SEASON EVENTS

Saturday, 19th November
Kids Wharf Fishing 4pm

Sunday, 27th November
Social Afternoon 3-5pm

Sunday, 11th December
Social Afternoon 3-5pm

Saturday, 21st January
Rabbit Island

Sunday, 12th February
Social Afternoon 3-5pm

Saturday, 18th February
DNA Snapper Cup

Sunday, 5th March
Social Afternoon 3-5pm

10th—12th March
Havelock Weekend

8th—9th April
Okiwi Bay Weekend

Sunday, 23rd April
Social Afternoon 3-5pm

13th—14th May
D'urville Island Weekend

Sunday, 21st May
Social Afternoon 3-5pm

Saturday, 17th June
Prize Giving

CLUB UPDATE.....from the committee

Here is our monthly committee up-shake, I mean update. We hope you all came through the earthquakes safely; considering the damage elsewhere, I think we got off lightly in Nelson. This is a good reminder to be prepared for those unexpected events as they can hit any time. The same goes for boating. Spring is a good time to get your fishing gear ready for the summer season but it’s also a good time to service your boat and ensure your safety equipment is complete and up to date. Our local coastguard is here to help in emergencies and it is a small price to pay for a membership for the service they provide. Sometimes a flat battery or empty fuel tank can be enough to get you into trouble, this can be fixed with a quick call to the coastguard for help.

During November we have a couple of club events coming up. The Kids Wharf fishing is now on Saturday 19th November, 4pm to be followed with some fish & chips for tea. This is a great social event for families and a lot of fun for kids. Our next Social meeting is at the City Club on November 27th. Currently we are planning on having a guest speaker from the Coastguard to talk about how to stay safe on the water and about the service they provide. I’m sure this is topic where we all can learn something. This year we have chosen to hold all our Social Days at the City Club which proves to be an ideal venue for location, facilities and the service they offer. The hiring charges are also much cheaper than our previous venues, which helps keeping club expenses down.

The club has just passed the 100 members mark for the current season and we hope to sign up some more during the summer season. If you have friends or family who are keen on fishing, point them towards the Dawnbreakers Fishing Club, as a small club we do rely on our members support. Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions for changes or events you would like to see, talk to one of your committee members or send us an email as we do appreciate any suggestions and feedback

Tight Lines
Congratulations to our winning members from the October social afternoon.

John Conning was the winner of the October Spot Prize the “Jarvis Walker PowerRod/PowerReel”—a great little rod for the grandson.

“Lucky Member Draw” for October was won by Sharon Rose—must be at the social afternoons to win the cash!!

And to one of our new members, Andrew Claridge who “Signed up in September” and won the $100.00 Big Blue Voucher.

October’s “Fish of the Month” trophy will be presented at our next social afternoon on the 27th November.

Remember—every member who enters a fish each month will go into a draw to win a spot prize of a $100.00 Big Blue Dive & Fish or a $100.00 Burnsco Voucher!!

November Spot Prize

“SuperCharge Sea Master Gold Marine Battery”
a maintenance-free battery with superior starting power and reserve capacity.

November Spot Prize

A DAY OUT IN THE WATER

Now today. What a brilliant day. Not so much on the fishing side for us, but still came home with dinner, 3 gurnard.

It was great going fishing, knowing the boats around us and listening to the friendly banter (camaraderie) over the VHF. Would still like to know Michaels location for the snapper.

One of the highlights for me were the dolphins swimming so close amongst 3 of the boats. Between the sharks, barracuda and octopus we caught at least we came home with something edible.

Any yes, John lost his card! In all the excitement of catching a fish he somehow lost it. Presumed over the side of the boat, definitely not found in the boat. .........................bugger!!
SMOKED FISH PIE

1 smoked kahawai approx. 1.5-2kg (trevally or kingfish can be substituted)
50g butter
1/2 cup flour
2 cups warmed milk
Pinch of nutmeg
Small bunch fresh flat-leaf (Italian) parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
6 hard-boiled eggs
6 medium-sized floury potatoes (Agria) cooked and mashed
1 cup of grated tasty cheese (optional)

Strip the smoked fish, try not to leave any bones in the flesh. Don’t flake the fish, you’ll want some larger pieces for texture.

In a medium sized pot, make a roux by melting the butter then adding the flour and stir until blended.
Slowly pour in half the milk, stirring continuously.
Add the nutmeg and chopped parsley and season with salt and pepper (not too much as the fish can be salty). Stir until just bubbling, then remove from the heat.

Carefully stir in the smoked fish, taking care not to break up the chunks of fish.
Pour the sauce into an oven dish and cover with sliced boiled eggs.
With a spatula add a thick layer of mashed potato.
Use a fork to raise some peaks on the mash—you don’t want a smooth, flat finish.
Sprinkle with grated cheese if desired and bake in a 180o oven until golden brown (about 30 minutes). Enjoy!!
SHARE PHOTOS YOU HAVE TAKEN – if you have photos of you or your family out fishing we’d love to see them. They don’t have to be just you holding a fish, they could be other images you see while out on the water. Don’t forget to add a few brief details about the photo.

Please let us know when you email photos through if you don’t want your photos published on the Dawnbreakers Facebook Page.

BATTERY TIPS ........

