

Canterbury Outboard Boating Club
Delegates Report 30th July 2009.

The COBC completed all its program and all cups and awards completed for.

Our membership dropped slightly towards the end of year. The committee had a well justified cull out of non financial members, we have however picked up some new members, so are not that far short of the status quo.

This year our Easter trip to Otematata was nearly fully booked. I think 24 boats and families took part – the usual fun, partying, and of course and bit of boating in pristine waters.

Skiing

During the year, our 2 or 3 most gunho waterskiers held water skiing lessons, and these lessons were held on a private lake. This venue is great because it's so safe, only one boat on the water!!

Fishing

Has been hard in Canterbury this year although our club trips to Kaikoura seem to satisfy the blue water fishes but around the peninsula the water has been most unpleasant. Our fresh water fishes who fish Lake Coleridge have been hit and miss days.

Access

An out of town English man has purchased two local farms that surround most of Lake Coleridge, to this end he has locked gates, that gave access to 2 popular lakes. Is having caravans removed from his property some of these "caravans" (structures) have been there for 3 generations. It is believed that DOC is behind this move and that DOC supported his purchasing of these farms to the OSIC if he removes these "vans".

Coastguard

During the year we seem to have formed a relationship with the Coastguard and COBC members had used their boats as "lost" coastguard have then come and find them. It is envisaged that later in the year a combined Coastguard Police. Westpac COBC will have an in depth exercise.

The COBC calendar was completed at our Annual Dinner. This year we used a local community hall at Wigram (Air Force Base). We had a superb spit roast 55 people attended and at a cost \$35.00 per head, it was great value. This followed a few days later by our AGM, again this year the AGM was well attended and all office bearers and committee spaces taken up. At the completion of the meeting the latest eperb GPS model was presented to the club. This will be used with our club off shore grab bag.

Navel Point Slipway

Mayor Bob was always going to write to us in particular to Don Glass re ongoing repairs to this area. I am not aware of any such correspondence from that most important person, however the slipway has been repaired along with the jetty, although I note that no handrail is at the steps to water line. The old second boat yard has been removed. The area is now supervised by the Navel Point Boat Club. So now the area looks like a ½ cleared bomb site.