

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

18 June 21 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
25 June 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Prospect Hotel (Howick RSA)
9 July 21 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
16 July 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at New Lynn RSA
24 July 21 – Ngapona Assn Formal Dinner at Birkenhead RSA
8 August 21 – Ngapona Assn AGM
20 August 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Birkenhead RSA

Hi Folks

NGAPONA ASSN - MONTHLY LUNCH

Our monthly lunch will be held this Friday **25 June at 1200hrs.**
The lunch will be held at 'The Prospect of Howick' as the Howick RSA has temporarily relocated to enable new club rooms to be built.

RESERVEX 21

Reservex 21 will be held this weekend at TLC, Whangaparoa. Reservex personnel will be participating in COCK OF THE FLEET activities, followed by a BBQ at the Silverdale RSA, which ex Ngapona members are welcome to join. This is an opportunity to catch up with some old friends!



NGAPONA ASSN FORMAL DINNER – 24 JULY 2021

I have to advise that all tickets have now been sold for this function. If you missed out, and want to attend, let me know in case there is a cancellation. Reply to this email.

HMNZS MANAWANUI – NEW CO

It is with great pleasure that I advise that Commander Bronwyn Heslop, RNZN has been appointed as Commanding Officer of HMNZS Manawanui. Bronwyn assumes command in early 2022.

Bronwyn is a member of the HMNZS Ngapona Assn. BZ



Australia will overhaul its fleet of six Collins-class submarines amid growing uncertainty over the induction timeline of 12 French-made replacements, The Australian has reported. Canberra will spend approximately \$6 billion in a life-of-type extension for the submarines, defence minister Peter Dutton told the paper. The original plan was to refurbish just three of the underwater vessels, according to Defence Connect. “We need to be realistic about what lies ahead by way of threat in our own region and the submarine capacity is a significant part of how we mitigate that risk and it’s important we get the program right,” Minister Dutton told the paper. There is no doubt in my mind that we need to pursue a life-of-type extension and we are working on that program now. All six would be on the schedule.”

Source: Thedefensepost



PANAMA CANAL

The Panama Canal has increased the maximum allowable length for vessels transiting the Neopanamax Locks. Since May 21, the maximum length overall (LOA) for commercial and noncommercial vessels acceptable for regular transits of the Neopanamax Locks is 370.33 meters (1,215 feet), up from 367.28 meters (1,205 feet). The increase, which comes nearly five years after the canal's expansion, means that now 96.8% of the world's fleet of containerships can transit the Panama Canal. A 50-foot draft allows ships to transit with a greater amount of cargo, which translates into benefits for customers because it makes freight transport more efficient. Each additional foot of draft in the neopanamax locks means a ship can load an average of 330 extra containers, favourably impacting its economy of scale.
Source: New York Times



EXERCISES IN SOUTH CHINA SEA

A US aircraft carrier group led by the USS *Ronald Reagan* has entered the South China Sea as part of a routine mission, the US Navy says, at a time of rising tensions between Washington and Beijing, which claims most the disputed waterway. China frequently objects to US military missions in the South China Sea saying they do not help promote peace or stability, and the announcement follows China blasting the Group of Seven nations for a statement scolding Beijing over a range of issues. "While in the South China Sea, the strike group is conducting maritime security operations, which include flight operations with fixed and rotary wing aircraft, maritime strike exercises, and coordinated tactical training between surface and air units," the US Navy said.



