

## HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

### LONGCAST

8 August 21 – Ngapona Assn AGM

14 August 21 – Navy Club AGM and Lunch

15 August 21 - William Sanders, VC Memorial Service, Takapuna

20 August 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Birkenhead RSA

29 August 21 – Combines Services Day, Whangamata

Hi Folks

#### **HMNZS NGAPONA ASSN – FORMAL DINNER**

The Association held its third Formal Dinner last Saturday at the Birkenhead RSA. The Guest of Honour was RADM David Proctor, Chief of Navy, who gave a very informative address. There were 70 guests, and entertainment for the evening was provided by Rebecca Nelson and a three-piece band, all of whom were serving members of HMNZS Ngapona. At a short ceremony after the meal Lt Cdr John Gresson was promoted to Cdr by CN. Congratulations John, well done. At the conclusion of the evening CN acted as the Duty SA for the 'Up Spirits' ceremony. By all accounts this formal dinner was a very successful event with all feedback being very positive. It resulted in CN making the statement that 'the NGA Assn have become the keepers of the traditions of the RNZN'. Other comments were that the organisers 'shouldn't change a thing' when organising the next dinner!

*Thanks to the caterers, Birkenhead RSA, the organising committee and all those involved for making it a great night. President, Jerry Payne*





More photos to come

**COMBINED SERVICES DAY - WHANGAMATA**



# COMBINED SERVICES DAY

*To honour those who have served or are still serving in Defence & Police Forces*

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to attend a day to remember and talk about for years to come.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Whangamata RSA - 11am start**

**Rum Ration – Parade of Flags into the RSA – Last Post  
Medals to be worn. Entertainment & Raffles**

**Subsidised Lunch - \$25/person - Bookings Essential**

If you do not wish to have lunch you are still more than welcome to come and share the day with us, buy some raffles and enjoy the entertainment provided.

**Bookings: [rsamanager@outlook.com](mailto:rsamanager@outlook.com) or 07 865 9419 or on list at bar**

**RSVP: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August**



## **SPARKY IS PAINTED!**

Fresh out of the paint shop! What do you think of the colours of Damen's first electric tug 'Sparky'?

Ports of Auckland has the intention to be fully zero emissions by 2040. A goal that aligned perfectly with our aim to become the most sustainable shipbuilder in the world. That is why Damen rose to the challenge and started the development of our first fully electric RSD Tug 2513.



## **RCN FRIGATE TO VISIT AUCKLAND**

The Royal Canadian Navy frigate HMCS *Calgary* will visit Auckland in early August, in the first visit by a foreign military ship since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic last year. Chief of the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) Rear Admiral (RADM) David Proctor said the plan is for the ship to visit between 4 and 10 August. The visit will be in strict compliance with the Maritime Border Order put in place to protect New Zealanders against COVID-19.

RADM Proctor said Canada and New Zealand share a strong and long-standing defence relationship and the visit by HMCS CALGARY is an example of that. He said he looked forward to the opportunity to host the Canadian sailors in New Zealand. "This is a chance to return some of the excellent support and comradeship the Royal Canadian Navy provided the hundreds of RNZN sailors who have been in Canada over the past three years during the Anzac Frigate Upgrade."

*Source: New Zealand Defence Force*



### **EVER GIVEN REQUIRES REPAIRS**

The Evergreen-operated container ship *Ever Given* that grounded and blocked the Suez Canal for six days in March will need repairs, according to Singapore's Splash 247. The vessel, which is travelling at lower speeds for Rotterdam, was allowed to leave the canal on July 7 after a protracted legal fight over compensation between the ship's owner, Shoen Kisen, and the Suez Canal Authority. The *Ever Given* spent five days at Port Said undergoing a class survey carried out by the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) before leaving for northern Europe on July 12.



## **RN TYPE 45 DESTROYERS**

British ministers acknowledged that only one of the six type 45 destroyers in the Royal Navy is operational, a situation that House of Commons Defence Committee Chairman Tobias Ellwood called “operationally unacceptable.” During the meeting of the commission this Tuesday in the Palace of Westminster, the congregation confirmed that at the moment the type 45 guided-missile destroyer HMS *Defender* (D36); is the only ship that is not experiencing problems. She is with the Carrier Strike Group which has just completed a two-day exercise with the Indian Navy called Exercise Konkan in the Bay of Bengal. HMS *Diamond*, which was also to be with the CSG, suffered from gas turbine problems in the Mediterranean Sea and has since been in Sicily for repairs.



HMS *Defender*

## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

### **A KNOT A DAY**

By Nic Compton. Flexi cover, 0.83kg, 200mm x 200mm, 368 pages, Colour Photos. Published 2021. A knot challenge for every day of the year. With hundreds to choose from, all colour coded by use, you can work through the book from start to finish, gradually building on your knowledge as you go, or alternatively dipping in and out for your daily knotting fix.

