



Plimmerton Boating Club



REEFLINE



November 2010

Commodores Report.

This is our first Reepline for the 2010 / 2011 season. The year has started off with a real rush.

We have been working hard with Porirua City Council trying to sort out the reserve issue and have got the City Council now agreeing to help us sort the issue out right up to the Minister should that be necessary. My thanks go to our past Mayor Jenny Brash, our local councillors and Ken Douglas for their help in getting our submission through in principal with the council. We have still got a fair bit of work to do but we are heading in the right direction.

It is with some sadness that I have to report that Siggy our chef has decided to hand in her resignation. I wish Siggy well in her future endeavours. With the loss of Siggy we have appointed a new chef Tjeerd Dolstra or TJ for short, TJ has an impressive CV and I look forward to tasting some of his wares. TJ is a Dutchman born in Indonesia similar to someone else I know. Apparently he is quite an expert with Indonesian cooking this could be food for thought for a future meal anyway welcome TJ.

As some of you may have noticed we have done some cleaning up and painting around the club house as the place was getting quite shabby, and if we want to encourage weddings and conferences to assist in our cash flows, we do need the place to stay at a reasonable standard. The committee has approved our next job which is to replace the Vinyl in the men's toilet.

Our club is like many other clubs around, suffering from ageing buildings and a lack of finance to maintain them. I can see we will have to find some serious money as we still have a mortgage and because there is a lot of maintenance to be done.

For example

1. The clubhouse roof needs some major attention.
2. The hand rail pipes on both decks are getting very close to replacement
3. The club house exterior could do with a repaint
4. The shower block has been waiting 2 years now for refurbishment
5. The sheds could all also do with a repaint
6. Our carpet upstairs is getting close to having to be replaced.
7. The jetties require some maintenance.

On top of all this there are still major projects that have been planned which will require more finance such as the 1. Downstairs lounge/bar. 2. the north sea wall. 3. and the possible costs involved in having the reanimation vested to the club (possible subdivision costs.) I hope that our planning committee under Ben Farrell can work towards some resolution.

Anton Sutorius.

Commodore

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From the MANAGER

Hi everybody. Well its nearly Christmas, where has the year gone? Hopefully the weather might settle down now and we can get out on the water. Please remember the club car park is not a speed way and be courteous to other boat users.

Found in the car park one number plate please check your trailers and if yours please give me a call or ask at the bar.

Over the last couple of months we have had an auxiliary motor with fuel tank, plus various other small items stolen off boats parked in the car park. Please if possible take these items home. Don't forget that we have for hire some storage lockers.

Sadly we have lost two of our stalwart members. Rosemary Laidlaw and Sandy Smith both recently passed away. We will miss them, and we pass on our condolences to their family and friends.

I would like to express our thanks to Siggie our Chef for her patience while we found her replacement. And I would like to wish her all the best for the future.

We are open for Dinner on Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 6pm and don't forget Lunch on Sunday from 12 noon.

Look forward to seeing you at the club.

Sandra McGill
Secretary/Manager

Editors note

This issue of REEFLINE has been very full and as a result some of our regular sponsors advertisements have been condensed somewhat.

Cover image - Opening Day racing 2010 at PLBC

from photographs taken by Juanita Paraone, Newswire Journalist, Whitireia Journalism. Student 2010.

Thanks also to Juanita for the photos on page 22 of this issue.

Plimmerton Boating Club
&
Mana Lions
Melbourne Cup Party

Tuesday 2nd November
Venue PBC Clubrooms
Opening at 3.00 pm
Entry fee Gold Coin donation to pay
for live entertainment.
Bar facilities & refreshments will be
available with profits to PBC
Mana Lions will run several sweeps
with proceeds to
Plimmerton Fire Brigade

Sailing

Hi all

Looking at the long range weather for Wellington suggests that we might get in a couple of days sailing at some point before Christmas; I suggest that we all make a small sacrifice of spirits to Zephyrus (god of west winds) to get moderate breezes from now on.

Being more serious though, I will be doubling up on races on the days we do sail so that we can complete a reasonable series. Depending on available winds a long and a short race until we catch up. Look on the notice board for changes to race schedules.

