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# NEWSLETTER



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*'tis the season*

TO BE JOLLY

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# CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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Our club thrives because of volunteers—but we can't do it alone! The committee is looking for extra hands to help with events, maintenance, and keeping our club running smoothly.

Interested? Drop us a line at [secretary@tibc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@tibc.org.nz) or chat to a committee member next time you're at the ramp.

# AGM notice

4PM  
28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
BETTY ARCHER MEMORIAL  
RESERVE - PENZANCE

For proxy  
votes -  
head to the  
webpage

**Notice of two resolutions to be voted on in General Business.**

**Resolution 1:** To alter the wording of Clause 25:1 in the Club Constitution from: The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and consist of the Officers of the Society and “not less than four other members.”

To: The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and consist of the Officers of the Society and “up to six other members.”

**Resolution 2:** That the Annual Membership Subscription be increased to \$90.00 as from 1 st November 2026. (The start of the Club's 2026/2027 Financial Year)

BBQ and social  
time to follow  
- food and  
drinks provided





# CAPTAIN'S LOG

## Update from the Commodore

Xmas Greetings from the bridge.

This week has seen some wonderful weather in our Bays so hopefully it continues through the Summer. Your Committee has been busy planning for our upcoming New Year's activities and we are looking forward to you all turning out in good numbers to support these events.

I am reiterating my comments from the last Newsletter that the Boat Club plays a critical role in providing the wonderful boating facilities in Duncan and Penzance Bays we all benefit from, but we need willing volunteers to continue to administer and maintain these facilities. Our Committee is getting longer in the tooth with several members having served for many years and some new young blood would be a great asset. Libby Archer, previously our secretary, has kindly helped compile this edition however going forward we are looking to recruit a new Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Being on the committee is not an onerous job with about 4 meetings a year and with more helpers tasks can be shared around. It is a great way to meet fellow residents and bach owners while contributing to the local community. Your Club needs you, so please contact myself or a committee member if you can help.

The 2026 Club Membership subscription notices have been sent out and remain at \$75.00. At our upcoming AGM we have moved a resolution to increase the Annual Subscription to \$90.00 as from November 1<sup>st</sup> next year. Over the last couple of years, the Boat Club has expended over \$40,000 on repairs and upgrades to the facilities in Duncan Bay. In the near future, we will need to spend money on the Penzance facilities where the boarding steps on the main wharf require attention. Mark Peycher, one of our new committee members, has done a survey of membership and launching costs charged by other clubs and facilities. A summary of his findings are republished in this newsletter and along with our future maintenance needs and escalating costs they reinforce the need for this increase.

A reminder that the Ministry of Fisheries has extended the closed season for Blue Cod in the Sounds till after the Christmas period with the new opening date now set for 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Upcoming events:

- . Club AGM on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm in the Marquee on the Betty Archer Reserve, Penzance
- . Annual Picnic Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, 10.30am start on the Betty Archer Reserve, Penzance.
- . Swimming Sponsorships applications close on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Winners announced on picnic Day

Merry Christmas to you and your families  
Safe Boating,  
Roger Smith,  
Commodore.



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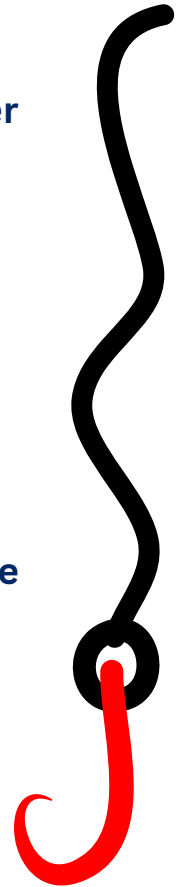
The Tennyson Inlet Boat Club is on the lookout for a Treasurer and a Secretary to join our friendly and social committee.

- Only 4–5 meetings a year
- Join online if that suits you better
- Be part of a great team that loves the water and good company

If you've got a knack for numbers or a talent for keeping things organised, now's your chance to get involved and make a splash!

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**Our inlet is a treasure, let's keep it that way....**

## Take your rubbish home



- Never throw litter, fishing lines, or cigarette butts overboard. Even small items harm marine life and pollute the water.
- Use onboard waste systems or bring a rubbish bag and dispose of everything properly on shore.
- Avoid single-use plastics; opt for reusable containers and bottles.



