

## In brief...

**Fisherman fined for Cook Strait cable breach**

Transpower has warned fishermen and divers to be aware of high-voltage electricity cables when fishing or diving in Cook Strait. The warning comes after a fisherman, Derek Lee, was convicted of fishing and diving in the 7km-wide restricted zone surrounding the Cook Strait power cable.

The zone runs from Fighting Bay in the Marlborough Sounds to Oteranga Bay on Wellington's southwestern coast.

Police spotted Lee fishing in Oteranga Bay in September last year. Lee said he had drifted into the zone, but as police were speaking to him a diver surfaced in the zone with a spear gun and crayfish, most of which were undersized. Checks found the cable was not damaged.

The case carried a maximum fine of \$20,000. However, Judge Ian Mill said there was a relatively minor risk of damaging the cable, and convicted and fined Lee \$2000.

**Aid ship victims were targets of 'shoot-to-kill'**

Seven of the nine Turks killed in an Israeli raid on a Gaza-bound aid ship on May 31 were shot more than once, and five died from bullet wounds to the head, according to Turkish forensic reports released on July 1.

The reports were made available by lawyers for the victims' families, who have petitioned Turkish prosecutors to investigate the May 31 raid on the Turkish ferry *Mavi Marmara*.

"The findings make it clear [that] the Israeli forces shot to kill the activists and not to overpower them," said one of the lawyers, Yasin Divrak. The nine volunteers were shot a total of 31 times. Furkan Dogan, aged 19, was shot five times, including once at the back of his head. It was impossible to reach a conclusion on the ranges of most shots, according to the reports.

Another autopsy included the discovery of a tiny bag containing pellets still intact in the victim's brain. The bag was fired from a hunting rifle. "It is not a type of weapon that we have ever heard of," Divrak said.

Israel says its commandos used force after they were attacked as soon as they landed on the *Mavi Marmara*. But the activists insist the troops opened fire as soon as they landed. The aid mission had aimed to break the Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip. Turkey has dismissed a commission set up by Israel to investigate the raid, insisting for a UN-led international probe.

**Coastguard crew praised for rescue**

FIVE KAIKOURA COASTGUARD volunteers won warm praise after rescuing four people from a stricken yacht in fierce weather off Kaikoura on June 19.

Three men and a woman, from Christchurch and Nelson, were safely back ashore after the rescue, in a mission coordinated by the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand.

The 9m yacht *Marguerite* was 16.5 miles sou'east of Kaikoura, heading to Lyttelton from the Marlborough Sounds, when a large wave over the stern disabled the steering and knocked out all power to the vessel's electronics just before 0800.

Maritime Radio received their distress

call minutes before a signal from the yacht's EPIRB was picked up. The *Kaikoura Rescue*, skippered by Murray Paul, reached the *Marguerite* within two hours, after facing 5m breaking waves and 40 knot winds.

The yacht crew had to set off two flares to signal their position. Transferring them to the rescue boat was also extremely difficult. "It was a job well done by the volunteers. Because of the sea conditions it could have been a lot worse," said SAR coordinator Jack Kemp.

Two of the *Marguerite's* crew were taken to Kaikoura Hospital. The sailors were all experienced and had the correct safety equipment on board, Kemp said.

**VESSEL FISHED IN US WITHOUT A PERMIT**

A SPANISH FISHING vessel faces a possible US\$7.4 million fine for 67 counts of fishing in United States waters without a US permit. The penalty would be the highest ever assessed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The NOAA issued the violation notice on June 2 to the Spanish company Albacora SA, the owner of the *Albacora Uno*. It charges the purse seine vessel with fishing inside the US exclusive economic zone in the western and central Pacific Ocean over two years.

NOAA agents boarded the vessel when she docked in Pago Pago, American Samoa, in March and found records documenting the *Albacora Uno's* activities in US waters. Her crew is alleged to have deployed 67 fish aggregating devices inside the 200-mile EEZ around the Howland/Baker Islands and Jarvis Island between November 2007 and October 2009.

Fish use the device for shelter or shade. Vessels attach buoys with GPS units to them so they can leave them adrift for longer, amassing fish, and then relocate. Vessels set their nets on or near the devices to capture the fish they attract.

Albacora SA has 30 days to respond. If found guilty, any penalty collected will go into the Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund.

**OceanView now lights up New Zealand**

VEI MARINE DISPLAY Systems and OceanView Night-Vision cameras are now available in New Zealand through the marine electronics distributor Electronic Navigation Limited (ENL). The American marine electronics company VEI produces a wide range of marine display screens, marine computers and night-vision/thermal camera systems.

