

## In brief...

**Cadet dies after fall from rigging**

Prayers were said on May 9 in the cathedral at Rochester, England, for Jonathan Martin, the 14-year-old sea cadet who fell to his death a few days earlier from the rigging of the training ship *TS Royalist*.

The brig had just dropped anchor in Stokes Bay, near Portsmouth, when Martin and others went aloft to furl and reef the sails. He slipped and fell nearly 8m into the water. The crew retrieved him quickly and he was airlifted to a nearby hospital but he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The *Royalist* was anchoring for the night and all the cadets were wearing safety harnesses but not lifejackets, as these could become tangled in the rigging. Cadets only go aloft if they are confident in doing so.

**Consultation period extended**

Maritime New Zealand has extended the deadline for people wanting to make submissions on the proposed new maritime operator safety system, to be called MOSS.

MOSS is designed to replace the current safe ship management system for commercial vessel operators.

"Because of the significance of the proposed changes, and in order to ensure everyone gets the opportunity to let us know what they think, Maritime NZ has decided to extend the deadline for written submissions to July 30," said Michael Peters, Maritime NZ's manager of safety research and analysis.

The period of notification for those intending to make oral submissions has also been extended until June 25. Oral submissions are due to take place toward the last week of July.

See [www.maritimenz.govt.nz/moss](http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/moss) consultation

**Australian sailors injured**

Three Australian sailors on board the submarine *HMAS Collins* were injured on May 23 when she rolled to one side in rough seas while on the surface.

A Royal Australian Navy spokesman said the submarine was conducting tests during a routine exercise in the Indian Ocean when she struck a heavy swell and rocked suddenly.

"It caught some people on board by surprise and we had three people slightly injured," he said. She returned to the naval base HMAS Stirling, near Fremantle.

"Submarines are better underneath the waves than they are on top, so it's an issue that faces all modern submarines when they are up on the surface."

**NEW FERRY TO START TONGA SERVICE IN NOVEMBER**

TONGA'S NEW INTER-ISLAND ferry *Olovaha*, currently being built in Japan, is scheduled to arrive in Nuku'alofa on October 20. The domestic inter-island ferry service is expected to restart in the first week of November.

The ferry's designer, Watanabe Royonori, who is the consultant for the Tongan government on the Japanese-funded project, said construction of the 53m ferry at the ISB Co Ltd shipyard at Futtsu City on the entrance to Tokyo Bay was expected to be completed by July 6.

She will then undergo sea trials. The ferry should be ready to sail for Tonga by September 20, said Royonori, who was visiting Tonga.

The new ferry will be sailed to Tonga by a Japanese captain and a crew, accompanied by a Tongan captain and an engineer. The new ferry can carry up to 400 passengers and 400 tonnes of cargo. Her engine develops 735kW. There are no private cabins in the new ferry, but one dormitory with 28 bunks. There are also sheltered areas with chairs for passengers.

In the meantime, a temporary vessel, the 41m *MV Ajang Subuh*, set sail to the



outer islands a few days after HM King George Tupou V launched her on April 21. She was launched in Malaysia in 2008 and the Tongan operation is her first official service.

She carries up to 70 passengers, nine crew and 200 tonnes of cargo. There is an enclosed, fully airconditioned lounge for 50 people. In addition, seven cabins are each fitted with four bunk beds. The crew would occupy two of the cabins.

Her top speed is 15.5 knots and she can berth safely at all of the ports in Tonga without significant modifications to ports or wharves.

New Zealand and Australia will jointly fund the 12-month ferry charter, each providing \$2.5 million. The government of Tonga will cover local costs such as fuel and vessel maintenance.

**Bank supports seafood industry**

THE ANZ BANK is offering a \$10,000 Young Skipper's Scholarship to encourage and support young talent in the seafood industry, plus a separate all-expenses paid trip for one seafood company to the World Expo this year in Shanghai, China. ANZ New Zealand is a sponsor partner of the New Zealand Pavilion at the expo.

The bank made the announcement at the New Zealand Seafood Industry conference in Wellington on May 19 and 20. "Seafood is one of the country's most important resources which needs to remain sustainable for future generations," David Green, the managing director of ANZ New Zealand's institutional division, told the conference. Green said the scholarship, to be administered by the Seafood Industry Council, was to help address the shortage of qualified skippers in the industry.

"This is the 10th year ANZ has been the principal sponsor of the conference and we've developed longstanding relationships with many of the companies involved, which has given us a deep understanding of the industry."

The winning seafood company will join one of three client tours by the bank to China to help them identify growth opportunities and gain a deeper understanding of the Chinese market.

Green said the bank's expertise and experience in China and other Asian markets meant it could help exporters with insights and connections.

The Prime Minister, John Key, gave the opening address at the conference, followed by a keynote presentation by the ANZ's chief economist, Cameron Bagrie.



## STRONG INTEREST IN KEY MARINE SITE

A KEY MARINE site in the Wynyard Quarter at the western end of the Auckland waterfront has attracted considerable interest, according to the company leading the revitalisation of the 2.8ha precinct.

John Dalzell, the chief executive of Sea+City Projects Ltd, says the company has worked hard with the New Zealand Marine Industry Association to make sure the site provides all the facilities for the industry to grow.

Plans include workshops with showrooms, a sail loft and a roof-top rig yard, a 600 tonne boat lift, new berths and a 12-storey building with apartments on the upper levels.

“The site will give a huge boost to the superyacht refit market,” says Dalzell.

The land and water space at the corner of Jellicoe and Beaumont Streets is part of a marine precinct that includes 100 other marine-related businesses. Expressions of interest for the purchase of the leasehold interest in the site, owned by Auckland Regional Holdings, closed on May 17. Short-listed parties will be invited to submit detailed offers, probably in September.

“Expansion of the existing facilities will mean we can handle many more than the 18 refits a year we currently do, generating foreign exchange and creating more jobs and apprenticeships in the boatbuilding industry,” says the executive director of the MIA, Peter Busfield.

The Wynyard Quarter is being transformed over a 20 to 25-year period into a harbourside community with parks and plazas, apartments, shops and offices alongside the traditional marine and fishing industries. Work on the first stage of the waterfront axis along Jellicoe Street is planned to be largely completed by the Rugby World Cup next year, says Dalzell.

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