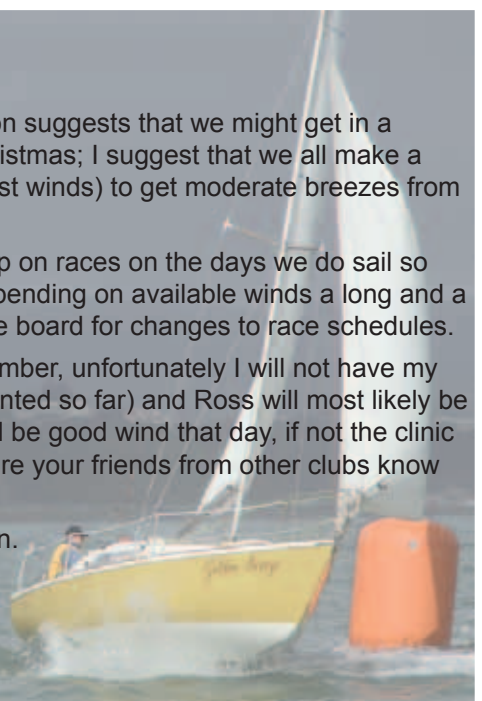
The sailing clinic is coming up on the 20th November, unfortunately I will not have my boat on the water by then (have got the hull painted so far) and Ross will most likely be away that weekend as well. With luck there will be good wind that day, if not the clinic will be held in the down stairs lounge. Make sure your friends from other clubs know what is happening.

Not much else to say at this stage of the season.

So fair weather and good sailing.

Kevin Beach

Vice Commodore Sail



Golden Breeze rounding a mark with Ross at the helm and Kevin crewing



photo from Blox's cell phone

Westpac helicopter lands at PLBC searching for an activated EPIRB

A few weeks ago we received a visit from the rescue helicopter after aircraft had reported a signal from an activated EPIRB in our area. After several low circles the helicopter landed on the Western slipway and the crew plus Yohan and Murray searched the boat park area. Eventually it was located in the water off the Eastern seawall. It was of the older type which should no longer be used as the newer models now have GPS location built in. How this EPIRB got activated is still unknown. **MB**

Power Boating

This is my first report after accepting the position of Vice Commodore Power. It took a couple of weeks to decide if I would accept the position. But I made the decision after talking to my immediate predecessor, Roger Mizzi, Anton and others who all assure me they will help out when the need arises – particularly with the annual fishing competition.

Please note I have your names and will gladly accept your help and input. This also applies to any other members who can offer constructive comments and advice.

Well we are now into daylight saving and the weather is looking a little better. The crayfish are about and the fishing is starting to look promising. You should have by now had all your maintenance completed on your vessels, dive gear all checked and if need be serviced and fishing supplies topped up.

Please remember to give your first choice of goods and services to our sponsors. We need these people to help make our club a great place to belong to.

The 2011 Fishing competition will be held on March 12th & 13th. I would like to thank the sailing committee (in particular Ned) for allowing us to have these dates as they had already booked them for one of their regattas. We will need to get together earlier next year so we do not conflict with desirable dates again.

Roger and I are now into planning the competition, you can now register online. The rules and details are in this issue of REEFLINE and are now also available on the club's website.

This is a significant event for the club and requires a lot of help and support from many members to run. Please consider assisting in the planning by way of entering the competition as soon as possible and hopefully avoid the last minute rush. I understand some hold off, watching the weather, but as we have seen in the past as long as you enter you have an excellent chance of winning some great prizes if the event is cancelled.

If any members have any suggestions or advice for the competition please contact me or Roger via the club website.

Take care on and
under the water.

Pete Clarence
Vice Commodore
Power



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Dinner Menu

Entrees \$8.00

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Soup of the Day w Bread
Lemon & Chilli Mussels

Garlic bread \$5.00

Mains \$18.00

Spanokopita Tart
w homemade relish & salad

Mains \$21.00

Pan Fried Terakihi,
w Sautéed Potato's, Roast Tomato, fresh asparagus & salsa verde
Parmesan Crust Chicken,
w Sautéed Potato's, Spinach, Green Beans & Red Pepper Couli
Free Range Pork Belly
on Potato & Kumara Mash, Sweet Roasted Carrots & Gravy
Scotch Fillet
w Fries, Salad & Homemade relish
Add Creamy Mushroom Sauce \$2.50

Dessert \$5.50

Warmed Banana Cake w Chocolate Ganache & Vanilla Ice Cream

Hope to see you soon.