ENL's general manager, Gareth Hodson, says the signing brings certainty to the market, especially regarding marine night vision cameras. "A lot of brands are jumping between multiple distributors, which doesn't give the consumer any confidence in

their purchase," says Hodson.

Complimenting the OceanView range will be the VEI range of LED display screens. The eight products in the OceanView range include units for trailerboats to products for launches and superyachts.

"Experienced boaters know you don't always have the convenience of operating your vessel in perfect conditions. OceanView's line of combination thermal imaging, low-light and colour cameras gives you the ability to operate in total darkness, pouring rain, fog or glaring sunlight, providing safer navigation," says Hodson.



## MALTA WELCOMES NEW PATROL BOAT FLEET

AUSTAL HAS COMPLETED its first European defence contract following the commissioning of four 21.2m inshore patrol craft for the Armed Forces of Malta. The aluminium vessels will assist Maltese forces with surveillance and border protection around its coast.



Austal was awarded the contract in February 2009. The four vessels were built at its Western Australian yard and delivered to Malta via lift ship.

The vessels have an elevated flybridge, fire-fighting equipment, two 7.62mm light machine gun mounts and one 12.7mm heavy machine gun. There is crew accommodation for eight. A bilge manifold above the main aft deck can perform salvage pumping of another vessel if needed. There is a stern launching ramp for a RIB and low platforms for divers. Two MAN D2842 LE410 diesels, each producing 809kW, power the boats to a top speed of 26 knots.

## Bright future for young skipper

THE ANZ BANK and the Seafood Industry Council have put together a \$10,000 scholarship to support emerging talent in the seafood industry.

The ANZ Young Skippers Scholarship is open to New Zealanders aged under 40 with a Maritime New Zealand Certificate in Mate of Deep Sea Fishing Vessel who are working on a commercial vessel and wish to achieve skipper status within the seafood industry. The council will administer the scholarship.

"Many trainees who undertake statutory qualifications fund themselves, and we hope this one-off scholarship will help one young person to progress through," said David Green, the managing director of ANZ New Zealand's institutional division. The bank has sponsored the Seafood Industry conference for 10 years.

Applications close on September 13 and the winner will be announced on October 1.

See [www.seafoodindustry.co.nz/scholarship](http://www.seafoodindustry.co.nz/scholarship)

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### French move to charge adventurers

French politicians are debating whether to make yachtsmen pay for their own rescue when they run into trouble.

The proposed law would enable the state to demand reimbursement for “all or part of the costs ... of foreign rescue operations” if it deems travellers had ventured knowingly and without “legitimate motive” into risky territory.

The French foreign ministry said it hoped the prospect of being saddled with paying costs such as emergency air fares home would make people think twice about venturing into territory classified as dangerous.

Last month Australia and France paid for the return of Abby Sunderland, the teenage sailor who got lost at sea. Her rescue is estimated to have cost up to £116,000.

### Single-hull tankers nearly all gone

Single-hull tankers will soon become a memory with the last few heading for conversion as the mandatory curtain falls at the end of the year.

The arrival of two VLCCs for drybulk conversion in China reduced the number of “available” single-hull ships to 10 percent of the existing tanker fleet, said the shipbroking company Gibson. A similar picture existed for Suezmaxes, with 20 single-hull units remaining, representing five percent of the trading fleet. The last single-hull VLCC remaining under the United States flag is currently laid up.

“The lack of market opportunities for the singles will only intensify, with 33 new VLCC and 31 Suezmaxes scheduled to be delivered over the remainder of the year,” says Gibson.

### Fishing boat falls on side



Nobody was injured when this fishing boat fell on her side on April 15 while being hauled on to the slipway at Whangarei's

Norsand Boatyard.

Norsand owner Murray Wilkinson said the yard had strict safety procedures in place for taking vessels up and down the slipway and nobody was injured in the accident.

He said it was the first accident on the slipway in 11 or 12 years of operation.

“That’s not bad when we can have up to nine boats a week using it when we’re busy,” Wilkinson said.

## New Greenpeace ship catches the wind

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS after two bombs planted by French secret agents sank the *Rainbow Warrior* in Auckland harbour, New Zealand, Greenpeace is commemorating the anniversary by beginning construction of a new *Rainbow Warrior*.

