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The Guardians Newsletter

The Fiordland Marine Guardians are an advisory committee who work with government agencies and their Ministers on the management of the Fiordland marine area. They welcome this chance to keep you informed and up to date with happenings in the Fiordland Marine Area.

Spreading the FMG message at the Go Outdoor Otago 2010 Show



Fiordland Marine Guardians - Sir Alan Mark and Mark Pechers at the Go Outdoor Otago 2010 Show discussing the different aspects of the Fiordland Marine Area with interested bystanders.

The opportunity to reach out and promote the Fiordland Marine Area to Dunedin and Otago boaties and fishers was taken up by a keen delegation of Guardians at the recent **Go Outdoor Otago 2010 Show** held over Friday 29 to Sunday 31 October 2010 in Dunedin at the Edgar Sports Centre. Approximately 6,000 visitors attended the 2.5 day show, (previously known as the Otago Boat and Outdoor Show), featuring Marine Industry and leisure displays encompassing boats, marine propulsion, communications, electronics and safety aids, together with caravans, RV's and camping sports and leisure.

Guardians Alan Key, Sir Alan Mark and Mark Pechers supported by Tania Cameron and Steve Logie (from MFish) were on hand to engage with a steady stream of visitors, who passed by the Fiordland Marine Guardians stand. Unlike Christchurch and Southland Boat Shows the audience was more diverse, with recreational boaties and fishers mixed in with camper van, caravan and tenting enthusiasts.

As Otago residents figure prominently in Fiordland Marine Area recreational user surveys, the chance to promote the *Beneath the Reflections* – User Guide and integrated management measures was beneficial with a good number of User Guides sold. Alan Key was the undoubted ‘King’ of User Guide sales with his winning pitch – “*Have you seen the Bible?*” It often proved a case of preaching to the converted as many boaties already had a copy, or had read one while on a boating trip.

As in the case of the Christchurch Boat Show (16-18 July), which Alan and Stephen both attended, the feedback from most recent Fiordland visitors was positive and supportive of the Guardians integrated management approach and satisfied with the overall experience.

Stephen Logie, MFish, Invercargill



In the foreground Alan Key engages with a visitor to the show whilst Sir Alan Mark ‘mans’ the Guardians stand.

Important news for Fiordland charter boat operators

If you are a charter boat operator, you need to read this...

All charter boat operators must now list with the Ministry of Fisheries. From 1 November 2010 you aren't allowed to take amateur fishers on a charter trip unless you are officially listed. From this date you are also required to report on your charter fishing activity.

If you're not aware of your obligations, contact the Ministry of Fisheries as soon as possible.

Applications forms have been sent to all known charter boat operators but forms are also available on the Ministry's website. (www.fish.govt.nz and follow 'Hot Topics' link in top right hand corner).

Listings are for 12 months from the date you list and cost \$54. (or \$27 if you do it on line).

Once listed you will be sent a book of reporting forms – the Amateur Charter Vessel Activity and Catch Returns. You will also be sent a Vessel Listing Notification for each boat you operate which you must keep on board.

If you have any questions about the new requirements,

- check the information on the Ministry of Fisheries website ; or
- e-mail your question to amateurcharter@fish.govt.nz ; or
- phone 0800 4ACVHELP (0800 422843)

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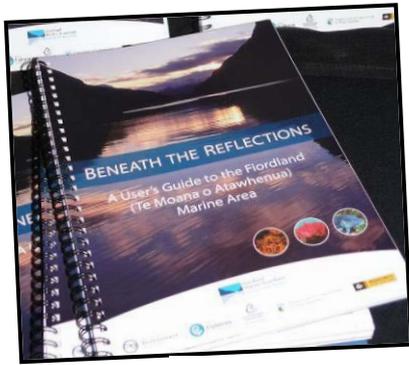
Just email Alison at info@fmg.org.nz and she will put you on the electronic mailing list for the next newsletter.



Season's Greetings

The Fiordland Marine Guardians and associated government agency staff wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and a very happy New Year.





'Beneath the Reflections' - A Users Guide to the Fiordland Marine Area.

The Fiordland Marine Guardians have produced this book with the assistance of The Ministry for the Environment, The Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of Forestry - Biosecurity New Zealand, The Department of Conservation, and Environment Southland with the aim that it should be a "one stop shop". The book has been **heavily subsidised** by the Government Agencies involved and retails for **only \$15.00**

The User Guide is available at the DOC offices in Invercargill, Te Anau and Haast, and is also now available at some selected retail outlets.

The User Guide contains all the relevant information about the area both practical and informative, and is made from water-resistant paper which is an added attraction for those wanting to make use of all the practical information it contains whilst in the area. Along with the Guide comes the opportunity to register for free updates should there be any regulatory changes in the area, which will be posted to you for filing in the specially designed pocket in the back of the book. The Guide has been referred to as "The Bible" for The Fiordland Marine Area – which is an indication of just how necessary it is if you are contemplating visiting the area. The Guardians hope is that everyone who is heading into the fiords will get a copy as it will enhance their visit.

The Perfect Christmas Present!