**Plimmerton Boating Club 12th and 13th of March 2011
Fishing & Diving Competition Entry Form**

Boat Name			
VHF Call Sign	Trailer reg. no.		

TAG NO.

SKIPPER mobile number.....
Senior CLUB MEMBER / YES / NO
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 Email Address

Fisher 2Senior / junior
 Address

Fisher 3Senior / junior
 Address

Fisher 4Senior / junior
 Address

Fisher 5Senior / junior
 Address

Fisher 6Senior / junior
 Address

Please calculate the total of your entry fees	Category	No.		Fees	Total
	Senior		@	\$50	
Junior = 16 years and under (Junior prizes only)	Junior		@	\$25	
Family = 2 seniors & maximum 2 juniors (same family, no friends)	Family		@	\$100	
				Total	\$.00

Send entry form & payment to:

Fishing Competition Plimmerton Boating Club PO Box 54019 Mana.
 Cheques made out to Plimmerton Boating Club.

Late entry on the day: Cash or EFTPOS only.

All individual angler competition tags must be picked up on Friday night (9th April) at the briefing.

All information relating to the competition is on the website at www.plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz

NO FEE – NO ENTRY

SCRUTINEERING: Will be done at random, at launch or arrival, at the discretion of the Scrutineers. Non-compliance with ANY of the Competitions Rules and Entry Conditions will result in immediate disqualification in fairness to all other Competitors. The Committees decision will be final.

I have read and agree to the Competition Rules and Entry Conditions of the Competition. I understand the risks associated with boating and related activities and enter this Competition at my own risk and have briefed my Crew accordingly.

MANDATORY

Signed by Skipper.....Date...../...../.....

Plimmerton Boating Club Fish and Dive Competition



COMPETITION RULES AND ENTRY CONDITIONS

(TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ENTRY FORM AND PRIZE LIST)

12th and 13th March 2011

REMEMBER TO DISPLAY YOUR ENTRY TAG AND SHOW IT TO WEIGH IN YOUR FISH AND COLLECT ANY PRIZE OR LUCKY DRAWS ETC. NO EXCEPTIONS

Fees must be paid up and cleared prior to competition – no refunds will be given.

1. All crewmembers must be paid up competitors (no passengers). No fishing substitution will be allowed.
2. Rods and handlines ONLY must be used. No set lines, longlines, droppers, nets or any other method is allowed. **Divers** must only use Mfish approved methods.
3. Competition fishing grounds: The southern boundary is a straight line from Cape Terawhiti to the entrance to Tory Channel. The northern boundary is the Latitude line from Te Horo beach. A Cook Strait grid map will be provided for each boat.
4. All boats must be launched and retrieved by the Club with tractors at the Plimmerton Boating Club (PBC) launching ramp with the exception of non-trailerable boats leaving from Mana Cruising Club (see 5 below). **NB:** The crew must be responsible for hitching or unhitching the trailer to the tractor and the boat from the trailer.
5. Non trailerable boats departing from **Mana Cruising Club** MUST **a)** approach Plimmerton Boating Club's starter box and report in with their VHF radio, **b)** in the same manner report their return at the day's conclusion and land a crewmember at the end of the PBC's jetty with any catch to be weighed – the vessel at this point may be scrutinized at the Scrutineers discretion.
6. No launching or retrieving from any other location.
7. Competition starts 7.00 am and finishes 5 pm both days. You MUST be in the weigh in queue by 4.30pm. Closing time is FINAL. Starting and Finishing times can be changed at the Organisers discretion for whatever reason.
8. All fish submitted for weighing must be entire – no gutting, gilling or bleeding. In the event of a tie the first fish weighed will be the winner. All fish submitted for weighing will become the property of the Plimmerton Boating Club and will be auctioned on both days soon after the final weighing.
9. Cancellations will be broadcast on Newstalk ZB and will also be posted on the Club's website plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz. If fishing is cancelled on any day the competition will be determined over the one day. Should BOTH days be cancelled the prizes will be determined by draw of all registered competitors on all prizes EXCLUDING the first prize for the heaviest snapper

which will revert back to the Sponsor. In that event, prize giving will be at 5PM Sunday and will be restricted to ONE prize per Competitor.