## Prevent pollution

- Maintain your boat to prevent oil or fuel leaks. A single litre of oil can pollute a huge area and persist for years.
- Use non-toxic, biodegradable cleaning products instead of harsh chemicals.



## Protect Wildlife & Habitats

- Keep a respectful distance from dolphins, seals, and seabirds; avoid disturbing their natural behaviour.



## Respect No-Wake Zone

- Operate at idle speed within 200m of shore, moorings, and swimming areas.
- No-wake zones reduce shoreline erosion and protect marine vegetation from propeller wash.



## Leave No Trace

- “Take only photos, leave only bubbles.”
- Participate in beach or shoreline clean-ups when you can.
- If fishing, follow size and season limits.

# SURVEY OF OTHER CLUB AND FACILITY CHARGES

from Mark Peychers, Committee Member

When purchasing our property last year in Pelorus Sound, I was pleasantly surprised with the launching and berthage facilities available for the local community's use at both Penzance and Duncan Bay.

Both bays have quality wharves, supported by additional sealed launching ramps for trailer boats, which attract many bach owners to the area. We are incredibly fortunate to enjoy this spectacular part of N.Z and have such quality facilities available.

The requirement to keep these wharves and ramps maintained are administered and maintained by your club, and this convinced me to join the committee to support the continued maintenance required for these important community assets.

I have completed a desktop study of other clubs to gauge the charges for just their launching ramp facilities (note that our fees cover both wharves and ramps) for your information. As you can see, our fees are very good value for money when compared to others around the South Island.

**Picton/Waikawa/Havelock**  
**Launch/Retrieve/1 Day Parking**  
**\$21.00**  
**Launch/Retrieve Only - \$14.00**

**Kaikoura**  
**\$500 joining fee**  
**and \$150 per**  
**annum**

**Pohara**  
**\$65**  
**per annum**

**Motueka**  
**\$125**  
**per annum**

**Nelson**  
**\$312.50 per annum**  
**or**  
**\$15 per use**

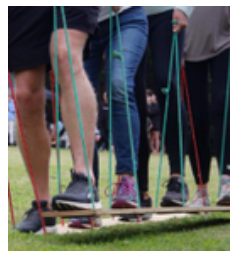
**Timaru**  
**\$90**  
**per annum**



# Picnic Day 2026

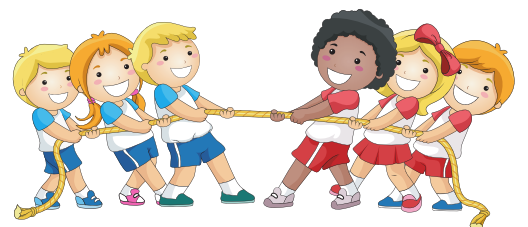


**WATER BASED EVENTS  
FROM 10:30AM**



**LAND BASED EVENTS  
FROM 11:30AM**

**CHOCOLATE WHEEL, RAFFLES, WATERSLIDE FOR KIDS**



# GEAR DROP OFF REMINDER



## **Picnic Day is coming up!**

To make sure everyone can enjoy the water safely, we're asking for kayaks, paddles, and life jackets to be dropped off at the foreshore in Penzance before 9:00am on the day of the picnic. Your support helps us keep the event fun and safe for all. Thank you for lending your gear and being part of the adventure!

**Can you help with baking for picnic day?**

We like to make sure that we have wholesome good home made food in the shop at our Picnic. We can provide supplies to you.

