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Websites of interest:

The following Websites may be of interest as they often have information relevant to recreational boaters.

Maritime NZ:- www.maritimenz.govt.nz

NZ Transport Agency:- www.ltsa.govt.nz

MOF:- www.fish.govt.nz

DOC:- www.doc.govt.nz

Option4:- www.option4.co.nz

NZRFC:- www.fishing.net.nz/organisations/rfc/

Water Safety NZ:- www.watersafety.org.nz/

ARC:- www.arc.govt.nz

Coastguard Boating Education:- www.cbes.org.nz/

Local Authority Links:- www.govt.nz/agencies/

Member clubs

Outboard Boating Club of Northland Inc.

Pahi Regatta Club Inc.*

Point Wells Boating & Fishing Club Inc

Hibiscus Coast Outboard Boating Club Inc.*

North Shore Outboard Boating Club Inc.

Outboard Boating Club of Auckland Inc.

North Waikato Boating & Fishing Club Inc.

Waikato Boating & Sport Fishing Club Inc.*

Kaiaua Boating Club Inc.

Opunake Boat and Underwater Club Inc.

Rotorua Pleasure Boating & Fishing Club Inc.

Waitara Offshore Fishing Club Inc.

Te Waitere Boating Club Inc.

Urenui Boating Club Inc.

Ohawe Boating & Angling Club Inc.

Cape Egmont Boat Club Inc.

Patea Boating Club Inc.

Monaco Boating Club Inc.

Canterbury Outboard Boating Club Inc.

Milton Boating Club Inc.

Gore Boat & Water Ski Club Inc.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO
THE FEDERATION

www.nztbf.org.nz

The New Zealand Trailer Boat Federation Inc. was formed in 1962 by a group of trailer boat enthusiasts and is a national organisation representing boat clubs New Zealand-wide. As such we have a mandate to make submissions to local and central Government on legislation that could be detrimental to what is considered fair and proper.

The Federation has representation on Water Safety NZ, Small Boat Safety Committee, Marine Industries Association, Auckland Harbour Users Association, Coast Guard Boating Education and the New Zealand Recreational Fishing Council (NZRFC). Representation has also been established with many other organisations with nautical interests.

Aims and Objectives:

The Federation's interest in pleasure boating encompasses *more* than just trailer boats. We are interested in defending the rights of all pleasure boaties, particularly those of powered craft.

The aims and objectives of the NZTBF are:-

- To promote, foster, advance and protect the interests of pleasure boat owners
- To develop and encourage a high standard of seamanship and safety at sea
- To provide a medium of exchange of boating information, stimulate a greater interest in pleasure boating and develop a fraternal spirit amongst pleasure boat owners
- To foster and improve boating facilities including but not limited to ramps and marine radio communications within New Zealand
- To co-ordinate the efforts of affiliated clubs in line with these objectives

Current Issues:

The Federation is keeping a watching eye on potentially threatening issues. Here are some key ones.

- *Marine Reserve proposals* are cropping up at an alarming rate in traditional recreational fishing spots all over the country. Present Government policy is for at least 10% of NZ's coastline to be locked into 'Marine Protected Areas' (Marine Reserves by a more palatable name ??) by 2010.
- *Pleasurecraft Registration* has been talked about since the sixties. The NZTBF was formed primarily to co-ordinate opposition to its introduction and so far our actions have helped keep it at bay. However almost annually the proposal seems to reappear in one form or other. In 2004 it was the turn of Environment Waikato who sought public submissions on the concept of a user pays system for maintaining navigational safety aids in the EW marine district. Support was almost balanced by opposition and although EW are still considering the future of the idea, it seems that it may have gone a little quiet for a while. We are keeping an eye out on this one on your behalf.
- *Recreational Fishing Rights* is still a hot topic. The NZTBF is one of 6 national organisations supporting the NZRFC. We have a delegate representing us on the Council which gives us a good position to see what's going on as well as having voting rights.
- *Aquaculture* is another threat to your boating freedom. A huge tract of the Firth of Thames is proposed for 'spat farming'. Shellfish farming brings in something like \$300m/year and provides a lot of regional employment, but takes up a lot of those quiet, sheltered bays we like to go to. Who gets priority - exporters and employment or boaties? Tough questions.
- Over the past five years (apart from our involvement with NZRFC) we have been involved in areas such as the increased **visibility of kayaks** ("chopper flags"), the addition of **crotch straps to**

most children's life jackets sold in NZ, the **light trailer towing regulations**, the **Maritime Safety Rule Part 91**, the attempt by DOC to **ban all jet boats from lake Waikaremoana** (with the proposed management plan for Te Urewera National Park), as well as a number of NZ Transport Agency (formerly LTNZ) public consultations and opposition to marine farms and reserves.

Benefits of your club belonging to the NZTBF:

The principal benefit for you and your club in belonging to the NZTBF is that you become part of a much larger united voice. The bigger the voice the more influence there seems to be with issues which could affect us all. We need each others help.

Registration could affect **all** craft, amateur fishing rights will affect **all** amateur fishing and skipper licensing laws won't necessarily be limited to just trailered craft skippers.

It costs about \$1.30 per club member per year. Is your club's voice loud enough on its own ?

Other benefits include:-

- *Loan Fund.* The Federation has a long established fund, from which member clubs can borrow on most reasonable terms. This has been used in the past for clubroom extensions, refurbishing, and boat-ramp upgrades along with many other worthy causes.
- *A Discount Fuel card* gives members a cost-effective way of purchasing fuel. The card is available to all members for private or fleet use.
- *Reciprocal Rights agreements* between Member Clubs by way of the use of ramps, boat wash, tow vehicle, security and often bar facilities. This interactive arrangement is well used over the summer holiday period.
- The Federation has also been able to assist clubs with environmental issues that are not in the club or communities' best interest.