10. Prize giving will be on the final day approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Fish Auction. There will be one prize per category per competitor.
11. Prizes cannot be redeemed for cash under any circumstances. All prizes must be claimed within ONE month of prize giving or on terms set out by the Sponsors

12. SAFETY:

- All vessels must carry an operational VHF radio, one approved Life Jacket per person and one current hand held flare – **this is a Competition requirement.**
 - The official VHF radio channel for this competition is Marlborough Marine Radio CH 63. Ship to shore CH 71 or 74.
 - **ALL VESSELS MUST COMMUNICATE DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL (CH 63).** If the Organisers are concerned for the safety of any vessel because of late or no communication, any costs relating to SAR will be borne by the skipper.
 - Distress safety calling channel as usual is ch 16
 - **In addition to a VHF radio, flare and life jackets, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that the following equipment be carried on each vessel: Mobile phone, Navigation lights, First Aid Kit, EPIRB, Anchor and Warp, Bilge pump, Bucket, Paddle(s), Compass, Knife, Fire Extinguisher, Spare fuel, Torch, Emergency tool kit.**
 - Launching: All winch ropes must be disconnected at the waters edge by crew
 - Retrieval: Crew members must operate the winch
13. Any boat that has fish taken by MFish OR NOT COMPLYING WITH MFish regulations or daily bag limits will result in automatic disqualification from the Competition and all prizes.
 14. Boats will be scrutinized at the Club's discretion

15. ANY ABUSE OF OFFICIALS OR HELPERS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.

16. All competitors, boat owners and spectators participate at their own risk. The Organizers, sponsors or any other party connected with the event accept no responsibility in any respect for any injury, loss or damage to property, regardless of the cause.

Any decision of the Plimmerton Boating Club organizing committee is final.

BRIEFING: Competitors will be expected to attend the briefing at the Plimmerton Boating Club on Friday 11th March at 7pm. For those not yet registered, registrations will be accepted between 6pm and 7pm – cash or EFTPOS – no Credit Cards and no cheques.

Registrations will stop while Briefing is on.

Briefing commences 7pm SHARP – LUCKY DRAW AFTER Briefing commences. Another Lucky Draw at the conclusion of the briefing. Spot prizes between 8pm and 8.30pm.

Saturday Night Lucky Draw – after the conclusion of the fish auction. Spot prizes between 8.00pm and 9.00pm.

Sunday Prize Giving – approximately half an hour after the conclusion of the Auction.

All prize giving and Spot prizes on Saturday and Sunday will be in the Club's upstairs lounge.

A Competitor MUST be present to win any Lucky draw OR Spot prize.

All enquiries prior to Competition please phone Roger Mizzi 021527917 between 9am and 5pm or email mizzi@xtra.co.nz

NOTES

- The official VHF radio channel for this competition is Marlborough Marine Radio CH 63. We used this channel at the 2010 Competition and have found that the coverage over our fishing grounds is excellent. This is a courtesy extended by MMR and we would ask you to respect the future use of this Channel and URGE you to join MMR -the service is outstanding. **Your gold coin donation on registration will be appreciated. Membership forms are included in your registration pack.** mmradio@xtra.co.nz
- Breakfast will be available for purchase at the Club on both competition mornings. Dinner can also be purchased on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please phone the club on [2331592](tel:03311592) for reservations before each day.



Take a kid fishing

*Roger Mizzi
Competition Organizer*

*Peter Clarence
Vice Commodore*

Pigeon Post – Mana Island

It's been a busy time here on the island - breeding is well underway with most bird species, and we're trialling a couple of new approaches with takahe recovery on Mana also.

The takahe were first off the blocks this season with nesting starting in early September, followed very closely by our first shore plover nest. We very quickly had nine takahe pairs nesting. This nesting activity led to an egg-transfer trial of seven takahe eggs from four of these nests in early October. The eggs were lifted from nests early in the morning, 'candled' with a torch to check their fertility; then carried down the hill and placed carefully into a purpose-built incubator, capable of being carried onto a passenger aircraft. The eggs were then flown down to Burwood Bush captive rearing unit near Te Anau. So far five of the seven eggs from Mana have hatched successfully, so this is great news and we are thrilled the trial has been successful. The young takahe will eventually be released into the Murchison Mountains in a year or so. Transferring takahe as eggs (rather than chicks) from the island is a lower risk in terms of disease, and less stressful on the birds.

