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Coastguard Nights to Give Women Confidence on the Water

The fear among a lot of women who go boating who are unsure of what they would do if something happened to their partner while out on their boat, has prompted Coastguard Northern Region to organise a series of evenings aimed at giving women some of the skills necessary to be able to cope if they find themselves in this situation.

“Suddenly in Charge” is an informative and fun evening that has been developed for women by women and will be presented by women. It is designed to serve as a “taster” to not only give women the confidence on the water, but to also make boating more fun and enjoyable for everybody. The evening will also provide a glimpse into what is required to undertake and complete one of the popular Coastguard Boating Education courses such as the popular Day Skipper or Marine VHF Radio Operator courses that are run throughout New Zealand.

Coastguard Northern Region's Education and Promotions Officer Kylie Sisley is organising the evenings and says that Coastguard wants people to be able to go out, relax and discover what fun boating is without being anxious and this informative and fun evening will definitely help the organisation to achieve that.

Ladies who attend the evening will learn from three very experienced boating women who will not only provide a bit of theory, some practical advice and simple tips, but will also share some interesting stories about their time on the water.



Kylie Sisley says that in recent years there has been a noticeable trend that more and more women are completing Boating Education courses run by the Coastguard Northern Region Maritime School, either on their own or with their friends.

“The feedback that we have been getting is that women want to become more active and confident when they go boating and they have recognised the need to become better educated. Men and women's learning styles differ which was the reason behind the successful introduction of women only courses several years ago.”

Four “Suddenly in Charge” evenings have been held at the Auckland Marine Rescue Centre, Te Atatu Boating Club and Sandspit Yacht Club and the plan is to progressively have more evenings building up to the

coming summer. To get further information please either visit www.coastguard.org.nz or phone 0508 RESCUE.

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President's Message



Coastguard is the charity saving lives at sea. Around the country, we achieve that purpose through education, giving people the skills they need to enjoy boating safely; through our marine communications network, providing support and information to boaties when they're on the water; and through our fleet of strategically positioned rescue vessels around the coast. Each year our volunteer crews attend to over 2,000 incidents in Coastguard's northern region alone.

As a rule, when our volunteers attend an incident, Coastguard's involvement ends when the people we're assisting make it safely ashore – whether they're being passed to other agencies like St. John Ambulance or the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, or just heading home having been helped back to their marina berth or boat ramp. It's rare for us to hear from the people we assist (and that's fine – our job is done!), but as you'll appreciate our crews do sometimes wonder how they fared.

When we do occasionally hear from people after the fact, it's a real highlight. On one day earlier this year, our units at Browns Bay and Waiuku were both visited by the

victims of incidents they had been involved in. It was a really special experience for our crews, and a unique chance for them to understand the impact of their volunteer work with Coastguard.

Our Waiuku unit was visited by three very grateful fishermen, rescued after their boat flipped while attempting to cross the Manukau Bar. Tragically the fourth person on their vessel was drowned in the incident. Knowing how close they had come to losing their lives, these men wanted to meet and thank the crew who had risked their own safety to rescue them.

On the North Shore, our crews were visited by a lady assisted following a diving accident. The rescue vessel was tasked to the Moko Hinau Islands in late January 2009. A woman had surfaced after a dive in a very bad condition. Our volunteers rushed to the scene, provided emergency medical assistance and then transferred the victim to the Northland Rescue Helicopter for transport to Auckland and further medical treatment. A year later, following a lengthy but successful recovery process, the lady wanted to meet the crew who had saved her life and thank them for what they had done.

These were very emotional and humbling experiences for our people. As a rescue skipper at the North Shore unit myself, I can tell you that there is nothing quite like the feeling of saving a life, and the chance to meet somebody you have helped and hear first-hand how they felt is nothing short of remarkable.

Your support of our brave volunteers – men and women who drop everything to help others when they're in trouble on the water – made these two remarkable rescues possible (and the hundreds of others that occur each year). Without your generous contribution, it would simply be impossible for Coastguard to deliver its lifesaving service around New Zealand's coastline. On behalf of our volunteers – and most importantly of many people whose lives we save each year – thank you.

