



**KAWAKAWA BAY BOAT CLUB INC,
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Newsletter

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Commodores Report

What a great summer since Christmas! Of course great days mean more boating days, so the ramp has been very busy, even now that most people are back at work the carpark is often full during the week. Waitangi Day was a day that everyone decided to go to the Beach in one way or another. The ramp has never been so busy, especially with a low tide at 3pm. The staff were pushed to keep things flowing in the heat and there was a large build-up of boats waiting for the stop/go sign to flash green! Thanks for your patience, at least there was little wind so wasn't too hard to sit and wait as you waited for your turn.

After keeping a lot of pressure on our Local Board Reps we had Auckland Council finally commit to carrying through with their side of the contract we have with them and carried out quite a bit of maintenance on pontoons prior to Christmas. Prior to the repairs there were some major issues around the Health and Safety of continuing to use ramps so great to have them fixed. We are currently in negotiation with Council about repairing the poles on middle pontoon, which wobble a lot, and getting the main apron at top of ramp have a major upgrade.

We have had a major makeover of the interior of watch-house with an interior repaint, new carpet, better storage, staff toilet upgrade etc. It is a great asset for the club to have this building and it is satisfying to see it looking much better. We are just doing the finishing touches so are nearly there. We ask that members use the public toilets beside the Tackle Box, the watch-house toilets are for staff.

Often we are asked why we don't cap the membership to keep the pressure off parking etc. The agreement we have with Auckland Council says we have to open up to public and once a car and trailer is on the ramp it is not easily possible to say to the driver that you can't launch here and to turn around and go out again. In so many ways the Club is a victim of its own success. Members find the support they get from ramp staff invaluable and consequently we get more and more people wanting to join. The main problem with large numbers is the time it takes for members to park or retrieve their cars. The club car that transports people to and from their cars goes some way to alleviating this issue but with cars having to park back past Ferndale Drive on busy days it is a problem. For the record, that little silver car clocked up 280km's on Waitangi Day operating as a shuttle on the Coast Road!

Of course the public ramp adds considerably to the congestion. We ask that you all carefully consider when you come and go on busy days, the further we can stretch out the busy periods, the less time you will be sitting waiting, either in your car or in your boat. If you know it is going to be a busy day we would encourage you to get on water very early and try to stagger your return time out of the 3 to 5pm timeslot. The congestion is at its worst when we have a low tide at 3 or 4pm on a busy day and pontoons are much shorter because of lack of water.

A big thank you goes out to committee members who volunteer their time to keep club running well and the paid ramp staff, under the watchful eye of Penny, who help add to the enjoyment of a day on the water by easing the launching and retrieving of boats. Thanks to members who have over the year emailed to say thanks for the support, the staff appreciate that. We appeal again that you get your boat ready to launch before you come down the ramp, the boat ramp for launching and retrieving and the faster that we get boats into or out of the water and towing vehicles away, the better it is for everyone.

We are always looking for ways to improve the service so don't hesitate to send us an email with suggestions you may have, the Club operates for the members so make it your own. As a committee we are currently doing some strategic planning as to what we all want out of Club over the next few years, we will keep you posted on that.

So, I will sign off and hope you all enjoy the remainder of the season on the water. Observe the rules of both fishing and boating and travel safe.

Kawakawa Bay Boat Club Committee

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Membership

We appreciate the support of all our members. This enables us to provide and maintain a great facility, along with the service of our ramp staff to you all.

Welcome to our new members & thanks to our long term members for your continued support.

Currently this season our membership numbers are sitting just shy of **1700**.

We trust you all enjoy our facility & continue to support us in the future.

As a member you are required to show your current vehicle ID on your dashboard when you use the ramp. Also you must have the correct season's coloured stickers on both your boat and trailer. This makes it easier for our ramp staff to identify you.

Please remember that your membership belongs to you personally, not your boat/vehicle. Membership ID is for the sole use of the member registered with the club, and is not to be loaned to other people. Spot checks are carried out all the time. Remember if you sell your boat to remove your stickers from you boat & trailer. Please notify club of any changes in boat details. Also if you change address or email address please let us know so we can keep our records up to date.

Manning of the Ramp



Our Ramp Staff Team play an important part in keeping the ramp running in an orderly manner.

We are here to direct & assist with the launching

& retrieving of your boats, & to keep the flow of traffic running through our facility as efficiently as possible.

We thank you all for your co-operation in following directions when you use the ramp.

With the 3 ramps now completely operational, you must at all times be totally prepared when you enter the ramp area to launch, & exit immediately after retrieving your vessel on your return.

The ramp area needs to be kept clear at all times to allow for the traffic flow.

