



Commodores Corner July 2020 Newsletter

Hello all, well winter is certainly kicking us in the bum this year, with cold and windy weather not a lot of fishing has been happening.

My crew did manage a half day on the water a couple of weeks back and did manage to get a nice feed of blue cod. The end of this year has arrived and it's time to get together have a few laughs and celebrate our heaviest fish and top ladies and men fisherman at our AGM on Sunday 26th July, 10am at the Pukemanu followed by a couple of quiet drinks.

We have a guest speaker all the way from Auckland this year and you should all find him very interesting. We have a number of Dick of the year candidates this year, a new trophy and

strong numbers for the committee, so come along, and join in, be part of it all.

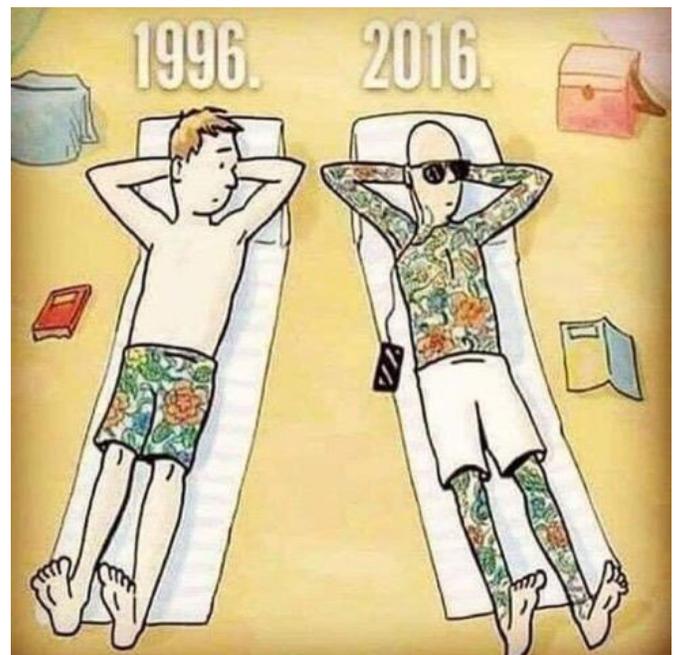
I have come to end of my third year as Commodore, we will be looking to change things around with some new faces in new position.

A thank you must go out to Brendan and Liz Walker for another stella year as our weighmasters.

The editor of this fantastic newsletter has done a great job this year (come along and see if he is dick of the year again). So a very big thank you to Mark for all the great work.

That's me, see you all there next Sunday 10am.

Commodore Gary





Nice Fish caught off the Ranfurly Banks by one of the Anderson Crew on their trip a few of months back.



Radio WatchChannel 4.

First call up from 7.30 am

WeighMaster.

Brendan and Liz Walker 33 Grey Street Martinborough 06 306 9615



Amazing the amount of ice under the water, I have noticed the same thing in my Gin glass.

Another Odyssey for Mary & Rob Messenger

(Mark, This is an email I just cooked up for all of our friends. Thinking you may be able to use this for your newsletter? You can edit it where you see fit. Cheers, Mary)

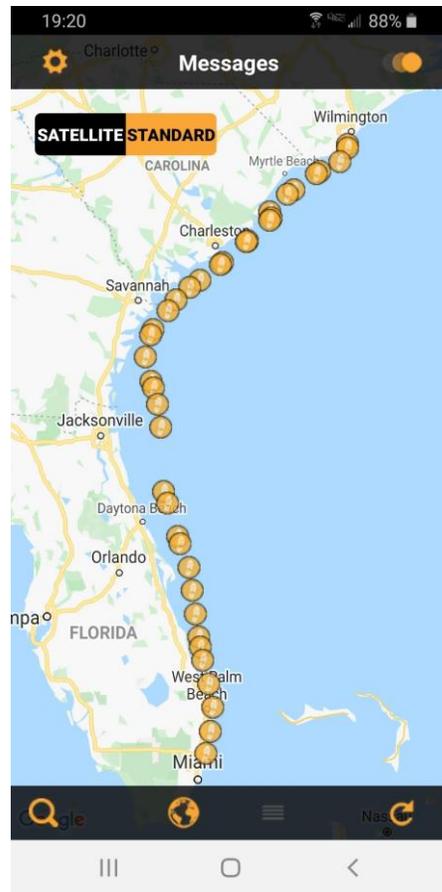
Greetings my friends,

Hope you are safe and well during this "Twilight Zone" era we are all coping with. As the saying goes; Hindsight is 2020, so I am curious to figure out what we learn when we pull through this pandemic.

