



Commodores Corner

March 2020

Hello all, well yes we have done it again. The goat trophy is where it belongs, in the display cabinet at our Pukemanu headquarters just above the pool table. A big well done to the 10 member's who represented our club over the two fishing competitions to bring home the trophy for the 9th year in a row (yes that's right). Ngawi big 3 saw 1 day's fishing due to the weather and our club's members were well represented at prize giving, in the Snapper, gurnard and kahawi section. Fishing has been good when out, I know that I have had 6 weekends in a row on the water in different parts of the country. Our ladies in the club which fished in the battle of the babes did very well, Ana Riddell winning the under 20ft class and Liz Warren 2nd in the big boat class, also a number of section prize winners from the club as well.

We currently have 158 club members, 50 tractor key holders. It would be very good to see a few more participating in our club weekends, as a club we put a big effort into arranging prizes for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, average angler and average blue cod and tarakihi, so please join in. Remember to Login on and off the water on club days, failure to do so will mean your fish do not count. They are

self-launch and retrieve days with the skipper being responsible for all their crew's safety.

Club tractor at Ngawi is for use of all tractor key holders from our club, please use trailer extension bars and don't put our tractor in the sea. It is the club's biggest asset so please look after it.

Cray fish and paua numbers seem to be great this year with most people enjoying nice catches in both over the summer. We have a number of club members away in Coromandel this week so look forward to their reports and photo in our next newsletter.

A big thank you must go out to Mark Telford for his great work with our monthly newsletter, but he needs your stories and photos to fill it up.

Photo comp, get your fishing photos in to have a chance of winning at the AGM. Our AGM will roll around later in the year, we will be looking for a couple of new member's to join our great committee, so give it some thought and join in all the fun. Well that's all from me at the moment, hopefully the sea will continue to allow more fishing.

Tight Lines

Commodore Gary

**NEXT COMPETITION DATE:
HUNTING & FISHING PUKE OPEN
Club Weekend 25th & 26th APRIL 2020
Radio Watch Channel 4.
First call up from 7.30 am
WeighMaster.**



**Brendan and Liz Walker 33 Grey Street
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If this were my dog, the sign post would be chewed to bits & she would be skim boarding on the sign. Ed.



FISHING COMPANY DONATES LARGE AMOUNTS TO POLITICAL PARTYS

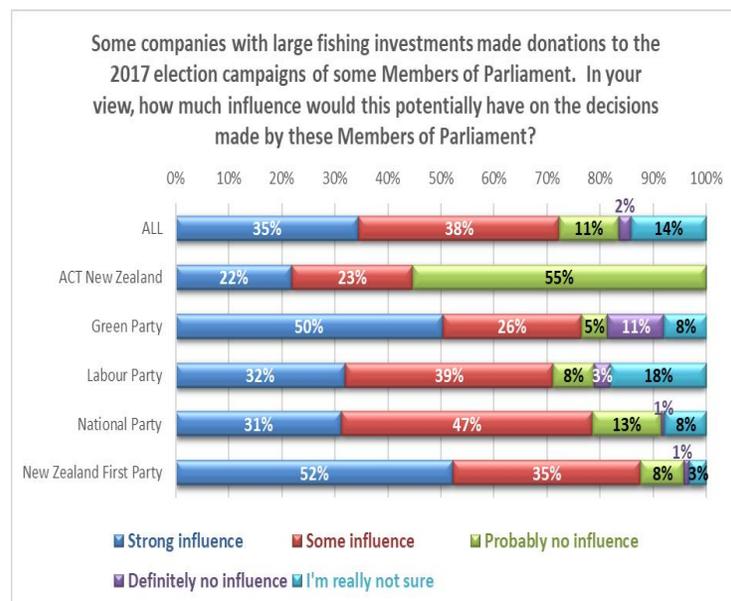
Revelations that one of New Zealand's biggest fishing companies has been making large donations to political parties and politicians has brought the inadequacies of the Quota Management System into the spotlight and onto the political agenda.