We are also trialling some new transmitter technology with a company called WildTech. Some of our takahe pairs are fitted with special data log transmitters (attached to their back like a back-pack). The data collected will enable an 'egg-timer' transmitter to be developed – and this technology will be able to tell us (from a series of beeps) when a pair started nesting, so this will save us a lot of resource monitoring the birds on the ground. Exciting times.

On the shore plover front, we've had the odd sighting of Mana Island birds on the coasts of both main islands – a female shore plover from Mana was sighted at Cape Palliser on 22nd September, and the same bird again at Golden Bay on 7th October. The shore plover have also been busy nesting here, and have produced three nests this season, with more pairs still to begin nesting. If those of you coming ashore on Mana over the coming months could watch your step on the foreshore around the landing zone as these little birds and their nests and chicks are very well disguised.

The seabirds are also beginning to return to the island and breed, and we have our very first fluttering shearwater nests, which is a real milestone and testament to the many volunteer hours spent transferring and hand-rearing these birds as chicks on Mana Island. Young fluttering shearwater chicks fledge from their burrows and head off to sea for five years, before returning (hopefully in our case to the same site) and nesting.

Visitors to the island may very well hear the song of both whitehead and bellbird in forested areas, due to the transfer of a number of both species from Kapiti Island over the winter. Keep your eyes peeled for other forest residents too, as the North Island robin, kakariki, tui and grey warbler are part of the already established mix.

Our two temp weeding staff begin this month, and will be with us through to February. Jenny and Lois will be grid searching every accessible corner of the island, plotting and treating weeds such as boxthorn, mallow, tree lucerne, ragwort, and ivy. This annual weed programme is a vital part of the restoration of Mana Island.

That's it from us here on Mana, here's to some fair weather!

Sue Caldwell



Rear Commodore House

Some of you may not be aware that I took on the role of Rear Commodore House after our AGM in August, when it was obvious that no one else was willing to step into the role. My reasoning behind my offer to take it on was that I hoped I could be of some use, even though I didn't know much about what would be required of me.

I have had to hit the ground running, as I had just got my feet under the table when we were informed that our chef had resigned & I was of course to be involved in helping to select another. We were sorry to hear that Siggy had resigned, & wish her all the best in her future endeavours. As of this week, we have offered the position to a new chef, who we are sure will uphold the high standards that have been set already. The hand over to the new chef will be Monday 8th November.

Members will be pleased to know that we will be having a Childrens' Christmas party again this year. This will be on Sunday 5th December from 1pm to 3pm & will be for children up to 10 years of age. Of course they must be family of club members. A small committee is working with Sandra, our club manager, to organise this event. More details will be provided in due course.

I am enjoying being part of the PBC and am grateful for the support I am getting from Anton Sutorious, our Commodore, and Sandra McGill, our manager.

If the first couple of months in the role are any indication, the rest of the year will be a busy & interesting one!

Regards,

Julie Hemera Rear Commodore House.

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Fishburn's Annual Fishing Trip Report – April 2010

Phew, it's a tough life I tell you ... Home last night after the Pouakai Circuit tramp and am now embarking on the annual Fishburn's fishing trip to the Marlborough sounds to haul in the big groper known to lurk thereabouts. This years party of ten, predominantly PIBc members, consisted of Dave Wyllie (Camp Mother), Brent Hansen, Bunny Clark, Yohan Sinke, Dominic Hare, Paul Hague-Smith, Chris Lambert and three greenhorns (first timers) Des Nicholson, Dennis Rodgers and myself.

