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Caring for Our Community



Guarding our Coast

With the holiday season near, many of us will be putting to sea to cruise, to fish or just to enjoy.

To ensure safe cruising it is important that you plan well, says Coastguard New Zealand, an organisation of volunteers stationed at dozens of locations around our coastline.

Kapiti-Horowhenua-Manawatu has teams of people, skilled in search and rescue training based at beach locations in Foxton, Waikanae and Paraparaumu ready to move into action whenever required.

Allan Wakeling of Manawatu Volunteer Coastguard in Foxton says his team of around 30 works very well in looking after an area of ocean stretching from Otaki to just north of Tangimoana and out to sea for 12 nautical miles. Inland waterways are also covered.

The Waikanae unit operates out of the Waikanae Boating club, with the 18 volunteers having two boats for rescue work.

Unit spokesman Stephen Perry says while the accepted area of responsibility is 12 nautical miles, Waikanae rescue teams have sometimes gone out as far as 25 nautical miles and in the past 12 months joined with Paraparaumu and Wellington in the search and rescue of two divers at Fisherman's Rock in Cook Strait.

At the long-established Coastguard Paraparaumu base, 18-year veteran Peter Dixon, noted that all members saw their involvement with both a sense of service and putting something back into the community.

Boating Safety Tips

- Wear or at least carry one life jacket per person.
- Carry a flare kit and distress sheet.
- Ensure your boat has an anchor, a bailer, a paddle, a waterproof torch, a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher.
- Check that on-board communications are working. It is recommended you use VHF radio over cell phones.
- Carry sufficient fuel for planned day out.
- Check the weather
- Tell someone where you are going and likely time of return. Leave details with your boating club or at Coastguard headquarters in your district.

All the units welcome assistance. If you would like to help call:

Manawatu-Horowhenua: Allan Wakeling, phone (06) 363-8386.

Waikanae: Dick Milligan (04) 293-5996

Paraparaumu: Tim Whelan (04) 297-9276.

The Coastguard education service has a website www.cbcs.org.nz with detailed information which will help all boaters.

Water Temperature

Thanks to David McLean from McLean Consulting who reminded us that the Building Code requires a hot water cylinder storage temperature setting of 60°C to prevent the growth of Legionella bacteria. In the answers to our Cent-a-meter Quiz we stated 55-60°C. What the Code also says is that to avoid scalding and burns the hot water from your bathroom and toilet hand basin taps should be no hotter than 55°C. With storage at 60°C (or more) this can be achieved by installing a tempering or 3 port mixing valve and this has been mandatory since 1992.

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