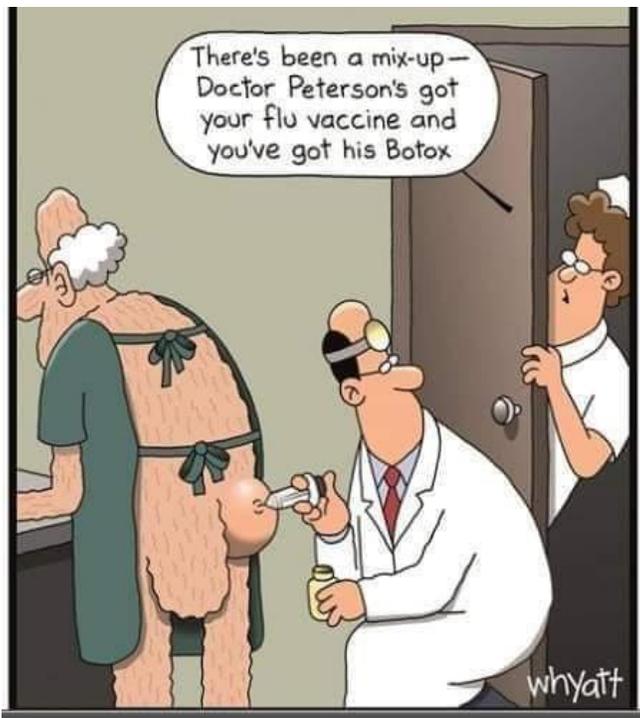
LegaSea will be pushing hard this year to keep fisheries management reform in the spotlight and make it a significant election issue.

LegaSea spokesperson Sam Woolford says there needs to be total transparency over commercial fishing interests' donations to political parties.

“THESE DONATIONS, DONE IN SECRET AND CYNICALLY AT MONETARY LEVELS TO AVOID BEING DECLARED, OBVIOUSLY MAKE NEW ZEALANDERS DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL TO BUY UNDUE INFLUENCE OVER-FISHING POLICIES – WORTH BILLIONS,” HE SAYS.

“The country needs the Government to launch an objective – and inclusive – review of how our fisheries policies are working. We have over-fishing, stock depletion, illegal dumping, bottom trawling destroying fishing grounds, near extinction of endangered dolphins, and no great push to ensure cameras are aboard every vessel to help stop the unsustainable use of the country’s fisheries. “Collectively finding ways to make stocks abundant again will help everyone – especially commercial fishers,” Mr Woolford says. Ironically, the Horizon poll found concern over the potential influence of fishing industry donations to MPs was highest among those who voted for New Zealand First at the 2017 election: 88% felt the donations had the potential to influence decisions, 9% felt they would have probably none or no influence. Among National Party votes, 79% felt it would have some influence, 9% probably little or none.





The Swedish Sailing vessel “Kvartsita”
(an article from Kent Borjesson)



I embarked in Goteborg to join a trip back to home port Fiskebackskil on the west coast of Sweden a 50NM journey with a skeleton crew of half a dozen sailors,



it was blowing 30-35 knots from the east (off shore). Due to being short handed the skipper (an old mate of mine who is a senior captain for Stena Line and has been





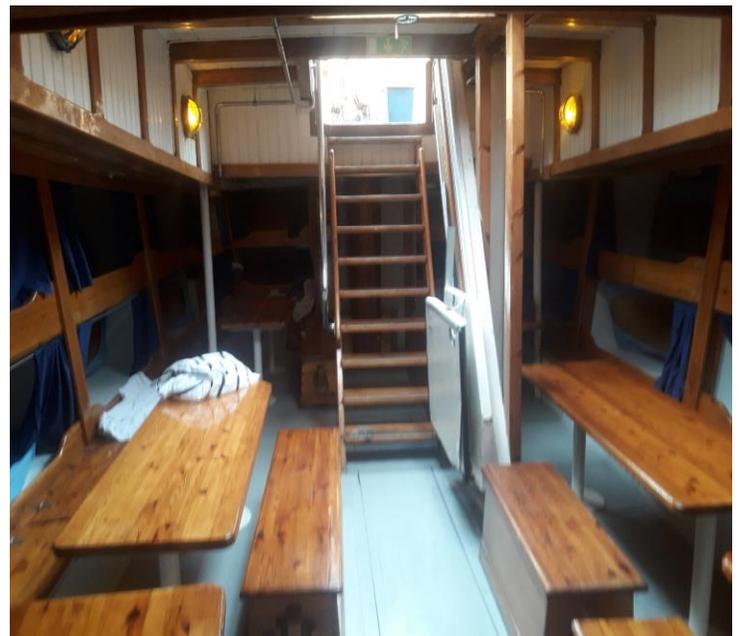
for many years) decided the safest would be the inshore route and hoisting the sails was not possible with the small crew . Well the 8V71 Detroit was fired up and we went out from the city and headed



north up the coast making about 4.5-5 knots average .The passage is well marked with Buoys and markers but a bit tricky due to many twists and turns around shoals ,islands and small villages ,not to mention our draft of nearly 3 meters!



We only had a slight motion in the open stretches of water with a 1 meter swell and 15 degree air temp ,luckily there is only 1foot of tide in this area .Half way the cook onboard made an excellent meal of fillet steak,mushrooms and new potato's.Thanks to left overs from the last trip. ☺





designed to care for the young and handicapped to get a feel of the sea and old style sailing and to learn the ropes. Every winter she is winterized under a full cover and this time all the rigging and masts are coming down for a total over haul. She will look fantastic!