According to a pre arranged trip plan supplied some weeks earlier by CM, I was to report to his place together with Paul in Papakowhai at 11:00 am for a midday pickup by shuttle van. The question as to why so early was quickly answered by the opening of CM's garage fridge door upon arrival. In the meantime a shuttle van is doing the rounds picking up Plimmerton/Whitby anglers. It eventually arrives to pick us up and after a short wait for straggler Chris, we were off to pick up Des and Dennis in Tawa and Churton Park respectively. As you can imagine with having to take our own food and drink with us together with a chilly bin each, the shuttle van trailer was basically choca when we reached Des's place .. Bloody hell .. The sight of Des's mega-bin sent us all into fits of laughter quickly subsiding with the reality check on how to fit the dam thing in. However miracles do occur and with a complete repack of the trailer and van we head to Dennis's place dreading what may lay in wait for us there. No problem there though and we arrive at the ferry terminal and duly board the Awatere heading to Picton supping a few brown one's whilst exchanging some dubious fishy stories on the way. We arrive in Picton and are greeted by Dave Fishburn whose boat 'Nimrod' is ready to receive us for the trip up the Sounds to Endeavour Lodge. We arrive at the lodge early evening and after unpacking our gear into our respective units we adjourn to the cook house for a snack, some refreshment's and a sing song accompanied by Dennis on guitar.

Day 2 – Up at sparrows fart and after a hearty breakfast thanks mainly to Brent, Bun and Yo we prepare for our first attempt at the great catch. Its blowing quite stiffly from the North West so we head for the relative shelter of the East side of Arapawa Island where we at first successfully fish for blue cod before heading to destination X for our first attempt at catching a groper or two. Tradition has it that the greenhorns get first dibbs at the goal so I harness up and make the first drop into the deep. Naturally I catch one straight away and the race is on with the next two greenie's each catching one in quick succession. Its then the turn of the so called vets to have a go and in the intervening time before they hook up they take a bit of gib from the triumphant greenie's. We head back to the lodge in the afternoon with a catch of 14 groper, a full quota of blue cod and some terikihi.

Day three – The Southerly that came through in the night has now lightened and we look forward to a pleasant day's fishing in a different location. We first head towards location Y North of Cape Koamaru where we hook up eleven groper before hastily departing the scene due to the fast approaching vessel 'Allure Two'... Dave is naturally very protective of his remaining groper spots .. Bugger my line was half way down when the call came. We then head out in the direction of Cook Rock for a spell of cod fishing before heading for Cape Lermantoff (Jackson) and hook onto a good terikihi spot before pulling up some Cray pots Dave had laid some days before. We then pass through the gap between Cape Jackson and the outer reef into Port Gore and head down its Eastern shore to again raise some pre laid Cray pots. Overall the Cray Ned fishing venture was somewhat of a disappointment as only one solitary Cray was landed which we decided to donate to Dave

.. Wouldn't have been too much each divided by ten we figured. After a spot of shallow water fishing we then head back to base with a short last ditch attempt at catching our cod quota on the way. This day's catch consisted of eleven groper together with a good catch of blue cod and some terikihi.

After a refreshing shower we cook tea with a few brown liquid helpers. It was about this time the Des, God bless his soul, produces the trips mystery drink .. A South Afrikaas something or other with an unreadable label and wrapped externally in barbed wire .. Of course a swig of this was immediately pronounced compulsory and so it happened with even Bunny partaking in the ritual. We duly have tea then reside to the TV lounge to watch some super 14 action along with Des and his barbed wire encased liquid lightning which seemed to evaporate over a short space of time during some intense rugby action. After the rugby most head to bed except for four of us as Des again produces another distraction .. This time its Southern Comfort. With its approaching demise and with our tallest member experiencing the onset of some stability problems we head quietly to bed for what's left of the night.