**BAKING**

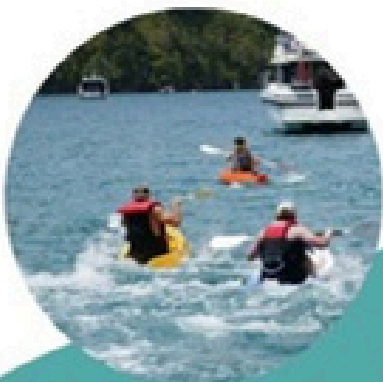
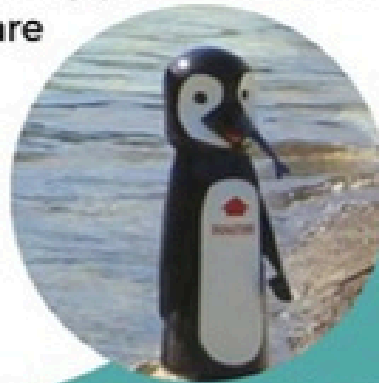
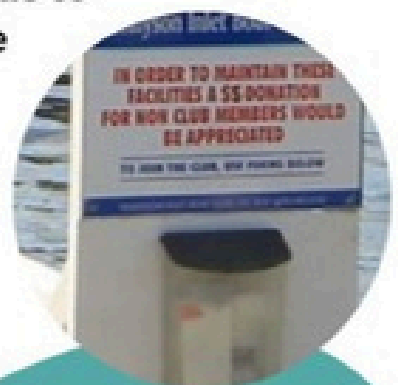
If you can help – please let us know  
[secretary@tibc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@tibc.org.nz) or 021 450205

# HELP US KEEP THESE FACILITIES

Annual  
membership  
subscription

**\$75**

The launching ramps, wharves and swimming pontoons in Tennyson Inlet are owned and maintained by the Tennyson Inlet Boat Club. The current structures are ageing and will (in future) need replacing. They could also suffer major damage from a weather event. We are unable to insure the structures as the cost of this is over our annual income. **We need to ensure the club has sufficient funds to be able to replace these.** Full replacement of one of the wharves could cost over \$500k - we are a long way from having these funds and rely on donations and membership subscriptions for our only income. If you use these facilities regularly please consider joining as a member. If you are already a member - please help us spread the word!



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MENS

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KIDS

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# 2025 SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



# SWIM



## OLIVE CLIFTON

### What Olive's been focusing on

Olive has been working on her confidence and skills progressing from using a board, with special attention on back work and kicking technique.

### Recent milestone

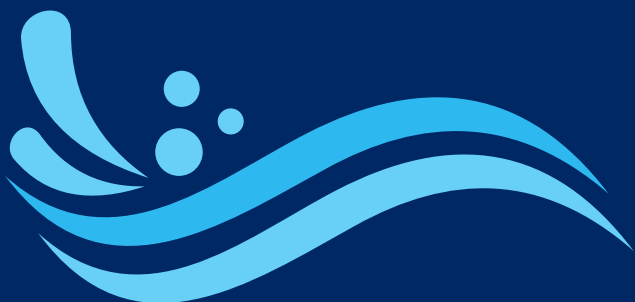
A big achievement this season: Olive is feeling comfortable on her back.

### Highlights from the season so far

Playing around in the water is so much more fun now—and Olive's even started doing handstands in the pool!



## 2026 SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP



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# 2026 SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP

In Aotearoa, we're surrounded by water—oceans, rivers, lakes, and backyard pools. For our tamariki, swimming isn't just a fun activity—it's a life-saving skill.

New Zealand has one of the highest drowning rates in the developed world. Teaching children to swim early can dramatically reduce these risks. Whether it's a day at the beach, a fishing trip, or a splash in the pool, knowing how to swim helps kids stay safe and confident around water.

**Once learned, swimming is rarely forgotten. It's like wearing a seatbelt—essential for everyday life in a country where water is part of our lifestyle.**

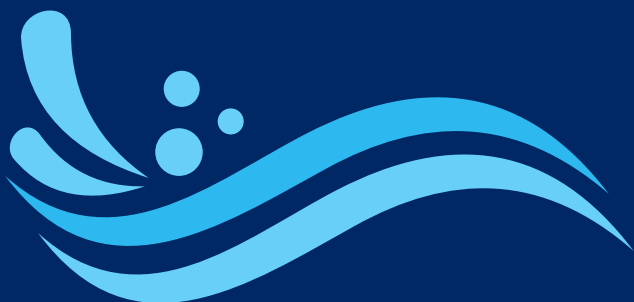
The Tennyson Inlet Boat Club welcomes applications for the Annual Swimming Scholarship from:

- Children or grandchildren of members (nominations of other children will be accepted at the discretion of the committee) and:
- Limited to one entry per child and:
- Children of 12 years of age or younger.

