responsible for the safety of everyone on board and for the safe operation of the boat. Stay within the limits of your vessel and your experience.

3. Communications

Take two separate waterproof ways of communicating so we can help you if you get into difficulties.

4. Marine Weather

New Zealand's weather can be highly unpredictable. Check the local marine weather forecast before you go and expect both weather and sea state changes. Weather nowcasting conditions are live 24/7 on VHF channel 21 – take the time to listen before heading out to sea, or at sea. Conditions can, and do, change rapidly. Be prepared.

5. Avoid Alcohol

Safe boating and alcohol do not mix. Things can change quickly on the water. You need to stay alert and aware.

Make sure your boat is properly and regularly maintained, has the right safety gear on board and if it has a motor, that it has sufficient fuel.

You should not expect good mobile phone coverage in remote areas. For emergency communications a marine VHF radio is recommended. Use channel 16 for emergencies.

406MHz distress beacons can be hired or bought. Visit beacons.org.nz

For more information about safe boating education and how to prepare for your boating experience, visit: adventuresmart.org.nz

Summer raffle



The annual Coastguard Summer Raffle is near, which means the Hawke's Bay public will see us out on the streets again selling tickets to assist in running/operating the local Coastguard Unit.

Tickets are \$10.00 each of which \$7.00 comes back to our local unit. We have 750 tickets to sell. Every year, we are able to obtain one of the prize boats for a week to assist with ticket sales.

KEY DATES

There has also been a slight change to the key dates for the Summer Lottery:

Open date	20th November 2015
Close date	10th February 2016
Draw date	17th February 2016
Results	21st February 2016

We look forward to your support of this annual event.

Peter Boshier

Treasurer/Organiser

Thanks to our sponsors

Our sincere thanks and appreciation for their continued support.

Since our last newsletter we have been very fortunate to receive funding assistance from:

- Eastern & Central Community Trust - \$4000.00
- Southern Trust - \$3700.00
- Farmlands - \$1000.00
- Lion Foundation - \$5000.00
- Hastings District Council - \$2000.00
- Napier City Council - \$5232.64



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- » If you missed the annual Coastguard boat safety checks during Sept / Oct, inspections are available at Coastguard Headquarters, 704 Meeanee Quay, Westshore, Wednesday evenings: 1700-1800hrs, or Thursday morning 1000-1030 hrs.
- For moored boats – please contact Peter Boshier (0274 427 805) or Tony Young (0274 425 041)
- The checklist can be downloaded from our website www.hawkesbaycoastguard.co.nz/images/Boating_Checklist.pdf



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