- A battery stores charge it does not manufacture it.
- Insufficient charging voltage will cause poor battery performance and short battery life. Normal 12V system charge voltage 13.8 –14.5 volts.
- Engine start batteries are required to deliver high current for short periods of time (CCA rating—cold cranking AMPS).
- Deep cycle batteries are designed for a charge/discharge usage (AMP/hr capacity) power AUX items.
- Periodically batteries need to be fully charged to maximize life and performance.
- Select a marine battery rather than an automotive battery as they are designed to resist damage caused by shock and vibration—more robust construction.
- Ensure all battery connections are secure and protected with terminal paste.
- A battery isolator switch will prevent battery voltage drain/leakage when not in use.

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**PILCHARDS IN THE BAY**

Back in 1904, considerable investigations were carried out into the massive numbers of pilchards that were regularly fishing in the bay in enormous quantities. At the time, Dr J. Inglis, reader in applied statistics at Victoria University, founded a project to catch the fish. There were no nets or traps for catching the fish in the bay. And just untangle the fish from the nets, the next step was to process them for human consumption. The workers were constantly employed, and the fish were kept fresh by freezing them in the huge ice chest. The fish were then brought on board the ship, DUNEDIN, and the fisherman would catch the fish. They were frozen, and then shipped to market.

**Man-eater Shark. Length 10’ 3’’.\[90675^\text{\textdegree}\]**

Caught in Nelson Harbour. Mar.3 1914

**Photograph of three men holding fish (snapper) caught during a fishing trip at Cable Bay, taken circa 1900s.**

**View of a man and three children with the bodies of a large shark and pup.**
KIDS WHARF FISHING

Saturday 19th November at **4.00pm (HIGH TIDE)** at main wharf by Guytons or the Seafarers Wharf if main wharf closed.

If wet, event will be postponed. An email will be sent out Friday night if we postpone.

Bring your own rods, drinks, sauce and something to sit on. Spot prizes will be given out during the event.

Jimmys Bait will sponsor bait and sabikis to kids that are fishing.

Club will provide fish and chips at 5.30pm!

RSVP to mail@dawnbreakers.co.nz by 18th November.

WEATHER WEBSITES

NELSON HARBOUR CONDITIONS (Fairway Beacon)
http://www.portnelson.co.nz/shipping-information/harbour-conditions/

- Best site for inshore wind conditions Tasman Bay
- Giving real time wind and wave height reports

COASTGUARD NOWCASTING MARINE WEATHER (Tasman Bay Channel 79 VHF)
https://www.coastguard.nz/media/417715/nowcasting_2016_coastguard_nowcasting_weather_information_channel_map.pdf

- Giving real time marine wind conditions via VHF
- Very accurate and reliable

PREDICTWIND.COM
https://www.predictwind.com

- Free version available with limited forecasting features
- Forecasts are based on several data sources
- Good forecasting system with reliable accuracy

SWELL MAP
http://www.swellmap.co.nz

- 7 day marine boating forecast
- Good features and information
- Accuracy can be average at times

METSERVICE
http://www.metservice.com/marine-surf/boating/port-nelson

- 7 day marine boating forecast
- Good features and information
- Accuracy average (Beware)
“CATCH A MATE” LIST ....

“Catch a mate” this is intended to connect new and old members who would like to be out fishing with other club members.
If you are keen to go fishing on someone else’s boat or would like to have some company on your boat, email us your details and we put them in the newsletter.

MEMBERS STORY ........

Jediah’s story “the gift of a new reel”

This story begins in the midst of winter.

My dad was painting his friend Gavin’s place. When it came time to leave Gavin told us to hold up. He went to the garage and came back with a box with a fish on it. It was a brand new reel.

The only condition he told me was “make sure you catch more fish than Grandad!

Summer time was rolling in, and it was Labour Weekend when dad said lets go down the Bach and get a sneaky fish in or go white-baiting? The call was made to Nana and Grandads and off we went to Duncan Bay.

I made sure I had my new reel as we left Nelson late on Sunday night.
Dad left me in charge of the music and before I knew it we were there.
After a bit of banter with Dad and Grandad at the Bach about having to prove that my reel can catch fish, we went to bed. Dad, Grandad, Eden and I were all up early on Monday morning and ready to go after a quick breakfast. The water was dead flat and I was eager to get my line in the water. We pulled up to the spot where we would first start fishing. Grandad was the first to pull in something, a squid. Eden and I were being silly with the tentacles. After being there for awhile Grandad and I had both caught some good sized Barracuda. Nothing my new reel couldn’t handle. I had that Cuda up in no time. A couple of sharks later we were off to the next spot.

A few minutes later my rod was bent over and it had a good amount of weight to it. It didn’t feel like a Barracuda or Snapper. It was a double hook up of two mullet! They put up a good fight. By this point in the day I had caught a fair few really good sized Blue Cod that had to go back. Dad put some Jimmy’s Bait on my ledger rig and within minutes I was reeling in my next fish. A good sized gurnard, Yum!

Dad put another Jimmy’s Bait and some squid on my hook and off I went again, Gurnard number two. (Although Dad and Grandad forgot to get a photo for the Dawnbreakers).

So after a good day out on the Silver Fisher with Dad, Grandad and Eden, I had caught all the fish in the chilli bin and ended up with more points than everyone.
Not to mention I have more points than Grandad in the Dawnbreakers standings!

Thanks Gavin for the new reel, I am pretty sure I done it justice!!