It was a great trip and will be long remembered. Kent.

We left early in the afternoon and arrived at 10 pm there is still light at that time of the year and at 58 degrees north it only gets semi dark between 11.30-2am! Makes it hard to sleep.



Some facts about "Kvartsita" (quartz rock) her main cargo for many years from a quarry to a glass factory , LOA 100" built in Sweden 1945 ,138 Tons, Oak frames and planking. It is run and operated by volunteer effort ,check [www.kvartsita .se](http://www.kvartsita.se) and is especially



"Well, that was fortuitous. As it turns out, lion taming just so happened to be the last item on his bucket list."

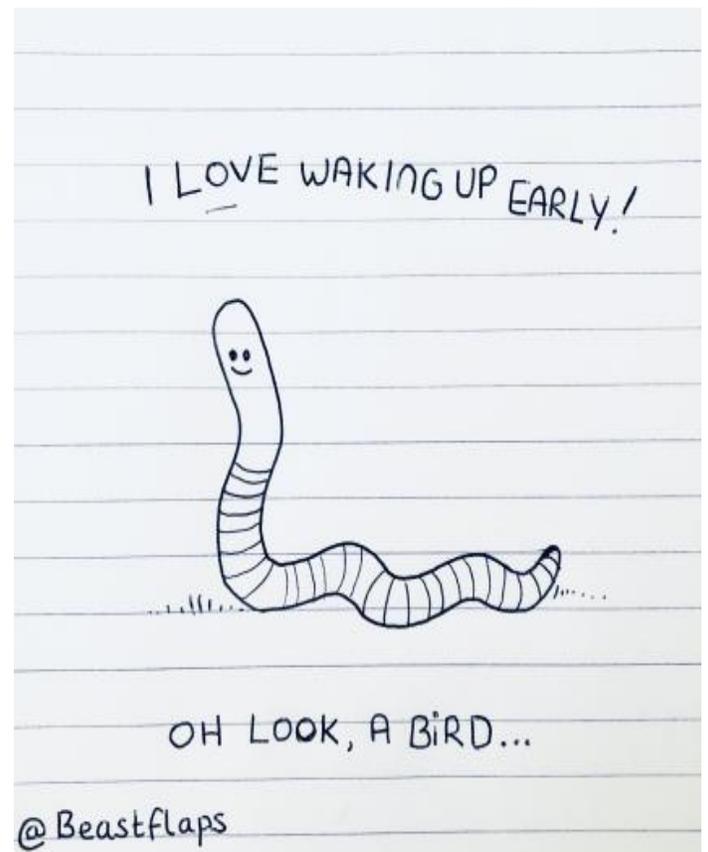
In 2013 the government committed to 100% camera or observer coverage of all trawl vessels on the northeast coast, by October 2015. In June 2019 the present government promised us that 28 at-risk vessels on the west coast of the North Island would have cameras and monitoring by November. The roll-out to the remaining commercial fishing fleet would follow. Still we wait.



There have been a myriad of reasons offered as to why the government has reneged on these promises. A simple pullback of the curtain reveals the plain truth – the biggest quota holders do not support the installation of cameras to monitor commercial fishing operations at sea. These industry heavyweights sent a letter to Stuart Nash, the Minister of Fisheries, in July 2018. They made it abundantly clear that cameras were not acceptable. The letter was subsequently released to Forest & Bird under the Official Information Act. “For the avoidance of doubt the undersigned NZ Seafood companies and stakeholders do not support your current proposal for compulsory cameras to be imposed on all commercial fishing vessels.” It was signed by representatives from Talley’s Group, the New Zealand Federation of Commercial Fishermen, Sealord and Te Ohu Kai Moana. This raises some serious issues around transparency. On the one hand commercial fishing interests are spending millions of dollars on television and online advertising telling us they are good environmental guardians, how they are fishing sustainably, and only catching what they bring in. Yet, on the other, they refuse to have

cameras on board their vessels. New Zealanders expect transparency because these fishers are operating in our waters, profiting for the sale of a natural resource while returning little to the national coffers. If there is no transparency then there is no way to verify the claims made in the fanciful advertising. It also raises questions around why there is a reluctance to have cameras onboard.

(I am sure most of our members have seen these bullshit ads on TV. These Fishing companies are endeavouring to portray themselves as guardians of our fish resource. Yeah Right! Ed.)



River Walk –

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank. “Yoo-hoo!” she shouts, “How can I get to the other side?”