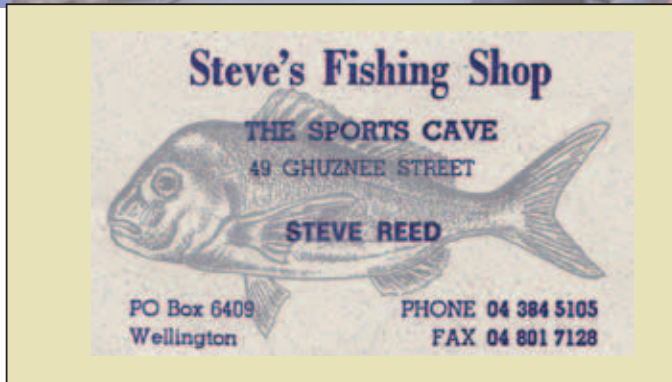
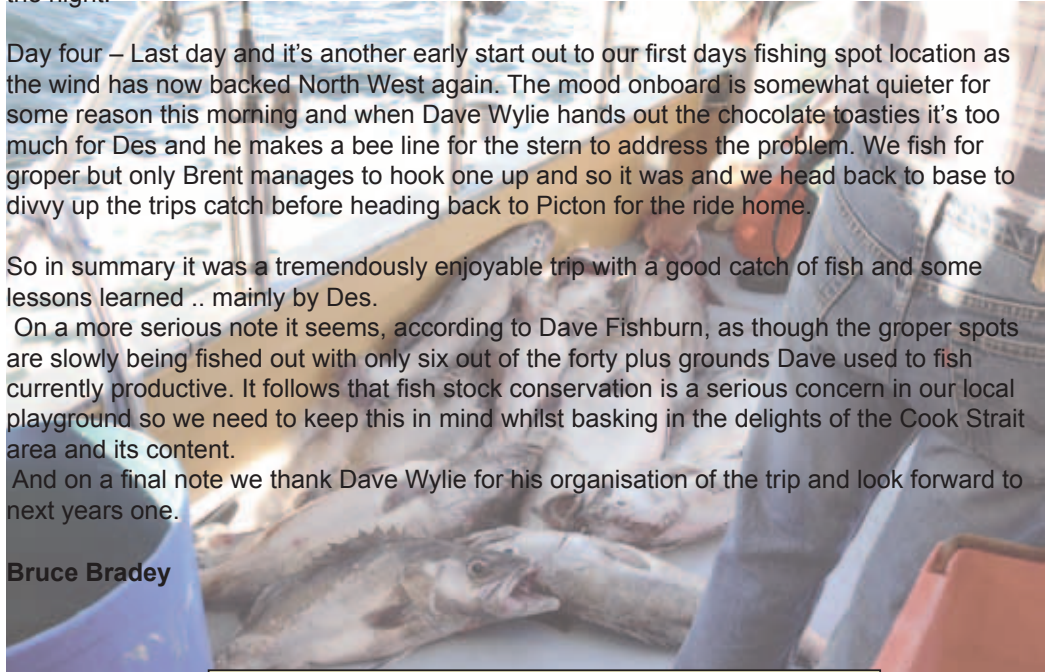
Day four – Last day and it's another early start out to our first days fishing spot location as the wind has now backed North West again. The mood onboard is somewhat quieter for some reason this morning and when Dave Wylie hands out the chocolate toasties it's too much for Des and he makes a bee line for the stern to address the problem. We fish for groper but only Brent manages to hook one up and so it was and we head back to base to divvy up the trips catch before heading back to Picton for the ride home.

So in summary it was a tremendously enjoyable trip with a good catch of fish and some lessons learned .. mainly by Des.

On a more serious note it seems, according to Dave Fishburn, as though the groper spots are slowly being fished out with only six out of the forty plus grounds Dave used to fish currently productive. It follows that fish stock conservation is a serious concern in our local playground so we need to keep this in mind whilst basking in the delights of the Cook Strait area and its content.

And on a final note we thank Dave Wylie for his organisation of the trip and look forward to next years one.

Bruce Bradey





Update from the Planning Officer: Good News, Watch This Space

You may or may not know that the club occupies reserve land that is owned by the crown and managed by the Council (including the land below the clubhouse that the Club leases off the Council). At the same time the Club owns land (e.g. the small carpark next to the club) that the Club does not use. Accordingly, for some years now the Club has been looking at issues and options associated with the current lease and ownership arrangements, and the Club recently secured unanimous support from the Porirua City Councillors to proceed with confirming the details of a potential land swap between the Club and the Council. The next steps are to liaise with DoC (on behalf of the Crown) and Council officers to sure up the details and options of such a land swap. The Club committee will provide members with more detail in due course, before calling all members to a SGM to determine that this is the best way forward for the Club.

Other planning matters on my table include the Council's proposal to change the reserve status of the Club, and all of the Club's longer term projects, e.g. the western seawall and what to do to the downstairs of the clubhouse.

If you want to know more and/or provide your views about this, or any other, Club planning matter, then please do not hesitate to contact me or to buy me a beer at the Club to discuss.

Cheers

Ben Farrell

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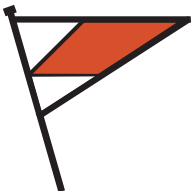
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