Rob and I have managed to stay very busy making boat deliveries since April as many people who had plans to get their vessels from point A to B were unable to make these transitions themselves. On 21 May when we flew to Puerto Rico to start a delivery from Fajardo, PR to Stonington, CT. We

also had an extra crew, Zack, who Rob met on a previous delivery in March. We spent several hours provisioning, buying some spare diesel, propane and other odds and ends before we departed the following day around 3:30PM. The Covid situation was fairly strict there but we managed to get away and put our masks away until we arrived in Bermuda a week later. We had hopes initially of visiting Pam and Chuck, our friends who live there (we last visited them 3 yrs. ago during the America's Cup races)! Since we would have had to self quarantine on board for 14 days we only spent 3.5 hrs. on board refueling and then topping off the water tanks. Pam and Chuck did stop by and said hello and did a little grocery shopping for us before we carried onto our final destination. The weather was fairly decent for most of the trip, but the further north we went, the conditions became more lively. Thanks to technology we were able to get short texts messages from the owner who would send us weather forecasts daily so we could plan accordingly. We also started getting hints of the headline news of mobs and destruction a few days before we arrived in Stonington as the owner has a business in NYC!!

Attached are our footprints for our most recent voyages: and also a shot of Zack our crew, a rainbow scene and a shot of CADENCE taken at the dock in PR. Never did get a good shot of her. She's a Hallberg Rassey 43'.





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ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

NORTH		SOUTH	
Norfolk	11	South Mills	22
Newport News	23	Elizabeth City	40
Cape Charles	49	Belhaven	102
Richmond	114	Wilmington	305
Washington	208	Georgetown	395
Baltimore	209	Charleston	458
Philadelphia	297	Savannah	578
New York	451	Jacksonville	737
Boston	716	Miami	1087
Eastport	966	Key West	1239

How Are We Doing?

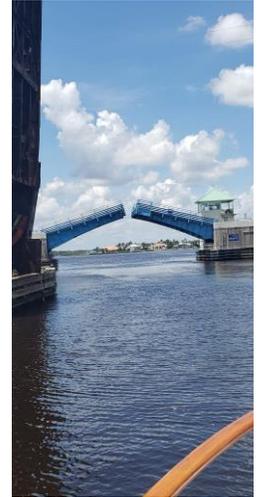
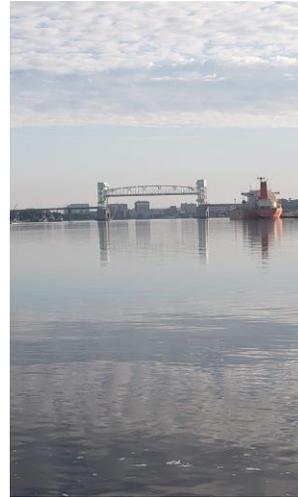


After we arrived and met the owner in Stonington to relinquish custody to him, we rented a car, dropped Zack off at the Hartford airport and then drove to Annapolis to meet the owner of the next vessel we delivered from Annapolis to Indiantown Marina not far from Okeechobee! This 36' Albin Trawler was a bit of a lemon, if you get my drift, and not seaworthy so Rob made the plan to follow the ICW (Intracoastal Waterway) the whole way. That voyage was how we made lemonade out of a lemon! This 18 day voyage was very scenic and interesting but tiresome as we had to hand steer the whole way due to the lack of an autopilot. The engine was recently rebuilt and it had a good anchor so we could maneuver and sleep comfortably at night when we were on the hook, which we did a majority of the time. It is the oldest man made canal in the US. Interesting history if you feel like Googling it. Dismal Swamp Canal was one of my favorite areas to traverse.