The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, “You ARE on the other side.”

NURSERY RHYMES UPDATED FOR THE 21st CENTURY

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
The structure of the wall was incorrect
So he won ten grand with Claims Direct.

It's raining, it's pouring
Of course its global warming.

Jack and Jill went into town
To fetch some chips and sweets
Now he can't keep his heart rate down
And she's got diabetes.

Georgie Porgie pudding and pie
Kissed the girls and made them cry
When the boys came out to play
He kissed them too coz he was gay.

Mary had a little lamb
It ran into a pylon
10,000 volts went up it's arse
And turned it's wool to nylon.

Wiremu & Wok warned people over and over that the Titanic was going to sink but would they listen?

No, they kept telling them to shut up.
Finally, they threw them out of the picture theatre. 😊



At The Doctor's Office –

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it.

“Impossible!” says the doctor. “Show me.”
The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream.

The doctor said, “You're not really a redhead, are you?”

“Well, no,” she said, “I'm actually a blonde.”
“I thought so,” the doctor said. “Your finger is broken.”

**Sometimes I get
road rage
walking behind
people at the
grocery store.**



Last month, a world-wide telephone survey was conducted by the UN.

The only question asked was:-

"Would you please give your honest opinion about possible solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"
The survey was a complete failure because:

In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant

In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.

In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant.

In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.

In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.

In South America they didn't know what "please" meant.

In the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

And in Australia , New Zealand , Canada and Britain everyone hung up as soon as they heard the Indian accent.



Benny Cenac, CEO of Cenac Marine Services , takes great pride in continuing his family's multigenerational business and legacy. One of his family businesses, Houma Machine & Propeller, is a renowned propeller shop, selling and repairing ship propellers of various sizes all over the world. Ship propellers have advanced greatly over the years. Today, the largest propeller has a diameter of 31.5 feet. (Now that's a BIG Prop)



Dead fish raise more questions

Questions remain around the mass of dead fish floating around the Hauraki Gulf and landing on the beaches of Kawau Island before Christmas. Ministry for Primary Industries advise they received a report of the "accidental loss" of 1,000 kilos of mackerel from a commercial vessel fishing outside Kawau Island. Another report suggests the volume of fish could have been much greater.



Whatever the tonnage, MPI need to investigate and find out why these fish were "lost" and work on mitigation measures with commercial

fishers. LegaSea initially considered it may have been a natural event that caused the deaths as there were so many blue mackerel spread over such a vast area. LegaSea spokesperson Sam Woolford acknowledges the confusion and puts that down to the sheer scale and quantity of fish involved. Given the numbers of reports of dead fish floating between Kawau and Great Barrier Islands it made it hard to comprehend. People were rightly disgusted at the sight and smell of rotting fish. Adding to the confusion is the lack of transparency. Electronic monitoring is required on commercial vessels and the skipper reported they had lost the load of fish five nautical miles from Kawau. Yet it was five days after the public reported the dead fish that MPI released any information. MPI has still not revealed when the fish were lost overboard, which vessel was involved nor what they were targeting at the time. The lack of transparency and inadequate communication with the public raises further questions of how many “accidental loss” incidents go unreported because no members of the public are in the vicinity to report them. “A mass loss of catch or dumping is a symptom of bulk harvesting techniques such as purse seining and bottom trawling. While our Quota Management System allows these fishing techniques, extracting vast quantities of fish in such an industrial manner will inevitably lead to large scale wastage when something goes wrong,” says Sam Woolford. Bulk harvesting is a cheap way to harvest fish, an important factor given that in 2018 more than 7.5 million kilos of blue mackerel were exported for an average price of just \$1.74 per kilo. Adding to the concerns is the need to consider the wider impact. Blue mackerel play a critical role in the marine ecosystem that supports larger fish, seabirds and dolphins. “It’s not only the fish that stink. The Quota Management System incentivises bulk harvesting and when it goes wrong it is our marine environment that suffers.” “How can a system that is supposedly ‘world leading’ allow this to happen?” says Sam Woolford.



If You're Having A Bad Day Remember That These 2 Guys Unloaded Six Thousand Bricks At The Wrong Address



Bird A: “Is that a human?”

Bird B: “No, don’t worry. It’s a scarecrow.”

Bird A: “How can you tell?”

Bird B: “He’s not looking at his phone.”



Don Hohepa & his cousin Keith go on a fishing trip. They rent all the equipment – the reels, the rods, the wading suits, the rowboat, the car, and even a cabin in the bush.

The first day that they go fishing, they don't catch anything. The same thing happens on the second day, and on the third day. It goes on like this until finally, on the last day of their vacation, one of them catches a fish.