When launching:

- No untying of travel straps, loading gear, putting in bungs, removing covers & towing flags etc. can be done in the ramp area. It **MUST** be done up on the roadside prior to your entry.
- Ensuring your boat starts, & steering is free before you leave home is always a good idea, as when these problems become apparent once your boat is in the water, this can cause huge hold ups for others at busy launching times.

When retrieving:

- Simple things like having your winch rope/cable extended out ready to hook to your boat saves heaps of time.
- You **MUST** exit the ramp area straight away & prepare your boat for your journey home on the roadside away from the ramp.

Please adhere to the parking layouts in our carparks & watch out for the Stop/Go sign in operation at busy times. (more details below)

We love seeing you all using the ramp regularly & getting to know you.

We appreciate your support for what we do.

If there is anything we can do to make your experience here better, or you need any special assistance please let us know.

See you at the ramp again soon!

Penny & the Ramp Staff Team.

Parking

Parking is always an issue on busy days.

We insist you all take the time to park correctly in our carparks at all times.

In the TOP CARPARK above the ramp, please ensure you have both your vehicle & trailer within the parking lines.

Pull your vehicle right to the front of the roadside, leaving room for others to park behind you in the longer carparks.

At no time can your trailer be closer than 3m from the back fence, as we need to have a clear way for everyone to get in & out.

In the FENCED OFF Paddock CARPARK, you must park according to the layout instructions at the entrance. No parking parallel to the fence lines.

This takes up precious space where we could get many more people parked close to the ramp.

Also please try to park as closely together as possible (approx. 1m apart) so we can fully utilise the space.

As you all know, when our carparks are full you then have to park further along the road. Be mindful of everyone else when parking so as not to block them in.

Club Shuttle Car



The past year has seen the club purchase & introduce our shuttle car. This is used at busy times (mainly weekends & public holidays) to speed up the time it takes to get to & from your vehicles when parked far away from the ramp.

There is a donation box in the car, where any donations received are used to offset the cost of running this service.

We know this service is much appreciated by many of you.

Busy Times, Stop/Go Sign

Please check low tide times, & try to avoid these where possible. We know the low tides morning & late afternoon cause us the most hold ups & congestion.



Many of you may have experienced days like above when returning to the ramp to find queues of boats outside the breakwater. This generally happens when it is low tide & limited space on the pontoons for your boats. This is when we will have our STOP/GO sign operating from the top of the wall near the clubhouse. Please watch out for this. Please join the queue at the back. The staff operating the sign do their best to keep everyone in order coming in. But sometime it is hard to know who is next when there are large numbers outside.



From time to time we may ask someone to come in ahead of you. There are reasons for this, possibly us trying to juggle spaces for smaller boats vs large boats, or someone's trailer may be in the water in between the pontoons ready for the boat to go straight on, & leave the ramp immediately without using the pontoons.

Remember when you are out there you cannot see what is going on, so you must trust that the staff are doing their best to control the situation with the safety of you all in mind.

DO NOT QUEUE JUMP outside the ramp, as you will be sent back out to the back of the queue! You will also probably experience some very angry words from the others waiting out there patiently.

Local Fishing Charter Operator

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Local Ship to Ship VHF Channels:

Hauraki Gulf (Inner)	Channel 64
Hauraki Gulf (Outer)	Channel 60
Waiheke Island	Channel 62

From your Club Committee/Management

The Kawakawa Bay Boat Club provides the facilities here for its members.

Our aim is to make your time using the ramp facilities both enjoyable & safe.

We ask that you respect our facilities & treat them as if they were your own.

We are open to any ideas or suggestions that you may have.

Contact Us

All feedback and suggestions welcome.

Phone: (09) 292 2131 Email boatclub@kbbc.co.nz

Fisheries New Zealand
Tini a Tangaroa

Catching Finfish in the Upper North Island

The Snapper 1 Region covers the East Coast between North Cape and Cape Runaway out to a distance of 200 nautical miles.

Snapper/Karati/āmure

MINIMUM SIZE (SNA1)*	PER FISHER (SNA1)*
MINIMUM SIZE OTHER AREAS	PER FISHER OTHER AREAS

Kingfish/Haku

MINIMUM SIZE

Hāpuku/Whāpuku

	Daily combined bag limit of 5 with no more than 3 Kingfish included
	MINIMUM SIZE

*SNA1 (Snapper 1) is the area from North Cape to Cape Runaway, out to a distance of 200 nautical miles offshore.

Fines and penalties	
Undersized fish	\$250 fine
1 x over the daily limit	\$250 fine
2 x over the daily limit	\$500 fine
More than 3 x over the daily limit	Prosecution and/or gear forfeiture

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