We made a few marina stops to visit friends a few times and that was a real treat each time: in New Bern, NC, Charleston, SC and Savannah,



As we made our way south, at the end of June the mercury started rising and our days were spent rotating between the bridge while it was cooler in the morning and the main cabin for the remainder of the day. It also seemed we had to navigate a few more bridges the further south we went. Amazing to see how the various bridges are designed; draw, swing, lift and some plenty high where we didn't have to talk to a bridge operator.



Once we arrived at Indiantown Marina, a neighbor picked us up and brought us home for a three day respite before driving to Ft. Lauderdale to help our friends we sailed to the Bahamas over New Years with. They wanted Rob to help them get their new 47' Leopard Catamaran to Wilmington for hurricane season so I tagged along.



Another couple from Austin, TX was also along for the ride. Robb and Lisa are so nice and taught me the joy of Kentucky Bourbon the last time we sailed together. It was time to get a refresher course on sipping their Woodford Reserve. ☐ 🍷 Before we took off, we visited the USS North Carolina [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_North_Carolina_\(BB-55\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_North_Carolina_(BB-55))



We flew home from Wilmington on the 3rd of July. When I look at my phone calendar, we were only home 3 days in 6 weeks!! At least we were social distancing to the max and getting plenty of fresh air!

I first met Rob & Mary in the late 90's when they arrived in NZ on their world cruise from the States. Their beautiful yacht "Maude I Jones" was a sight to behold, . I was very fortunate to be invited to help sail her from Whangarei to Wellington, (thank you Mark Fell for the introduction to these 2 wonderful yanks! 😊)

Rob, Mark & Myself were the crew, while Mary headed south in a van to organize a berth at Chaffer's Marina, Wellington...there is a story with this voyage, unfortunately I don't have room in this newsletter.

Thank you Mary & Rob for your photos & story. (I hope this is the first of many?? Just saying whanau 😊) Wiremu.

To the booming sound of "Smoke on the Water" "A cray pot is lowered at the front door to be emptied and rebaited.

Earlier it was a young hind delivered on a string.

Welcome to Heli fishing and hunting Tora Style

Campbell Edwards Neighbour is a chopper pilot. He had been culling deer on White Rock Station

Cam says he has seen some cowboys in his prime but this guy makes them look like also rans. He also said it was great getting a feed without getting his arse wet.

(thank you Campbell, as I know , anything can happen at Tora bro! 😊)



i thought this lady was giving birth to a damn rotisserie chicken 🙄👶🍗



I really did!!!! Spilt gin all over my Pyjamas!



feeding up the stock for the next "wet market"???



Due to overcrowding at Roseneath Resthome, in Carterton, management have introduced a new sport to get the numbers down.



Paddy was waiting at the bus stop with his mate when a lorry went by loaded up with rolls of turf.

Paddy said, 'I gonna do that when I win lottery'.

'What's dat?', says his mate shaun.

'Send me lawn away to be cut', says Paddy.



Why is it taking so long to install fishing cameras?



“Cameras are all about transparency. They’re all about public accountability and providing proof that the industry – as they state – have nothing to hide. Now if they have nothing to hide, why aren’t we seeing cameras on some of these big boats?”

That’s the question Newshub reporter Michael Morrah has been trying to solve since National decided they were a good idea and promised to introduce them in 2016.

But their introduction has been pushed back again and again, often quietly.

National’s primary industries minister Nathan Guy was attacked by the then Labour opposition over them; but just a few months after Labour came into office and “the whole idea around accountability and transparency is put on the backburner”, Morrah says.

Last week the introduction of cameras was quietly delayed again.

“I do not buy the argument from the consultation; that the technology isn’t good enough; and that it’s too expensive. I just don’t buy it,” he says. “Cameras have been talked about for years. Cameras have been trialled for years. MPI has had a whole

division that's been working on it, prepared to roll it out well before now, and still, quietly, just recently all of a sudden it's put on the backburner yet again.