LIGHT HOUSE OF THE WEEK – CAPE KIDNAPPERS

Position: 39.38.8S 177.05.5E

Characteristics: Fl(2)W 15s

Range: 8NM

Structure: White metal tower

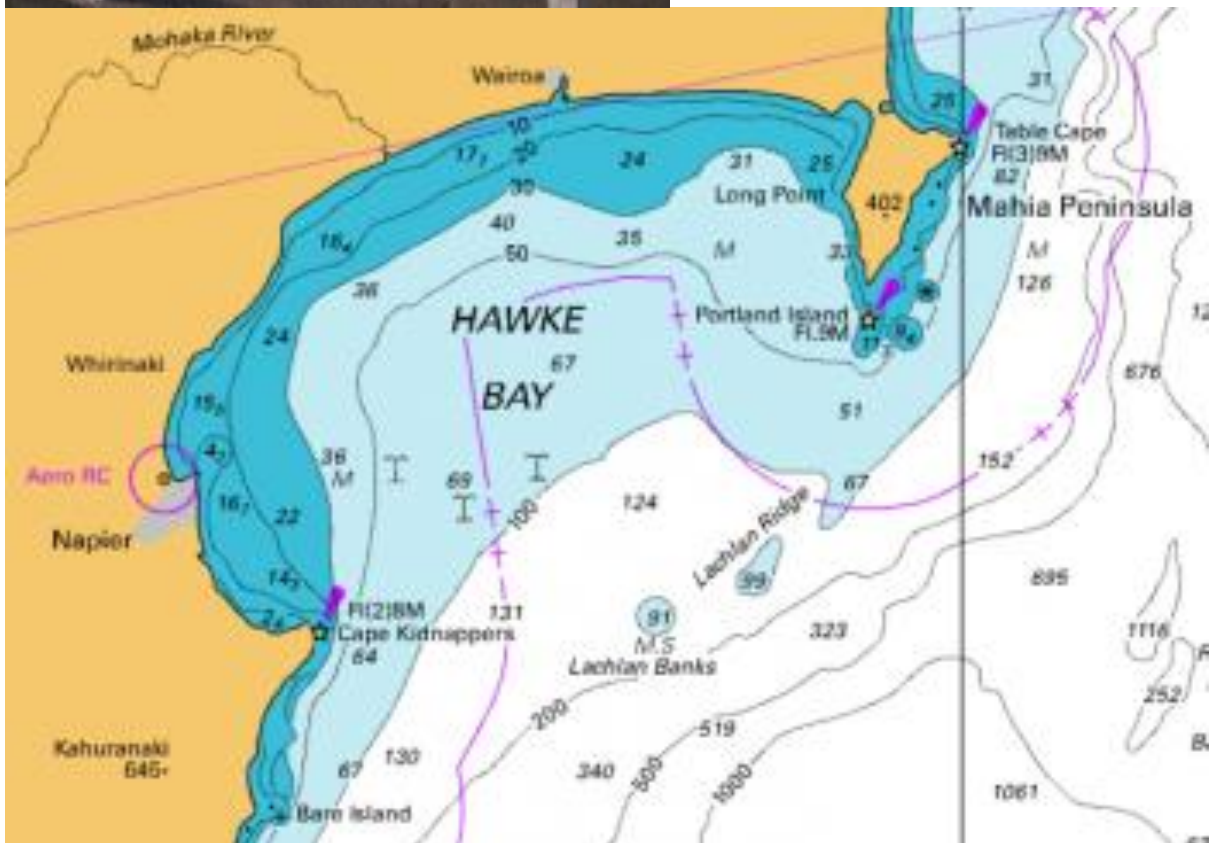
Cape Kidnappers / Te Kauwae-a-Māui is a headland at the south-eastern extremity of Hawke's Bay on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island and sits at the end of an 8 kilometres (5.0 mi) peninsula which protrudes into the Pacific Ocean. It is 20 kilometres (12 mi) south-east of the city of Napier.

The headland was named after an attempt by local Māori to abduct a member of Captain Cook's crew aboard HMS *Endeavour*, during a landfall there on 15 October 1769. The crew member was Taiata, the 12-year-old nephew or servant of Tupaia, the Tahitian who served as the *Endeavour's* interpreter and guide. Cook's journal states that Taiata was over the side of the ship when a Maori fishing vessel approached the *Endeavour* offering to trade fish, before seizing the boy and attempting to flee with him. Sailors from *Endeavour's* deck immediately opened fire on the fishing boat, killing two Māori and wounding a third.

Taiata promptly jumped overboard and swam back to *Endeavour*, while the remaining Māori paddled their craft back to shore. A 4-pounder cannon was fired after them from *Endeavour's* quarterdeck, but the Māori boat was soon out of range.

“...they seized hold of him, pulld him into the boat and endeavoured to carry him off, this obliged us to fire upon them which gave the Boy an oppertunity to jump over board and we brought the Ship too, lower'd a boat into the Water and took him up unhurt. Two or three paid for this daring attempt with the loss of their lives and many more would have suffered had it not been for fear of killing the boy. This affair occation'd my giving this point of land the name of Cape Kidnappers...”

The Cape Kidnappers Lighthouse was located on a small plateau of the cape, around 450 m from the tip of the cape. It was built in 1876 and dismantled in 1948. Instead of the lighthouse, there is now an automated beacon on the square, right next to the Gannet Colony. This light beacon was first constructed in 1963 and flashes every 15 seconds which is visible for 8 nautical miles.



Regards

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