As they are driving home they both feel quite depressed. Keith turns to Hohepa and says: "Do you realise that this one lousy fish we caught cost us fifteen hundred bucks?"

Hohepa says: "Wow! Then it's a good thing we didn't catch any more!"
just saying 😊



Goal: To have political parties commit to policies that will restore New Zealand's inshore fisheries to abundant levels.

Objective: Political parties adopt and implement the five policy planks outlined in the [LegaSea Fisheries Manifesto](#).



A recent photo taken in Featherston, the group involved reckon the cops won't even notice their crop as the helicopters don't usually fly over the town.



I don't always pay
attention to what my
husband says
but when I do he's
usually wrong

Cameras on boats – a vital step forward

Recreational fishing group LegaSea has called on Minister of Fisheries Stuart Nash to stand firm against industry pressure to dump the introduction of cameras and electronic monitoring on commercial fishing boats. LegaSea is challenging industry claims that it is engaging in best practice fishing endeavours, and that cameras and other forms of monitoring are not required.



Dave Turner, director of Fisheries

Management at the Ministry for Primary Industries has been quoted saying, "We estimate that if we found the golden bullet to stop discarding, we would probably put over half of the inshore fleet out of business overnight..."

This admission alone should be truth enough to continue with the surveillance cameras. "Fisheries Management can't quantify the tonnages involved but we suspect they are significant to the point that they are impacting on stocks," said Turner. When historical claims of dumping against the industry were investigated MPI officials countered by announcing plans for a new electronic monitoring package to solve these systemic sins. Now it seems we are to forego even this. While many boats are run professionally there are fishers who operate illegally. They are difficult to catch because offending is easily hidden far out at sea.

LegaSea spokesman Scott Macindoe says, "These fishers give the industry a bad name but worse still, they give the fishery a hiding. This has to stop. The

Pukemanu Boating and Fishing Club Results March 7/8 2020

1st Gary Warren
2nd Liz Warren
3rd Chris Oakly

Average Angler:
Charlie Baldwin 243.10

Average Blue Cod:
Heath Riddell 1.38

Average Tarakihi:
Liz Warren 1.51

Mystery Fish:

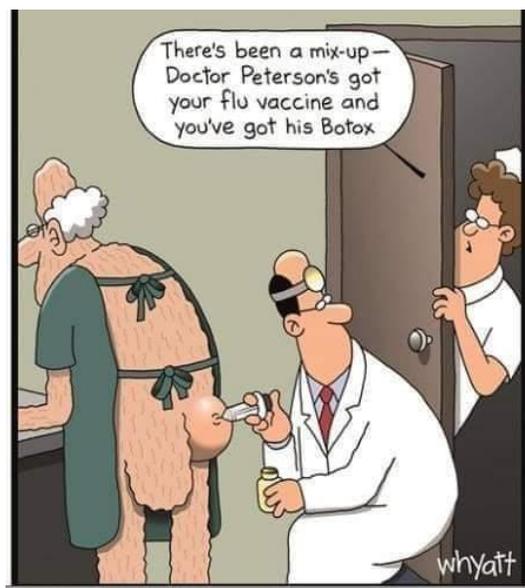
Tuna Gary Warren 3.28

public are sick of it, the stocks can't sustain this kind of abuse and unless these operators are exposed or forced to change their ways, everyone including our kids will lose". "We know that more seabirds are killed on boats with cameras than are reported killed on boats without direct observers in place.

We know from the 'Sea Around Us' research that the industry dumps more fish than it lands.

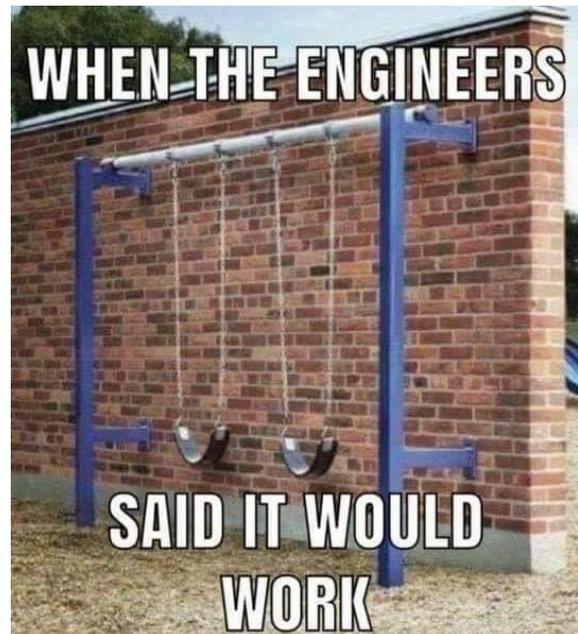
We know that the industry was happy to have cameras when they were run by its own privately-held company, and we know that the industry lost the footage recorded in the early trials.