"That's a really, really, unfortunate and a bad look for the Labour government, who came into power promising big things in terms of fisheries reform."

We now know why the Camera's have been put on hold, basically since New Zealand first teamed up with Labour, almost 3 years ago.

It has been revealed just recently from an "explosive" recorded interview with Stuart Nash in 2018 that Winston Peters & Shane Jones had blocked any move to have cameras fitted to over 1000 fishing vessels. You may ask why?? The reason is simple, Large amounts of money from fishing company's such as Talleys & others being "donated" to NZ First. It is now clear why Peter's looked worried when he heard his "NZ FIRST Foundation" was to be investigated.

I want to make it clear, that I am not "NZ FIRST" Bashing, in fact up until recent times, I was a supporter, but these Politicians need to be reigned in or in this case dumped, especially as they are going against the will of the people for their own personal/Party gain...they are corrupt & must go.

Labour would have had cameras installed by now if these two had'nt blocked it. Ed.

A 2019 Horizon Research poll showed 69% of New Zealanders think not enough is being done to stop dumping of unwanted catch by commercial fishers.

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The Gulf Of Alaska, where two oceans meet but do not mix .

An Irish Priest transferred to Texas:

Father O'Malley rose from his bed one morning. It was a fine spring day in his new west Texas mission parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station.

The conversation went like this:

"Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?"

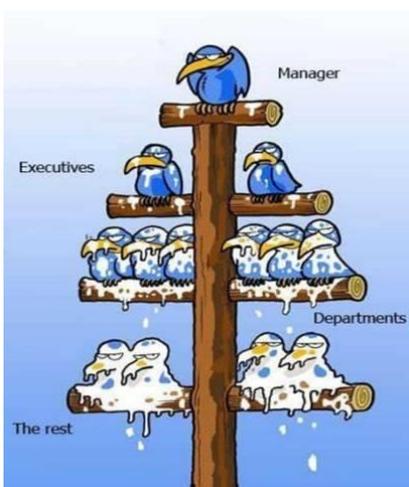
"And the best of the day to yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Ann's Catholic Church. There's a jackass lying dead in me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple of' yer lads to take care of the matter?"

Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit and recognizing the foreign accent, thought he would have a little fun with the good father, replied, "Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!"

There was dead silence on the line for a long moment. Father O'Malley then replied, "Aye, 'tis certainly true, but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin first, which is the reason for me call."



This sky looks like a southerly storm at sea.



When top level guys look down, they see only shit;
When bottom level guys look up, they see only assholes...

The cruise liner, QE 2



moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns



Looks like the Prince has been eating pickled onions again! Just saying.

Hey all members,

As Commodore Gary mentioned in his Column, our AGM is this Sunday at the Pukemanu , 10.00 am sharp.

This year we have a Guest speaker to address us. Scott MacIndoe will be flying down from Auckland to attend our gathering.

As most of you know, our AGM'S are not drawn out affairs, we like to start on time & get the business & prize giving part sorted swiftly. This allows more time to enjoy the company of other members & socialise with a few

drinks & lovely food....as usual raffles will be on sale & I am hoping Ian Warren has a few "good tips" for the TAB.

Please make the effort to attend, you will not be disappointed.



Not sure what these dudes are trying to achieve here??



It's a five minute walk from my house to the pub.

It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house.

The difference is staggering.



**“Vaping”
back in
my day.**



With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at this moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person which almost went unnoticed. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Cokey", died peacefully aged 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. Then the trouble started.

15:16

Picked up a hitch-hiker. Seemed like a nice guy.

After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer?

I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely



Commodore Gary & Liz on another successful hunting trip down south.



RESCUE FISH

IKA RAUORA



Public concern is growing after revelations about New Zealand First's role in delaying the installation of cameras on all commercial fishing boats. LegaSea today has issued the following media release.

Public contempt for Government inaction on fishing boat cameras

Six years after the Government first promised cameras onboard commercial fishing boats to prevent dumping and protect vulnerable species, there are fewer than 100 vessels outfitted with the technology.

