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The Maritime New Zealand recreational boating team is about to embark on a series of regional safe boating forums.

These forums are an annual event and held in different regional council areas each year. We're very interested to hear your views on the recently released recreational *Boating Safety Strategy* and any other issues you have going on locally.

If you would like to attend one or more of the forums listed below either in the North or South Island, get hold of Jim or Alistair for details, we'd certainly like to see you.

### North Island

Mt Maunganui Tauranga	3 April 2008	1000-1300	Mount Ocean Sports Club, 1 Salisbury Avenue, Mount Maunganui
Whangarei	10 April 2008	1000-1300	Whangarei Cruising Club, Kissing Point, Riverside Drive, Whangarei
Wellington	TBC		
Napier	TBC		

### South Island

Invercargill	28 April 2008	13:00-15:30	Council Chamber, Environment Southland, Cnr North Road & Price Street, Invercargill
Dunedin	29 April 2008	1300-1530	Council Chamber, Otago Regional Council, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
Christchurch	30 April 2008	1300-1530	Waiiau Room, Environment Canterbury, 58 Kilmore Street, Christchurch
Picton	2 May 2008	1300-1530	Board Room, Port of Marlborough, 14 Auckland St, Picton

## Wanted: expressions of interest for steering group

We're seeking expressions of interest from advisors who want to be part of a development group for the volunteer safe boating advisor programme.

We're keen to put the programme under the microscope and look at how our advisors can get the most out of their involvement in the programme and how MNZ can maximize the valuable time you give up to stand on boat ramps and events in your areas.

We're looking for six volunteers who are willing to discuss and offer a few ideas, at a venue yet to be decided – lunch will be provided and travel expenses covered.

You can get in touch with Jim Lilley (South Island) on 027 538 7566 or Al (North Island) on 027 5729 258.

## Boat show fever

A BIG thank you to those advisors that gave up their time to help out at the Auckland International Boat Show on 6, 7, 8 and 9 March. About 20,000 people came through the show.

### Shows coming up

- **Hutchwilco NZ Boat Show**, ASB Showgrounds, Auckland –16, 17, 18 May
- **Christchurch Boat Show** – 4, 5, 6 July
- **Waikato Boat Show**, Mystery Creek, 12, 13, 14 September
- **Dunedin Boat Show** – 26, 27, 28 September
- **Tauranga Boat Show** –10, 11, 12 October

## What's on the radar?

### Wairau River

In the South Island, Jim has been working on a draft management plan for the Wairau River near Blenheim in Marlborough.



Developed in conjunction with local river users, it has been trialed over the summer while submissions have been sought.

Submissions close at the end of March and will be analysed and any necessary changes made to the plan. Consultation will continue with the local community, with a view to another trial period next summer.

There will be another round of consultations with consideration to gazetting the plan in 2010.

### Waitara River

And in the North Island, Alistair has been working on a draft management plan for the Waitara River in Taranaki.



We're in the early stages of consultation and development with the community board and local river users. Work is progressing well with general agreement to date on proposals.

A public meeting is to be scheduled in the next few weeks to discuss future management options.

## Policy in the pipeline

### Land Transport Amendment Bill – Fuel Tax

Clause 9 of the Bill states that the "crown incurs a liability to pay to the secretary of transport for activities that benefit the users of pleasure craft (within the meaning of the Maritime Transport Act 1994) in lieu of a refund to those users an amount agreed by the responsible Minister and Minister of Finance that is not more than the excise duty and excise-equivalent duty estimated to have been paid by those users of pleasure craft."

Maritime New Zealand appeared before the transport and industrial relations select committee on behalf of the National Pleasure Boat Safety Forum in support of clause 9.

All submissions received by the select committee were in favour of the clause. The bill has its first reading in April so watch this space for developments.

## New publication

*The Boating Safety Strategy: 2007 Review of the New Zealand Pleasure Boat Safety Strategy* has just been published with a copy of the overview enclosed for your information.

For a copy of the full review, you can download from the website or contact the recreational boating team.

If you'd like to discuss the review's findings, come along to one of the regional forums, or give Jim Lott a call in the Auckland Office.

## Have your say ... online

Maritime New Zealand is looking at ways to improve our online recreational boating safety information.

Currently we have two websites: the Maritime New Zealand website: [www.maritimenz.govt.nz](http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz), which has a "Recreational" section aimed at recreational boaters, and the Stay on Top website: [www.stayontop.org.nz](http://www.stayontop.org.nz) developed to help support our recreational boating safety promotions.

Do give us your feedback (and encourage others to) via the two online surveys – each accessible from the website homepages. The surveys will be up until mid April. The feedback will help us redevelop the web-based boating safety information.

Any questions, email: [shona.brown@maritimenz.govt.nz](mailto:shona.brown@maritimenz.govt.nz)

### For further info ... contact us

For further information or to update your details send an email to: [recreationalboating@maritimenz.govt.nz](mailto:recreationalboating@maritimenz.govt.nz)

Well that's it from Jim, Jim and Al.



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