If you're a boatie yourself, while the boat might be packed away for winter, the colder weather provides great opportunity to get yourself along to one of our boating courses, and brush up on your knowledge and skills. Coastguard provides a range of boating education courses to suit boaties at every level of experience, from the introductory Day Skipper course up to the more extensive Ocean Yachtmaster and other specialist courses, including RYA practical power boating courses. If you haven't tried one of our courses before, then 2010 is a great time to start. You'll be better prepared should things go wrong, and you'll have a great time learning new skills to make your boating more enjoyable. You can find out more information about the courses that we provide either in this newsletter or on our website.

Thanks again for your ongoing support of Coastguard. We couldn't do it without you.

Safe boating
Joe Davis

New Coastguard Vessels Launched for Hauraki Gulf

Boaties in the Hauraki will be able to rest easy in the knowledge that the marine search and rescue capability in that area has been greatly enhanced with the launching recently of two new, purpose built rescue vessels for Coastguard Kawau (based at Sandspit near Warkworth) and Coastguard Waiheke.

Both vessels are 10.3 metre Naiad designed, rigid hulled inflatable boats (RIB) and are powered by twin Yanmar 315 horsepower diesel engines driving two Hamilton jet units. Each vessel has a top speed of 36 knots and will be operated by a crew of four highly trained Coastguard volunteers.

Coastguard Northern Region Chief Executive Dean Lawrence says that both "Kawau Rescue" and "Waiheke Rescue" are the last of four 10.3 metre rescue vessels that have taken to the water within the region over the past



NZCT North Shore Rescue, Kawau Rescue and Waiheke Rescue Vessels at the Waiheke launch.

year, considerably boosting the capability of Coastguard to save lives at sea.

"These boats really highlight how Coastguard at all levels works together with its local communities and achieves outcomes that otherwise could be extremely difficult to meet, especially with the economic conditions that the country has faced in recent years. The boats are a credit to all those who have worked on the project" says Dean.

Funding for the new rescue vessels was made possible through the support of a number of organisations including Coastguard New Zealand (through the Service Level Agreement with the New Zealand Government), the ASB Community Trust, Pub Charity for Kawau Rescue and the hard work of the crews from both Waiheke and Kawau Coastguard units and their local communities who have been involved in a number of fundraising initiatives over the last three years.

New Refit Service Now Operating

As you would expect at one of Auckland's top marinas, there are hardstand services of every kind at Half Moon Bay and customers come from many parts of the harbour and Gulf to its central location. But with a little lateral thinking the businesses there have taken the logical step of combining forces to provide a service much sought after - a do-it-all 'refit centre'.

The current services available include boat builder, painter, electrician, engineer, rigger & sail maker, upholsterer and others. The new service will offer a project management operation arrangement where a refit will be handled by one operator guiding the process through any or all trades and services required and handling all contact with the boat owner, without additional fees.

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'Lion' and 'ASB' are frequent users of the hardstand facilities at Half Moon Bay ensuring they remain in top condition to meet their heavy work load.

The excellent work that the business operators on the hardstand at Half Moon Bay Marina have been supplying to boaties throughout the Auckland region for many years is well known and they are determined to continue that with the new Refit Centre.



Enquiries are welcomed at the Customer Services Office,
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www.hmbmarina.co.nz



Southern Pacific Inflatables Supporting Coastguard

Coastguard Northern Region has teamed up with sponsor Southern Pacific Inflatables to offer the new New Zealand made Railblaza products to Coastguard members.

Southern Pacific Inflatables are offering 15% off all Inflatable dinghy and RIB service and repairs. At the same time they will fit for FREE a RIBPort fitting to your boat.

The Railblaza range is an ideal way to attach items such as bait boards and rodholders. Using the unique StarPort and RIBPort system, boaties can create attachment points around their boat and then swap the fittings as required.

This offer to Coastguard members for savings on inflatable repairs and Railblaza fittings applies until 1 October 2010



Railblaza fittings



Southern Pacific Inflatable dinghy

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Getting Educated

The Coastguard Northern Region Maritime School has a great range of courses that are coming up over the next few months. Here is a selection of the most popular courses that are being held.