A NewsHub investigation broadcast last night revealed an “explosive” recording in 2018 of Minister of Fisheries Stuart Nash blaming NZ First’s Winston Peters and Shane Jones for the delay in fitting cameras on around 1000 boats.

A 2019 Horizon Research poll showed 69% of New Zealanders think not enough is being done to stop dumping of unwanted catch by commercial fishers.

“The Government cannot ignore the public’s increasing frustration for those

running interference and preventing Ministers from fulfilling their duties. The protection of bycatch species and monitoring dumping are core roles of Minister Nash and Fisheries New Zealand,” says Sam Woolford from public awareness group LegaSea.

“The Minister must be free to make decisions in the interests of rebuilding depleted fisheries for the benefit of all New Zealanders. Electronic monitoring is one element that can be readily addressed,” says Mr Woolford.

LegaSea and the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council recently released a plan named Rescue Fish that addresses the current regulatory capture where the industry and its regulatory body are too closely aligned and have the ability to sway political decision-making.

LegaSea spokesperson Sam Woolford says the Rescue Fish policy is an alternative to the Quota Management System (QMS) because the current situation is no longer acceptable.

“Over time fisheries management has become highly political. The QMS is clearly not functioning effectively. Our Rescue Fish policy is designed so there can be no outside influence of decision-making. All decisions will be based on strong principles and more effective legislation,” says Mr Woolford.

“Given past donations and NZ First’s ties

to Talleys and other fishing companies it is important that we see a degree of separation from the decision-making processes.”

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council President Bob Gutsell commended NewsHub journalist Michael Morrah for breaking the news story wide open so the public can see what is going on behind closed doors.

“Clearly the QMS has had its day. It is not fit for purpose any longer and needs to be replaced. In good faith we have developed the Rescue Fish alternative so we can initiate the discussion on what a new fisheries management system might look like,” says Mr Gutsell.

To address any cost issues, the Rescue Fish policy proposes the Government own and control the monitoring equipment. Costs will be recovered through a new permitting system.

The groups say that any system that is able to be undermined in such a serious way needs reform and are calling on the Government to start a work programme as soon as possible to map out the reforms.

Public support for policy change is being sought through a [petition](#) and more information can be found on the [Rescue Fish website](#).



**WIFE: DID I GET FAT DURING
QUARANTINE?
HUSBAND: YOU WEREN'T
REALLY SKINNY TO BEGIN WITH!
TIME OF DEATH: 11:00PM
CAUSE: COVID**

A Scotsman (wearing his kilt and a bonnet) walks into offices of private bankers Coutts & Co in the Strand, London (Bankers to the Royal Family since 1820) and asks to speak to the manager.

He informs him that he is going abroad on business for two weeks and needs to borrow £5,000. The Manager tells him that Coutts & Co would only be delighted to meet his requirements, but that he should understand that since he is not a client of the Bank, it would need some modest security for the loan.

So the Scotsman opens his sporran, takes out the keys and documents of a brand new Ferrari parked in front of the bank and hands them to the manager saying "Will this do?" He also produces the car's log book and after a phone call everything checks out fine. The manager agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan; the cashier hands out £5,000 while bank's porter drives the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage for safe keeping.

Over lunch manger tells his colleagues the amusing little story of how a simple minded Scot from North of the Border secured a loan for £5,000 offering a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral and they all enjoy a good chuckle as they sip their Port. Two weeks later, the Scotsman returns, repays the £5,000 and the interest, which comes to £15.41. The manager says, "Sir, we have been more than happy to have had your business and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are just a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are in fact a wealthy property investor. What puzzles us is why would you bother to borrow £5,000 from us?"

The Scotsman replies: "Where else in London can I park my Ferrari for two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be still there when I return?"