**Conditions:**

The club will sponsor a child for one term of lessons. The money will be paid directly to the registered facility. The successful applicant and their guardian agrees to provide the club with regular progress reports and photos which can be used in our newsletter, marketing and social media.

Applications close 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026. The decision of the committee is final with the successful applicant being drawn by ballot at Annual Picnic Day, 2nd January 2026. The successful applicants will be contacted by email if not present on the day.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR MARINE AREA

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NIWA emeritus researcher and jellyfish expert Dr Dennis Gordon says it is common to start seeing more jellyfish at the beach at this time of year.

"As soon as the days start to get longer and there's more daylight, you get a bloom of more plankton. When there is more plant plankton, there's more animal plankton, which means you get more shrimps and things – and jellyfish feed on those small crustaceans," he says.

## LION'S MANE JELLYFISH

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## PORTUGEUSE MAN'O'WAR (BLUE BOTTLE)

[Click here to open 'Jiggling Jellyfish - A guide to the Jellyfish of NZ'](#)



# HOW TO TREAT A Jellyfish Sting

Advice from  
Health New Zealand

**1** Get the person out of the water  
and reassure them

**2** Act quickly to flush the stung  
area with sea water (or fresh water if  
sea water is unavailable) to remove the  
tentacles

**3** Remove any remaining visible tentacles  
using either using your fingers (with gloves if available) or tweezers

**4** Immerse the stung area in heated tap water  
for 15 to 20 minutes to deactivate the venom.

Have it as hot as the person can bear without causing skin  
burns (and no more than 45°C)

**5** Treat discomfort  
If necessary, take pain relief such as paracetamol or  
ibuprofen according to package instructions

## DO NOT

### PEE ON THE AREA!

This is not a reliable treatment  
because the pH and chemical  
makeup of urine is not known

## DO NOT

### APPLY VINEGAR OR METHYLATED SPIRITS

as they can make the sting  
more painful

Vinegar is only  
effective for  
Australian or tropical  
box jellyfish.

A shower  
can be used for  
stings to the torso.

You can repeat the immersion  
for up to 2 hours after the  
injury ... but be sure to limit the  
immersion periods to 15 to 20  
minutes at a time with  
breaks between to  
allow cooling of  
the skin

Antihistamines  
may be helpful in  
relieving itching  
and swelling

Surf Lifeguards from 75 Surf Life Saving Clubs patrolling 80 locations  
across New Zealand are trained and equipped to treat jellyfish stings

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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December 2025	Newsletter No. 4	You are here
December 2025	AGM Sunday 28th December 2025 Swimming Scholarship applications close	AGM - Penzance
January 2026	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan - Picnic Day set up 4pm (all help welcomed) Annual Picnic Day Friday 2nd January 2026	Betty Archer Reserve Penzance



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# RECIPE

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## INGREDIENTS

- 1 kg fresh live mussels
- 1 onion, chopped
- ½ leek, chopped (reserve green part)
- 50 g butter
- 2 potatoes, chopped into 1 cm cubes
- 500 ml cream
- ¼ c white wine
- Pinch white pepper
- 2 fillets fresh gurnard (or other white fish), chopped into cubes
- 1 Tbs parsley, finely chopped
- 75 g butter
- 3 tbs flour

## METHOD

1. In a large pot, sauté the onion, leek, and celery with the butter on a low heat until soft.
  2. While the onion mixture is cooking, steam open the mussels by placing a large pot on a high heat and adding the mussels, wine and leek greens. Place a lid on top and cook for 5 min or until the mussels open. Remove from heat then strain the mussels, reserving the stock. Take the mussel meat out of the shells and chop into small chunks then set aside.
  3. Add the mussel stock to the onion mixture. Add the potatoes and bring to the boil. When the potatoes are almost cooked, add the cream and bring to a simmer.
  4. In a small pot, make a roux by melting the butter and mixing in the flour until a crumbly paste is formed. Stir the roux through the simmering pot to thicken the chowder.
  5. Add the fish and allow to cook for 5 min. Remove from heat and stir in the chopped mussels and parsley. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Serve with warm crusty bread and a dash of fresh parsley.

Recipe sourced from



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