Day Skipper (15 hrs)

An introductory course for all members of the family or crew, including those new to boating. It will enable you to gain essential boating knowledge and safety, and applies to a range of vessels including yachts, launches, powerboats, jet skis, sea kayaks and waka.

START	VENUE	DAY	TIME
09 Sep	Massey University (Albany)	Thursday x5	1900-2200
18 Sep	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Sat/Sun x1	0830-1630
25 Sep	Hamilton	Sat/Sun x1	0830-1630
02 Oct	Outboard Boating Club of Auckland	Sat/Sun x1	0830-1630
04 Oct	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Mon/Thurs x 4	0930-1330
07 Oct	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Thursday x5	1900-2200
09 Oct	Kerikeri	Sat/Sun x1	0830-1630
11 Oct	Howick	Monday x 5	1900-2100
30 Oct	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Sat/Sun x1	0830-1630
30 Oct	Whangarei	Sat/Sun x1	0830-1630
01 Nov	Browns Bay	Monday x 5	1900-2200



Marine VHF Radio (6 hrs)

A minimum requirement for all users of Marine VHF Radio. It covers the correct VHF radio operations, enabling you to operate your VHF radio with confidence.

START	VENUE	DAY	TIME
01 Sep	Maraetai	Wed x2	1900-2200
05 Sep	Whangarei	Sun x1	0900-1500
27 Sep	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Mon x2	1900-2200
03 Oct	Mangonui	Sun x1	0900-1500
07 Oct	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Thurs/Fri	0930-1230
09 Oct	Browns Bay	Sat x1	0930-1230
10 Oct	Papakura	Sun x1	0900-1500
17 Oct	Outboard Boating Club of Auckland	Sun x1	0900-1500
14 Nov	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Sun x1	0900-1500
Women's Marine VHF Radio			
Nov	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Mon x2	1900-2200
MROC			
Dec	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Mon x1	1900-2200



Boatmaster (30 hrs)

A comprehensive course for boaties with some existing knowledge and experience. It applies to a wide range of vessels including yachts, launches and power boats.

START	VENUE	DAY	TIME
11 Sep	Maraetai	Sat/Sun + Thur	0830-1630
18 Sep	Mangonui	Sat/Sun x 2.5	0830-1630
02 Oct	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Sat/Sun + Wed eve	0830-1630
09 Oct	Kerikeri	Sat/Sun + Tue eve	0830-1630
27 Oct	Massey University, Albany	Tue/Thur x 12	1900-2200
06 Nov	Whangarei	Sat/Sun x 2.5	0830-1630
06 Nov	Auckland Marine Rescue Centre	Sat/Sun x 2.5	0830-1630

To find out more information about any of the Coastguard Boating Education courses or RYA practical power boating courses run by the Coastguard Northern Region Maritime School or to book on any of the courses either email education@coastguard.org.nz, visit www.coastguard.org.nz and go to the "Boating Education" page or phone Liz on 09 303 9364



Win a Yacht Lifeline Coastal Essentials MedKit Competition

Last issues question was – In relation to first Aid, what does ABC stand for?

The correct answer was "Airways, Breathing and Circulation". Check out our website to see who was the lucky winner of a brand new Yacht Lifeline Coastal MedKit valued at \$295.

This issues question is:

What is the rate of breath to compressions when giving CPR to an adult?

Either put your answer on the back of an envelope and send to:

In the Loop Competition
Coastguard Northern Region
P.O. Box 2195, Shortland St
Auckland 1140

Or email your answer to:

competition@coastguard.org.nz

Custom designed and proved in action, Yacht Lifeline Offshore Medkits are comprehensive, simple to use and vacuum-sealed for maximum protection. They include everything you need – dressings, trauma CrashPAC, Medkit and manual.



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WIN a FUJIFILM water proof camera

Coastguard Northern Region, with the support of FUJIFILM ran a photo competition over summer. We had a great response from our members and received some fantastic images.

As with any competition, there can only be one



FUJIFILM photo competition winner

winner and this years winner is Dima Ivanov with this great picture taken at the Kai Iwi Lakes

Congratulations. You have won the ultra stylish FinePix Z33WP waterproof/dustproof compact camera.

