

News-Letter 2010 - 2011

Kaikoura Boating Club

P.O. Box 98

Kaikoura

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Greetings Boat Club Members,

Subs are due, and keys need to be updated by 28th November (locks will be down for the week leading up to the 28th) – Subs are \$100 for ordinary and \$40 for super-annuitants see other side for details. When returning key(s) with your annual subscription please ensure they are properly wrapped either in plastic or cardboard within the envelope to prevent loss.

Our AGM is on **Sunday 2nd January – 1pm**, at the **Kaikoura Bowling Club, Ludstone Road** (Note change of venue).

The **Kaikoura Hunting & Fishing/Lions Club Beach Fishing Contest** is on **Sunday 9th Jan** – 9am start, see Hunting & Fishing for details – entry outside Hunting & Fishing on the day.

We are seeing more and more larger vessels. Members are reminded that there is a limit of 8m for vessels on club ramps.

Richard & I have continued working on the Kaikoura Coastal Guardians - Te Korowai O Te Tai O Marokura and we are close to getting the first draft of a proposed management plan out for public comment. We had planned to have our first draft of a plan out for public comment this year, but we have not met that deadline.

If you want to be contacted by us, please send an email to kbc@fishnet.co.nz.

The Te Korowai website www.teamkorowai.org.nz has all the information prepared by Te Korowai.

We have our own page at www.fishnet.co.nz/kbc where you will be able to see what your club representatives are up to.

Richard Craig and myself have continued our participation on your behalf both in the Kaikoura Coastal Guardians group and at the AGM of the NZ Recreational Fishing Council. Bill Hartley & Richard have continued representing us at the SE Forum, and in the new Forum structure.

The NZ Recreational Fishing Council is undergoing a major review of its future as I write this. Expect to see some output from that review very soon.

Once again I strongly advise every member to spend some time making yourselves aware of what is being discussed. There is a lot of information – perhaps too much for most people. Check out the Ministry of Fisheries (www.fish.govt.nz) site.

The NZ Recreational Fishing Council has a site <http://www.recfish.co.nz>

And the Option4 site <http://www.option4.co.nz/> is still probably the best resourced.

Club Captain Neil has organised a **Boat Fishing Contest** on the Saturday of Easter 2011. So far he has raised over \$500 in prizes. Should be a fun day – so mark your calendars.

It has been another very busy year for all of us on your committee. The tide seems to be running against the interests of amateur fishers and seems to be getting stronger.

Increasing the abundance of fisheries is going to take money. As a sector, we must find an acceptable way of long term funding of a strong presence of recreational fisheries advocates at the seat of power (Wellington).

My preference is for a management fee, not a licence fee. Anyone one would be free to go fishing, and anyone who takes up that option, then has a responsibility to help fund the management of it. Something like \$20 per year or \$50 for 3 years, payable within 7 days of fishing, ought to be sufficient (if you're going fishing for more than 7 days pay in advance). Interested in your thoughts.

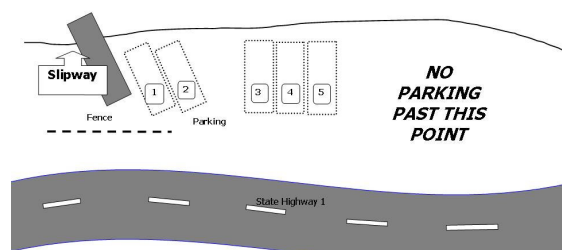
Have a merry xmas, good fishing and great boating. Watch the weather forecasts, be patient and courteous at the ramps, stay safe out there, always have a plan B, and enjoy your time at sea – it's what we're all about. Please remember when **at the ramp that people coming out of the water have priority.**

Best Wishes

Ted Howard (ted@fishnet.co.nz)

President – Kaikoura Boating Club

Below is a diagram of parking available at the new Ocean View club facility. There are only 5 parking spots, and the ramp is open to a lot of wave action. Experienced boaties only on this one, and be careful – use at your own risk. Please respect the parking rules, or transit is able to revoke our consent.



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