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Ports of Auckland

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The latest information
and community news
from Auckland's Port

In brief

Ports supports Barfoot and Thompson Auckland Triathlon ITU World Cup

Ports of Auckland was an official sponsor of the Barfoot and Thompson Auckland Triathlon ITU World Cup held on 20 November 2011.

The port made space available on the breastwork between Queens and Captain Cook wharves for the event.

Dave Beeche CEO, Triathlon World Champs 2012 said, "The event was a resounding success which attracted over 20,000 spectators and had 1100 participants."

"The atmosphere was electric and wouldn't have been possible without the enormous support of the Port – a huge thank you from all the participants, spectators and organising team," he said.

Ports of Auckland Cure Kids Charity Golf Day

Ports of Auckland held a Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday 24 November to raise money for Cure Kids. The event has been hailed a roaring success with members of the shipping industry coming together to support a great cause.

With entry fees, on-course donations and supplier sponsorships, the event raised \$35,076 for Cure Kids.

Community Reference Group

Ports of Auckland's Community Reference Group provides a forum for dialogue and discussion with neighbours and community representatives.

The group meets once a quarter to discuss topics like port development, noise, traffic and lighting.

Should you like to be a part of the group or for more information please email info@poal.co.nz.

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Awanuia and Waka Kume return after a job well done

Seafuels bunker barge *Awanuia* and Ports of Auckland tugboat *Waka Kume* were welcomed back to Auckland on 25 November after nearly six weeks in the Bay of Plenty assisting in the salvage of the MV *Rena*.

The *Waka Kume* was the first tugboat on site in the Bay of Plenty and played a crucial role in first keeping the shipwrecked *Rena* stable and then in assisting the *Awanuia* during the salvage operation.

The *Awanuia* was on the scene at daybreak Sunday 9 October after having discharged her load at Marsden Point and was on standby until salvors were ready to begin pumping.

Staff were thanked at a special ceremony at the Cloud on Queens Wharf during which representatives from Ngati

Whatua performed a Karanga and Ports of Auckland staff a haka.

Wayne Mills, Chairman of Seafuels and General Manager Multi-Cargo and Marine at Ports of Auckland said, "It has been a great effort by the team under difficult conditions and we are very proud of what they have achieved."

"It is fantastic to have the crew and vessels back and safe," Mr Mills said.

Mr Mills said Seafuels and Ports of Auckland had responded quickly to the incident, mobilising vessels and staff as quickly as possible.

"Particular thanks are due to Z Energy, who agreed to release the *Awanuia* to facilitate its participation in the salvage operation, and to those of our staff who left their families to go to the Bay of Plenty at short notice,

to work in incredibly challenging conditions."

"But for their dedication and skill, the environmental impact of the grounding could have been much worse with significantly more oil spilled."

"I'd also like to acknowledge the understanding shown by the port's regular fuel customers, who have had to make alternative arrangements during the absence of the *Awanuia*, and Waterfront Auckland, who assisted in re-fuelling the cruise ship the *Radiance of the Seas* at Wynyard Wharf."

One of the Masters of the *Awanuia*, Captain Rick Hunter, said, "It was an unimaginable situation, something we didn't expect to see here in New Zealand. We are glad that the *Awanuia* was able to be of assistance."

Ports of Auckland Round the Bays

Ports of Auckland will once again be sponsoring Round the Bays, one of the world's largest fun runs, in 2012.

Chief Executive Officer Tony Gibson is thrilled the company is returning to sponsor Auckland's iconic outdoor event, to be held on Sunday 18 March.

"Auckland's port has been serving as a major trade gateway to Auckland for over a century and with the run

starting right at our doorstep, it is only fitting that we are a part of this fantastic event," he said.

"All the money raised by the event goes to charity," Mr Gibson said.

The Ports of Auckland Round the Bays is set to take place on Sunday, 18 March.

Visit www.roundthebays.co.nz for more details.



Piloting through the harbour

Ports of Auckland recently appointed Marine Pilot David Payne as Senior Pilot at the Ports.

Captain Payne has been with the Port for over 10 years after having spent 14 years at sea up to the rank of Master, and five years as a Marine Officer and Pilot in New Plymouth.

He holds a Masters Class 1 foreign going certificate as well as an unrestricted marine pilot license for Auckland Harbour.

According to the maritime rules, all ships over 500 gross tonnes entering the Waitemata Harbour require a pilot on board to navigate them safely through the harbour and into Auckland's port.

Ports of Auckland's pilots meet

ships one to two nautical miles north of the Rangitoto beacon, boarding the ship from the pilot boat using a ladder suspended from the ship's deck and hung over its side.

Similarly, when a ship leaves the port, the pilot takes her safely out of the harbour and disembarks via the ladder onto the waiting pilot boat.

"It is a challenging role and one with a high level of responsibility. The port is an all-weather operation and we work around the clock to bring ships in safely so that trade flows smoothly," says Captain Payne.

As a Senior Pilot, Captain Payne has taken on the additional responsibility of managing a team of pilots.



Captain Payne, a resident of Howick, also spends most of his spare time around the water, with interests in sailing and water polo.

For more information about Ports of Auckland, visit www.poal.co.nz, email info@poal.co.nz or phone 09 348 5200.