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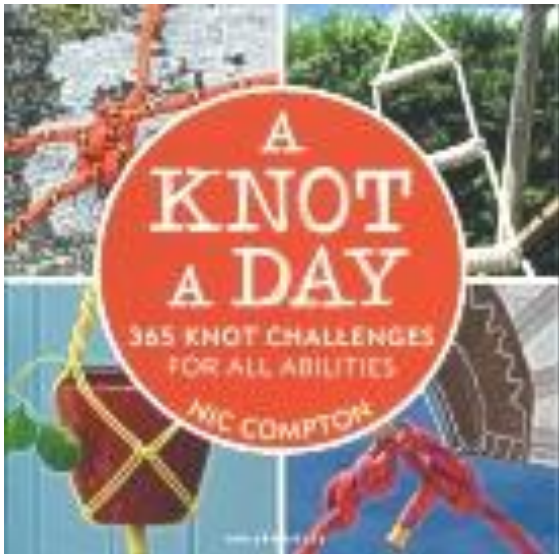
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### **LIGHT HOUSE OF THE WEEK – PENCARROW HEAD**

Position: 41.21.7S 174.50.9E

Characteristics: Fl(3)WR 12s

Range: 10NM

Structure: White tower, concrete

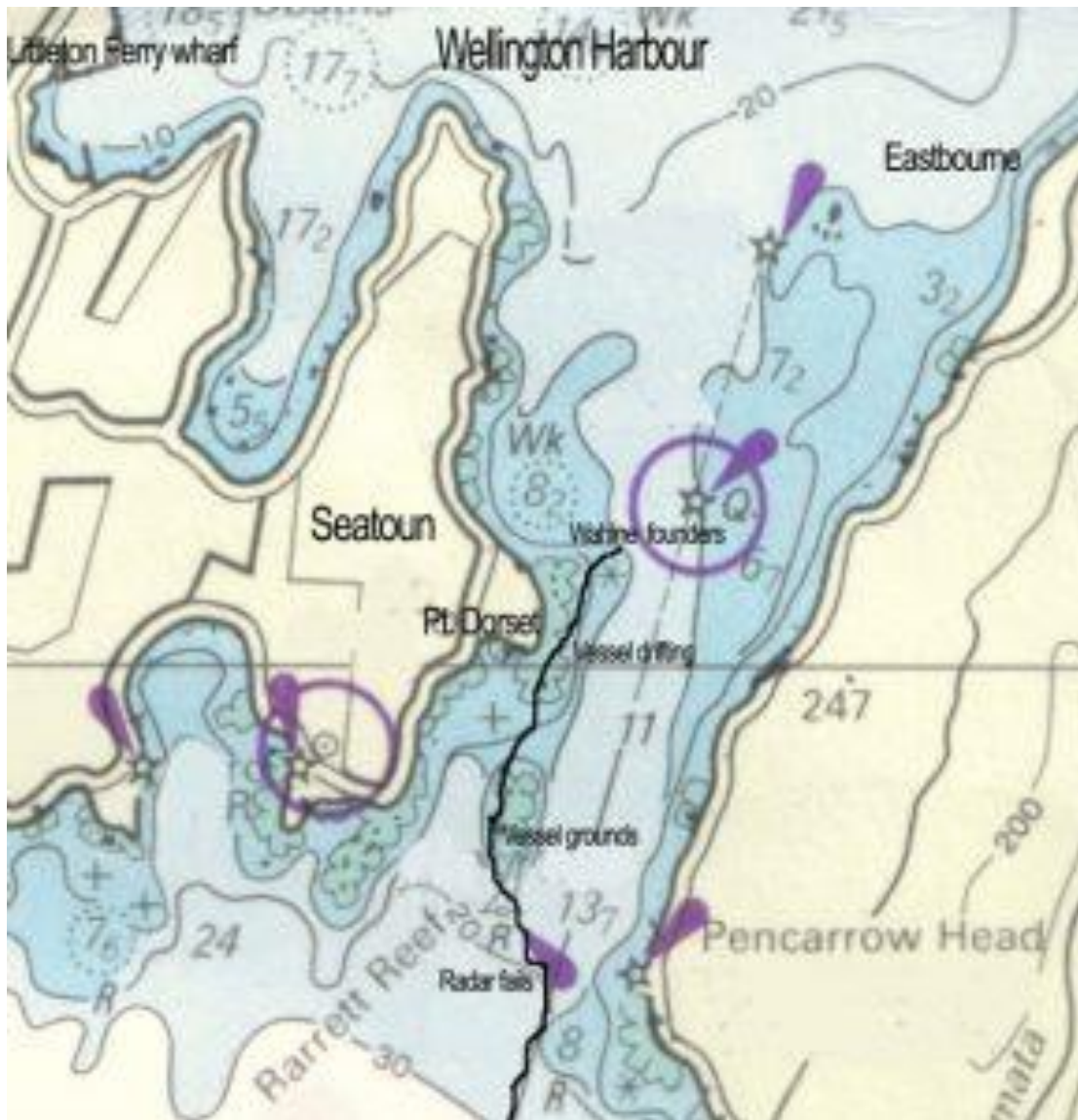
Constructed in 1859, the Pencarrow Head Lighthouse was the first permanent lighthouse built in New Zealand. It was constructed from sections of cast iron that were shipped from England. Its first keeper, Mary Bennett, was the first and only female lighthouse keeper in New Zealand. The light was decommissioned in 1935 when it was replaced by the Baring Head Lighthouse.

The lighthouse is registered as a Category I Historic Place. It was the first structure in the Wellington area that was covered by a heritage order shortly after the New Zealand Historic Places Trust was established subsequent to the Historic Places Act 1954 having been passed. The Minister of Marine, Bill Fox, added a plaque at the lighthouse's centenary in 1959 to mark the occasion. The Marine Department transferred the land, which it had acquired from Wellington Province in 1865, to the Department of Lands and Survey in 1960. In 1966, the lighthouse itself was given to the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, which has managed the building since.

A new low-level lighthouse was commissioned in 1906 due to the problem of the high-level lighthouse being frequently obscured by fog and cloud. This lighthouse is still in use.







Regards

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