

WINTER HAULAGE 2015

Haulage applications and deposits must be received by 30 April if you want to be included in the winter schedule.

The schedule will be available at the May working bee.

Important Changes for Antifouling

As many of you will be aware, significant changes have been made to the laws regarding removal and application of antifouling paints on boat yards.

These changes apply to the Devonport Yacht Club yard.

These new rules will impact on the DYC this haulage year, and accordingly changes to the way we operate are necessary.

These changes have been brought about by the changes to the Environmental Protection Act. In addition to the statutory obligations imposed, the Club's lease with the Auckland Council also specifically requires us to meet these environmental rules.

Failure to meet them exposes both the Club and individual boats owners to significant penalties. In addition, non-compliance could place the Club's ongoing haulage activities in jeopardy and also potentially jeopardise our overall lease.

Removal of antifoul

The new rules require that any antifoul removed from a boat is collected and disposed of correctly. This includes wet sanding, scraping and water blasting. Dry sanding at the DYC is prohibited.

What this means for boats on the DYC yard:

- Water blasting of the hull must occur on the slipways using the sump and sump pump. In addition, portable screening must be used (the Club is currently looking at suitable options) to ensure no overspray occurs.
- Appropriate protective gear must be worn when both water blasting and wet sanding.
- Further details of what is considered appropriate gear will be made available to boat owners hauling.
- Where practical, boat owners are encouraged to undertake any wet sanding of antifoul on the slipway (using the sump and pumps). Discuss this with the haulage master if this option is preferred.
- Wet sanding of antifoul may occur on the section, but boat owners must ensure that all run off is collected and disposed of.
- No antifoul or material containing antifoul is allowed to run onto the ground under any circumstances.
- In order to ensure wet sanding run off is appropriately collected, boat owners will need to ensure the following:
 - Boat cradles are blocked up on the section so as to enable appropriate groundsheets and bunding to be used when wet sanding (the haulage team can assist and advise with this when side hauling);

- Appropriate heavy duty water proof ground sheets and bunding are used under the hull to ensure all run off can be collected and disposed of in the holding tank
- If you have doubts about how to ensure you are doing the right thing, ask for advice before starting.
- Some thought will be required by boat owners as to position of boats and cradles and how they are blocked up. The haulage team can assist with this when side hauling.
- The Club will be acquiring some heavy duty groundsheets, portable bunding and a wet and dry vacuum cleaner to be available for boat owners to use. However, responsibility of ensuring the right equipment is available and used, and ensuring the correct collection and disposal of antifoul occurs, at all times remains that of the boat owner.
- Boat owners should minimise the amount of runoff to be collected when wet sanding (e.g. using flow control to reduce the amount of water used) to ensure the waste storage tank is not overloaded
- All scraping of antifoul paint must be done with a vacuum scraper.

Application of Antifoul Paint

The new rules introduce specific requirements for signage to ensure members of the public are aware of paint application occurring. In addition, certain protective and safety gear is now mandatory when applying antifoul paint.

What this means for boats on the DYC yard:

- The Club will be producing new signage and warnings which all boat owners must use when applying anti foul paint.
- Further details of the required protective clothing will be circulated to boat owners before the haulage season commences

Further Information

More detailed instructions regarding both removal and application of antifoul paint will be circulated to members hauling before haulage season commences.

It is also noted that these new guidelines also apply in the event a boat owner engages another party to undertake any work relating to antifoul. Responsibility for ensuring these rules are met by all parties working on a boat remains that of the boat owner.

All members who are intending to haul must attend the haulage meeting to be held at the working bee on Saturday 16 May 2015. Further practical details in relation to the above will be covered at this meeting.

The haulage booking form has been amended to cover these new changes. This new form is reproduced in this newsletter. In addition, copies are located in the club foyer and on the website. Please do not use the form included in the last yearbook. If you do, your application will be returned and you will need to resubmit it on the correct form.

It is essential all boat owners follow these new haulage rules without exception. We fully realise this will cause some inconvenience and a change to the way things have been done previously. However, non-compliance is not an option. Your cooperation is appreciated.