(thank you Peter Icke, nice to get a "clean" one. 😊)



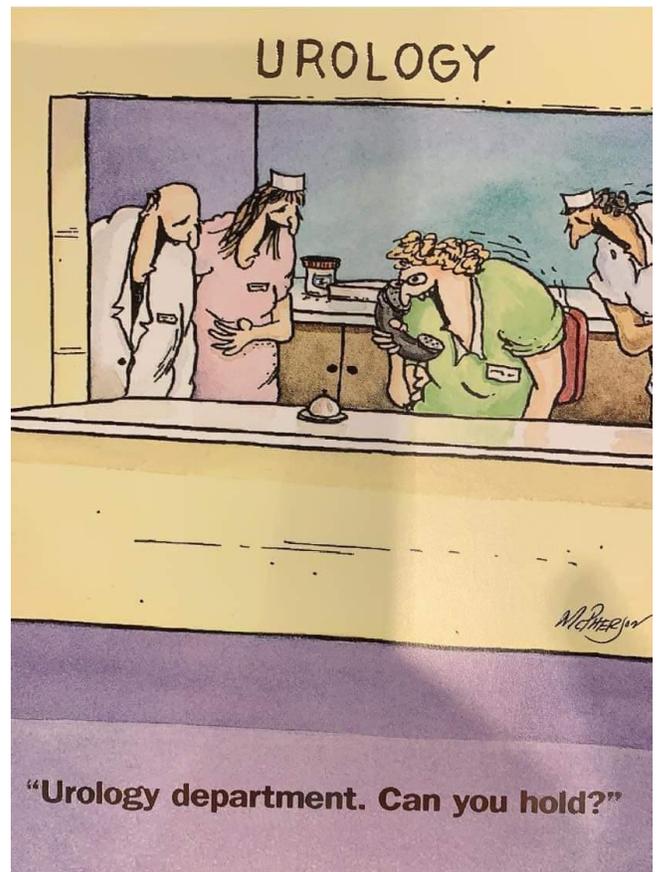
I wanna be
14 again and
ruin my life
differently.
I have new
ideas.

**No Fishing Results for APRIL ,
MAY , JUNE or JULY!!!! ☹☹☹**



A COLD SEAT IN A PUBLIC
RESTROOM IS UNPLEASANT.

A WARM SEAT IN A PUBLIC
RESTROOM IS FAR WORSE.



Chris Simmonds reckoned he was really, really busy ,time to have a few days off cobber. ☺

Therapist: Your wife says you never buy her flowers is that true?

Him: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



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**It's been a bit of a
strange day!
First I found a hat
full of money.
Then I was
chased by an
angry man with a
guitar...**

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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I ASKED MY GRANDPA, "AFTER 65 YEARS, YOU STILL CALL GRANDMA DARLING, BEAUTIFUL, AND HONEY. WHAT'S THE SECRET?" HE SAID, "I FORGOT HER NAME 5 YEARS AGO AND I'M SCARED TO ASK HER."



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The three hardest things to say are:

1. I was wrong
2. I need help
3. Worcestershire Sauce

Bob, an undertaker, recently came home with a black eye. He wife asked him, "What happened to you?"

"I've had a terrible day!" says Bob. I had to go to a hotel, where a guest had died in his sleep! When I got there, the manager said they couldn't get him into a body bag, because he had a huge erection!"

"Anyway, I went up, and sure enough there was this big naked man, lying on the bed with a huge erection! So I grabbed his erection with both hands and tried to bend it in half!"

"I see!" said the wife, "That must have been terrible! But how did you get the black eye?"

Bob replied, "Wrong room!"

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On July 3rd LegaSea's own Scott Macindoe received the Leo Ducker award from the New Zealand Underwater Association for his lifetime's work in the regeneration of the marine environment.

It is a prestigious award that acknowledges a person's outstanding achievements. Previous recipients are Wade Doak, Riley Hathaway and Darren Shields.

Over the years Scott has achieved many milestones while helping communities to reconnect with their marine environment. Anyone who knows Scott will attest to his ability to inspire people to treat our natural resources with respect. A well deserved award.



Scott Macindoe (left) receiving the Leo Ducker award from Andy Stewart, New Zealand Underwater Association Board member. 3 July 2020.