Cameras are the least we can do to protect our fisheries, our dolphins and our seabirds, and we strongly urge the Minister to make the right decision here." "The industry needs reform. We've called for a Commission of Inquiry into the way our fisheries are managed and we need to know what is going on aboard these vessels. After all, our fisheries are a public resource and as such we all have kaitiakitanga obligations to fulfill



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Groucho Marx on Politics
"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies."



A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down the main street.

"But, officer," the man began, "I can explain!"

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer.

"I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But, officer, I just wanted to say..."

"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said: "Lucky for you

that the chief's at his daughter's wedding.

He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?

A: He gave her a ring.

Q: How can you tell if a tree is a dogwood tree?

A: By its bark.

Q: What did the blonde name her pet zebra?

A: Spot.

Q: What happened when the owl lost his voice?

A: He didn't give a hoot



George was visiting his daughter last night when he asked if he could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century," she said.

"We don't waste money on newspapers.

Here, use my iPad."

George can tell you this, that fly never knew what hit him.

Hi Darling,

I'm down the Pub with the Lads
having a quiet drink.

Unfortunately, someone just
coughed everywhere so we have
been quarantined.

See you in 14 days

Lizzie was'nt happy when Wok rang
from Ev's Bar



Heaviest fish

Barracoutta	Don Finlayson	6.24
Blue Cod	Ian Warren	3.18
Blue Nose	Leisa Riddell	2.98
Groper	Ron Biel	20.86
Gurnard	John Leveridge	1.11
Kahawai	Liz Warren	2.53
Kingfish	Ian Warren	8.54
Red Cod	Heath Riddell	2.73
Snapper	Terry Liggett	2.61
Tarakihi	John Leveridge	2.32
Trumpeter	Alan Cundy	4.85
Tuna	Gary Warren	3.28

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Mark's Signs
Midway Barber
Lighthouse Gin
TK Vineyard
Masson's
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Neils Autos Kuripuni
Still Shop Greytown
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Wiremu's Waka returns to Ngawi



For over a month, I scrutinized the weather reports & sea conditions in Cook Strait.

The start of each week looked promising with variable winds under 10 knots & bugger all swell, but as the week progressed, those bloody Nor'Westers began to pick up, bugger, three weeks in a row, the same, then a Southerly.... hell!

Fortunately, the week beginning 24th of Feb looked good, so I rang my cobber, Pete Beech in Waikawa, Picton, to make sure he was still keen & able to accompany me across the "ditch" . thankfully he was. (the "Waka" had been over at Pete's place or on one of his moorings in Beech's Bay since late 2018 & it was time to bring her home to Ngawi.)

I got the Ferry to Picton on Tuesday & arrived to find Pete & his mate Geoff had launched the "Waka" at Waikawa Bay ramp. I had forgotten we needed a high tide to be able to float her off the trailer but fortunately Pete was onto it, & had her tied up at the jetty.

After sorting gear, hiring a life raft, (\$250 for a week!) plus getting fuel & all the numerous tasks sorted before taking a boat across the ditch, we were ready to go.



We had decided to head down Tory Channel & stay on a mooring overnight in Te Awaite, a bay just south of the old Perano whaling station, this would give us a better start in the morning. It was almost dark by the time we motored the "Waka" into the bay & we were both amazed by a huge number of seabirds, rafted up in the bay, out of the tide. (unfortunately it was too dark to get a decent photo.)

I had a peaceful but restless night, thinking of the crossing next day, & remembering other crossings I had made on other vessels bigger than "Wiremu's Waka" where we had got our arses kicked. (one trip from Tory channel to Mana on an H28 yacht. took over nine hours , 50 knot northerly right on the nose. The sea was smoking & the noise of the wind was bloody scary. I take my hat off to my "old" mate JK who wouldn't give up the tiller the whole trip over, I think his hands were that cramped he could'nt let go of the bloody thing anyway 😊 fantastic trip for building respect for the Sea!)



The morning arrived, no wind & the channel glassy, I wondered, "what's it like outside in the strait???)

We fired up the chevy, made a cuppa, stowed all our loose gear, cleaned the windscreen, then dropped the mooring, we were on our way, it was 7.15 a.m. I radioed Wellington Maritime Radio & gave them our trip report & ETA.



Tory entrance had the usual eddy's & boils of tide, but we had got the tide right & headed out into the strait on a Sou'East course, as I wanted to miss as much of the Karori Rip as possible.

There was about half a metre of chop with a light southerly wind, which was just starting to cause whitecaps so I eased her back to just over 3 thou revs, perfect for economical running, I leveled the "Waka" out.



