

Rocky Bay Memorial Cruising Club

Newsletter April 2026



Half day fishing competition

The weather was kind and the fish were biting on our annual club half day fishing competition held on Easter Saturday. We had a good turn out and prizes were won in all categories.



The usual litany of big fish stories after the event with a record in beer drunk. Well done team!



Winners of our premier sponsored prizes- Mark Hamilton (lucky entrant) and Graham Meek (heaviest snapper at 2.6kg).

Special thanks to our two main sponsors- Sealink and Placemakers for their continued support of this event.

Boat haulage

Service to members

Our haul out facility on Pohutukawa Ave can handle launches and yachts up to 9 tonnes. We also have water blasting and power supply to enable low cost maintenance and repairs
Contact Slipmaster John Laurent on 0274 505505 or johnlaurent@xtra.co.nz

Diary now- every second Saturday

Our happy hour events run from 4pm every second Saturday of the month. This is bring your own drink and food but the BBQ will be fired up for sausages. We close these down during the cold months.
No need to book, see you there.

Mid winter dinner full

Sorry folks if you have not yet booked a spot at our mid winter dinner being held on 30 May. We had a limit on numbers and have had to cut new enrollments now.

Special thanks to our event sponsors:

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Competition winners

The following club members won in these categories:

- Heaviest snapper: Graham Meek
- Runner up snapper: Steve Ward
- Longest snapper: Graham Meek (50cm)
- Heaviest fish (under 15 yrs): Noah McElligott
- Heaviest land caught fish: Atanas Gornakov
- Heaviest fin fish: Tom Hunt
- Weirdest fish plus Bradley award: Tom Hunt



Winner of the under 15 years old category, Noah McElligott, with his awarded fishing rod prize.

Wedding bells for committee members

Congratulations to our very own RBMCC committee members Robyn Southwood and Mike Boston who tied the knot on Saturday, 5 April. Mike serves as our treasurer and Robyn as secretary.

On behalf of the club we wish the couple all the best for their future together.



Haul out back in business

The new team operating the haulout has experienced some long term wear and tear effects which have forced an interruption. The winch now has a new motor and control and the system is fully operational again.



Electrician Eli Thompson putting his industrial experience to good use calculating the load for the new winch motor and control.



The restored haulout is immediately back in full action offering the best and lowest cost service in Auckland.

End of summer picnic



The annual end of summer picnic held at Whakanewha. Great weather and full tide.

New business in the bay



Club member Zo Hartley gave a free day demonstration of her new kayak hire and guided tour of Rocky Bay service. Her promotion was an overwhelming success with 41 participants and a great way to launch her business. Club member Titus Heydenrick assisted Zo by providing a life guard service. To enquire further about taking advantage of Zo's service contact her on 029 02039884