The keel was laid in a special ceremony on July 10 at the Maritim Shipyard in Gdansk,

Poland. Pete Willcox, who was the *Rainbow Warrior* captain on the night she was bombed, laid a wreath in memory of the photographer, Fernando Pereira, who died in the bombing.

“One of the principles of Greenpeace is that we are non-violent. Fernando did not have to die; he was a threat to no-one,” Willcox said.

The organisation says it will be the world’s first purpose-built, environmentally advanced campaigning vessel.

“When the original *Rainbow Warrior* was bombed the threat of nuclear war represented our worst nightmare, and concern over climate change was just beginning,” said Greenpeace International’s executive director, Kumi Naidoo.

“The new *Rainbow Warrior* will play a vital role in our campaign for action to avert catastrophic climate change.”

Both the first and second *Rainbow Warriors* were converted trawling vessels. The new vessel is designed as a sailing ship to help Greenpeace reduce its carbon footprint and serve as an example to others of smart environmental investment. Her A-frame masts will rise 54m above the water.

Other design features include a built-in satellite uplink with a 24/7 broadband connection, and specially designed cranes to allow for the rapid deployment of inflatables, a key tool in confronting environmental abuse.

The ship will set sail next year, in time for the 40th anniversary of the founding of Greenpeace.



PHOTO: HANS VAN ROOIJ

## PORT APPLIES FOR MAJOR DREDGING PROJECT

PORT OTAGO HAS filed a resource consent application to deepen and widen its 13km harbour channel, dispose of dredging spoil and extend wharves and berths.

The \$100 million Next Generation project will deepen the channel by 2m to a total of 15m to prepare the port to receive larger container ships. Up to 7.2 million cu m of sand and silt is expected to be removed from the channel seabed and dumped 6.5km off Taiaroa Head.

The dredging will be the port’s largest single capital expenditure project. Dredging first began in 1866 and about 34 million cu m of spoil has been removed since.

An assessment by the port on the environmental effects of the dredging includes the effects on avian and aquatic wildlife, the integrity of Aramoana’s salt marsh, the dispersal of sediment in the harbour and its dumping off Taiaroa Head.

Shipping lines have scaled back port calls by investing in larger ships to call less often but carry more containers, prompting numerous ports to dredge their channels to at least 15m to accommodate ships’

draughts of 14.5m.

“Because of the lead-in time, we need to be prepared. That’s why we need resource consent now,” said the chief executive, Geoff Plunket. “Shipping lines will have to say they will be bringing 6000teu ships to us on a regular basis before we start, which would be about a year [before their arrival],” Plunket said.

The existing channel accommodates ships of 281m length and 12.5m draught carrying 4100teu. A 5000teu vessel was also handled recently. New ships already plying the world’s trade routes have a draught of 14.5m and are between 300m and 347m long. They can carry respectively 6000 or 8000teu.

Even larger ships are planned, but their sheer size means they will not be able to navigate Otago Harbour, even after the dredging.

Plunket said he was confident of sourcing funds from existing banking facilities, which would include purchasing a fourth Shanghai-made crane and a larger tug to cope with the bigger ships.



## Group find clear image of wreck

A GROUP FROM Hooked On Electronics were out on their test boat recently testing the new Structure Scan Sonar and say they were surprised at the image they captured of the wreck *Minato Maru*. She hit Shearer Rock, a mile east of Tiritiri-Matangi Island in the Hauraki Gulf, at full speed in 1982 in calm, clear water and stuck fast.

“We were very surprised by the image we captured, and despite rumours I had heard, the wreck still is very much intact.”

Structure Scan is a new add-on module for the Simrad NSE system launched last year. It is also available for the Lowrance HDS, available from ENL. It combines an “imaging” solution using both common high-frequency side-scan technology popular in military, oceanographic and other research fields with Navico’s DownScan Imaging, which incorporates high-resolution images presented in a traditional downward-looking image to the operator, using 800kHz and 455kHz frequencies.

StructureScan can also overlay and interlace DownScan Imaging onto a standard sounder image, allowing the user to further interpret screen images with greater accuracy.



## SHOW SET TO GROW

THE ORGANISERS OF the Waikato Boat, Fishing and Leisure Show say this year’s event is on track to be another success. It will be held from October 15-17 at the Mystery Creek Events Centre, near Hamilton.

The show, a joint venture between the Marine Industry Association and Mystery Creek Events Centre, is the only boating and fishing show in the Waikato.

Last year, the three-day event attracted just under 13,000, the highest turnout since 2004.

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