FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello All  The festive season is again upon us.

Summer appears to be shaping up for a cracker with plenty of warm sunny days. I hope you have all got on top of the maintenance so full advantage can be taken and enjoyed

The organisation appears to be ticking along fine. The change in Dredging application appears to have been very successful and we have good depths over most of the Marina and could actually see the amount of material removed. All physical aspects of the complex appear in great shape thanks to the efforts of Dave, Graham and Wayne.

The Ladies in the office have been getting busier as the business has grown. For this reason Loretta has agreed to help Jo and us out by increasing her hours.

We are very fortunate to have the calibre of staff that we have and on your behalf thank them for another year of professional loyal service.

The wall project is ticking along nicely. The application is ready to be submitted but with Christmas New Year we have chosen to hold off until business resumes in the New year.

Many thanks to past committee – Joe Brogan and Richard Shorland, your input and efforts are much appreciated.

To all members have a safe, enjoyable and memorable Christmas and New Year

Calum McGillivray
DREDGING MARINA BASIN.
Well done and dusted, it was great to see the basin getting to the bottom of it. We took out 3000m3 and at a depth of around 2.3 to 2.5 at mean low tide around the entrance all the way down Z and E pier half way down Z E and D berths and also the channel up to the haul out area and in around the end of B dock.
The marina is looking at repeating this dredging in 2018 so we can really get on top of this situation. Thank you to NZ dredging for their work and being very professional while in our Marina and we look forward to having them back again next year.

MARINA EXTENSION
Here is a Quick rundown on where we are at with the Extension at this present date.

- All the technical reports finalised by 10th December.
- The AEE report we hope to be done by the 15th December.
- We would like to Lodge to Regional Council around 20th January.
  Then this could take up to 2-3 months for RC Council to process, so we could potentially have a Consent by the end of April.

Bellingham’s Marine along with 4Sight Planners have been working very hard alongside TCDC and the Whitianga Marina to make this all happen.

Below is the diagram of the berth extension as you will have seen already if you are a berth owner.

The second diagram is of how the Fuel Berth can be reconfigured.
GLASS RECYCLING
When Smart Environmental cancelled their contract to pick up the glass recycling, quoting that it was unviable because the glass was too contaminated with both wrong coloured glass and other rubbish being put in the bins.
We had to scramble to find someone to take the glass away and as it is costing us good money we have had to guarantee them there won’t be any further contamination to keep the price down to a reasonable level.
It is not hard to sort your glass out. If we can’t do it then we will be paying big money for someone else to do it.
If you see someone bucking the system, please nudge them in the right direction. Please also make sure the crew member who takes your rubbish to the recycle area is aware of the implications of not doing it properly. This is everyone’s responsibility.
We also will have a Mini skip beside the wheeler bins this summer, if the bins are full please don’t leave your rubbish laying around, lift the mini bin lid and dispose of it - once again cameras are watching but we would prefer not to go down that track.

HAUL OUT / HARD STAND
The hard stand has been crazy busy and is not looking likely to slow up if last year is anything to go by.
The sheds have been full since they were first opened and we already have customers booking in advance for next year. The sheds are proving to be a great thing so call the office to book your slot for 2018 - It’s the old saying the early bird gets the worm!

The marina offers a water blasting service of your vessel at a very reasonable labour rate of just $50.
If your vessel is extremely dirty eg. mussels or heavy fouling, we will charge extra as you would expect.

Let the team know when you book if you would like us to water blast your boat.
.6 OR 1 POLICY
Don’t be complacent, if you are allowing someone to use your berth whether paying or not, it is your responsibility to make sure they have a clean hull under the Six or One Policy.

The office MUST be informed the vessel will be in your berth and they must be able to prove to us they have been anti-fouled within the last 6 months or hauled out and washed off within the last month before traveling here.

All regions now run a 6 or 1 policy which means you are required to PROVE that you have been antifouled within 6 months or hauled out and washed off within one month of traveling to regions north or south of the Waitemata Harbour.

There will be no exceptions. Fanworm is extremely invasive.

If you privately rent your berth, you are not entitled to sub-let your berth or give permission for some else to use it. The owner of the berth is the person with full responsibility for whoever is in the berth. The berth owner may contact the office to get an ok to sub-lease the berth.

BOAT RAMP
For those using the boat ramp please be advised that there is no wash down facilities for your trailer or boat. The fire hose at the ramp is not for washing down.

Many people have expressed to us their displeasure of having to wait while someone holds up the ramp because they want to wash down.

We have reset our cameras to pick this up and we will take action to ensure this stops.

VHF CHANNELS
Don’t forget that the channels have now changed.
Coastguard channel is now 63 The marina channel is now 61

Because channel 61 is also the chat channel and fishing club channel it becomes impossible to have on continuously in the office. Your best method of contacting us is by phone. 07 8662456 or for Emergencies after hours phone 027 824 8228 OR Dave (Manager) 027 4500828

We regularly update our Whitianga Marina Facebook page – keep an eye on it for current information and don’t forget to LIKE us!
Merry Christmas from The Whiti Marina Team

We wish you all Happy and Safe boating – see you in 2018 😊

Wow! just how good is it to be living in Whitianga?!