As we got out of the Tory tide & further into the Strait, the wave pattern changed to a steeper faced

wave which forced me to cut back on the juice to stop the hull from pounding, however I managed to keep up enough power to keep on the plane, the last thing I wanted, was to reduce our speed too much, making a long voyage, (we only had one bag of lollies!)

Luckily, there was little wind & as we progressed, the "Waka" found her rhythm & Pete was having a great time, I was worried he would burst into song & start singing his dirty nautical ballads, but luckily he caught a glimpse of something ahead that unnerved him....".what's that white water ahead ???"

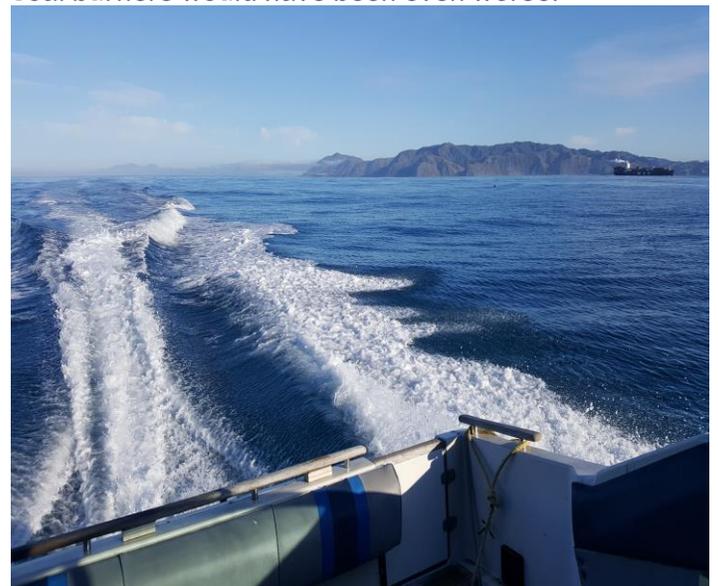
"Karori Rip Beechy" silence.....

"It's alright cobber, we will only get the outside of it, I've come a fair way out into the Strait, & there's stuff all wind to give us any grief." He didn't look convinced. ☺

Anyway, we carved our way through & were only 15 minutes in the rip edge before we were again in flattish sea & the "Waka" kicking up her heels in the air, great boating, especially with stuff all wind & clear blue skies. (This time of the year, sea fog can occur & apparently Monday had been thick with fog, in the Sounds & Strait.)

The sea state got better & better & we got faster, (around 35 knots). The waka found her rhythm again, & we were flying.

The closer we got to Barretts reef, Wellington harbour entrance, the glassier the sea got, beautiful conditions if you want to make a quick transit of the Strait. We flew past a big log ship on her way into Wellington & were amazed at the huge amount of smoke the vessel was making, the old coal burners would have been even worse.



Before long, we were past Pencarrow & Baring Heads & just off Turakirae Head, heading into Palliser bay. By this time, the light wind had veered & a light Northerly had replaced the Southerly & was raising a northerly chop out of the bay that caused the “Waka” to pound, so I cut back the rev’s, keeping enough power on to keep on the plane. The sea was fine though not perfect, but we gobbled up the miles & before long, we could see the buildings of Ngawi.

Pete commented that Palliser Bay is a large chunk of water & he had’nt realized how far we had to travel until we motored across it. (the last time I had come this route, I was on “Streaker II” with Keith Banks, heading from Wellington to Ngawi, with 3 metres of Sou’East push on the nose, great fun .)