The camera is waterproof to 3 meters, has 10 megapixels with a 3 X optical zoom and comes in five stylish colours. It is the perfect camera to have out on the water and is valued at over \$400.

Thanks to our Sponsors:



Boat Shows Plan Changes for 2011

Changes are in the wind in 2011 for boat shows that are being held around the Auckland and Northland areas.

The Auckland International Boat Show, that has traditionally been held in March, has announced that it is changing to a new date being the 15th to 19th of September. Marine Industry Association Chief Executive Peter Busfield says that the 2011 Auckland International Boat Show will be one of the first shows to be held in the Viaduct's new Events Centre. "Running the show at the same time as the World Cup will greatly increase the international exposure, for both the show and the marine industry as a whole."

Also planning a change of date in 2011 is the

Northland Boat Show. This has been run in early November at Marsden Cove Marina for the last couple of years but plans are afoot to run the show in conjunction with a new regatta called "Clash at the Cove" at the Marsden Cove Marina in March of next year. A date has not yet been confirmed.



Coastguard Education Cruises to celebrate 21 years

An initiative started by Coastguard to better educate boaties who visit popular areas in the Hauraki Gulf over summer will be celebrating its 21st anniversary this year when Coastguard Northern Region once again runs its Education Cruises to the Waiheke and Coromandel and Mahurangi Kawau areas aboard a Fullers Ferry.

Each year nearly 450 keen boaties join Coastguard Northern Region on each of the evening cruises visiting popular anchorages in the Hauraki Gulf. Each year these cruises sell out – quickly.

The idea for the cruises came from Coastguard volunteer Kevin O'Sullivan who has provided not only the knowledge, but also the commentary for every cruise since they began in 1990.

The commentary on both cruises reveals important information on hazards in the areas and also provides practical tips on boating safety that will help make boating this summer not only safer, but more enjoyable. They also point out prime recreational opportunities such as walking tracks and diving spots and give an interesting historical account of each area. Time constraints mean that for both cruises there will not be the opportunity to venture ashore.”



A recent cruise at Tiritiri Matangi

The dates for the 2010 cruises are:

Waiheke Coromandel Education Cruise

Tuesday 30 November \$45 per person

Mahurangi/Kawau Education Cruise

Tuesday 7 December \$40 per person

All cruises are boarded at Fullers Downtown

Ferry Terminal at 1700 hours (5.00pm) and depart at 1730 (5.30pm sharp) with an expected return time after dark at approximately 2200 hours (10.00pm).

To book your tickets go to our website www.coastguard.org.nz or phone 09 303 4303.

Bar Awareness Day - 14 November

If you are one of the many people who cross or plan to cross either the Raglan, Manukau or Kaipara Harbour bars, then you should consider attend one of our informative Bar Awareness Day events.

A key to safely crossing the bar is to get local information as to when and how it is best to cross, which is where Coastguard likes to be involved. Boaties are always encouraged to contact Coastguard before they cross a bar.

Our Coastguard units from Raglan, Waiuku, Manukau and Kaipara will be able to give you all of the information that you will need when planning a bar crossing and if weather conditions permit, Coastguard will take boaties out to the respective bars.

To get further information please either visit www.coastguard.org.nz or phone 0508 RESCUE.

Simple Tips For Crossing A Bar

- ✓ Seek local advice on the bar and channels
- ✓ Check the weather, tide and bar conditions
- ✓ Ensure your boat has adequate stability
- ✓ Check your boat and make sure hatches and equipment are adequately secured
- ✓ Make sure that everybody is wearing a lifejacket and are awake
- ✓ Ensure that you are carrying two forms of communication that work even when wet
- ✓ Make a trip report to Coastguard of your plans before crossing
- ✓ Post a lookout to monitor conditions astern
- ✓ Approach the bar at moderate speed
- ✓ Communicate to Coastguard that you have successfully crossed the bar



Manukau Rescue 2 at the Manukau Harbour Bar

The final piece of advice from Coastguard is:

If in doubt, don't go out!