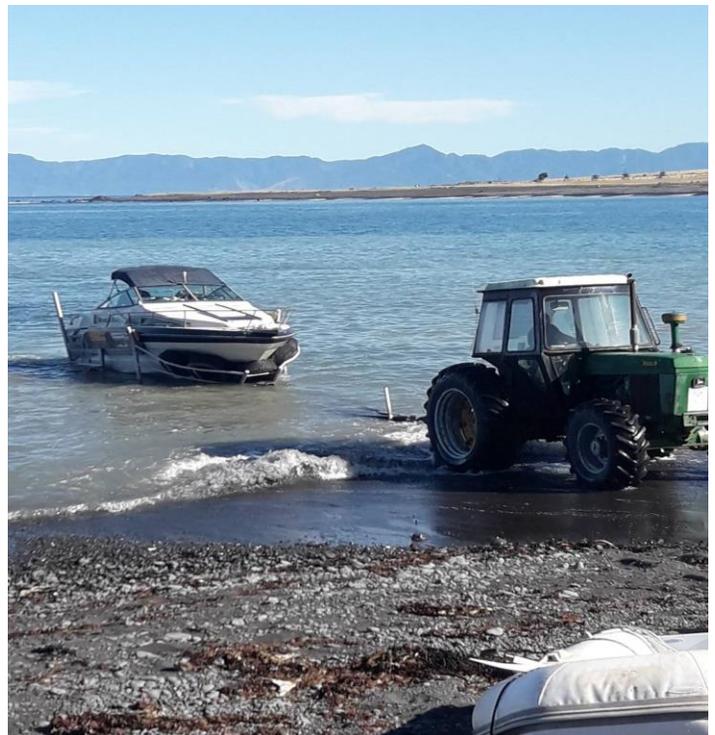


It was time to call up Graeme Catt to get the trailer in the water.

Pete had never been to Ngawi & was busy taking photos when we reached the calm water of the bay, A “Victory” lap of the bay seemed necessary as I was rapt that we had arrived without any issues & done the crossing in 2 & half hours. I called up Wellington Maritime Radio & confirmed our safe arrival.



Graeme had the Beach trailer in position & we slotted the “Waka” easily with no swell on the beach. Pete must have been impressed, as he stopped chewing his jaffa.



Home again! A big thank you to Pete Beech, Graeme Catt, Jane & Kent Borjesson, Paul Catt & Dave Blayney for their help & use of gear. Wiremu.

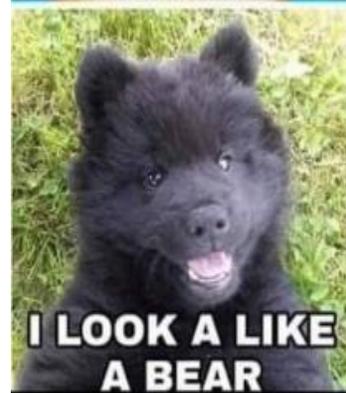
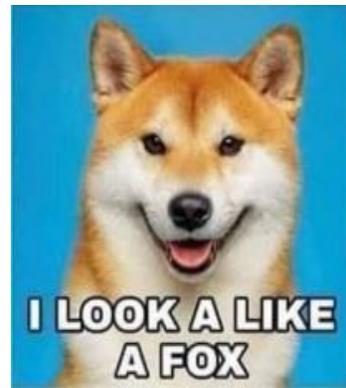


Hey guys, that dog ..bottom right....who does it remind you of??? I'm not saying!!

PIN WEIGHTS	
Groper	19.5kgs
Blue Cod	2.6kgs
Tarakihi	2.5kgs
Trumpter	5.2kgs
Kahawai	2.35kgs
Kingfish	8.5kgs
Gurnard	1.00kg
Snapper	2.6kgs
Trevally	1.3kgs
John Dory	3.2kgs
Red Cod	3.2kgs
Barracouta	4.8kgs
Tuna	8.3 kgs
Blue Nose	4.2kgs
Game Fish	90kgs



Really?



Kia ora,

We are a travel company based in the Chatham Islands and are the only locally owned and operated travel company offering tours of the Chathams.

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If travelling to the Chathams is something your club may be interested in, please get in touch with us and I'll be happy to answer any questions and provide more information. Our website also offers information on the package deals we offer.

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Seafood Chowder



INGREDIENTS

- **butter** 50 grams
- **leek** 1, finely chopped (white part only)
- **garlic** 3 cloves, finely chopped
- **plain flour** 2 level tablespoons
- **milk** 2½ cups
- **fish or chicken stock** 2½ cups
- **cream** ½ cup
- **handful shellfish in shells (eg mussels or clams)** scrubbed and cleaned – optional
- **raw fish eg monkfish, snapper, tarakihi, hapuku** 250 grams, cut into 3-4cm chunks
- **raw prawns (and/or scallops)** 250 grams
- **smoked fish or salmon** 200 grams, flaked
- **lemon** ½, juice
- **finely chopped parsley** ¼ cup
- **chives, to serve** ¼ cup, chopped

METHOD

1. Heat butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook leek and garlic with a good pinch of salt for a few minutes or until soft.
2. Stir in the flour and cook, while stirring continuously, for about 1 minute.
3. Stir in about ½ cup of the milk, stirring continuously to avoid lumps forming. Gradually stir in the rest of the milk, then the stock and cream. Simmer for about 10 minutes, stirring often, until slightly thickened.
4. Add seafood (if using shellfish, add first and cook for 1-2 minutes before adding other seafood) and continue to simmer for a few minutes or until seafood is just cooked through. Season to taste with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Stir in parsley.
5. Ladle into bowls, distributing seafood equally, and garnish with chives. Serve with warm flatbread smeared with garlic and herb butter.



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