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Maggie on the hard, part 3.

Our last newsletter ended with the trustees working towards the best haul-out deal to get Maggie high and dry for unexpected repairs toward our SSM sign-off. Our search led us to Norsand's Boatyard in Whangarei

for Maggie's 21st birthday overhaul.

Now, Monday June 21, we can happily report Maggie is high and dry in Norsand's Boatyard in Whangarei. So dry, in fact because last week Maggie was moved into a shed so we can better work at repairs despite winter's wet and windy blasts.

We were blown-away by the sense of hospitality and welcome visitors and clients receive when they come on to Murray and Jo's yard. Since our hosts embraced our vision to provide life-changing experiences for the children of NZ they have been wonderfully generous in all our dealings with them, hence the use of their large shed with the only condition being we contract one of their talented and experienced staff whom we so need to guide and direct the process of repairs and restoration.

Sponsorship:

In our last newsletter we released a list of equipment we knew needed for Maggie's safety fit-out and tried an experiment to see if this proven method of funding might prove effective for us. By return email we received notice of a payment for the Flare pack for our RIB. Fantastic, thank you! This is a commonly used way of involving supporters so we relist the gear in case any of the new recipients of this update feel inclined to help in this way. These items are still needed:

Based on discounted quotes:

First Aid Kit x 3	\$ 80 ea
Horseshoe Lifebuoy x 4	\$ 85 ea
Flare pack (RIB)	\$ 100
Flare pack x 2	\$ 300 ea
Danbuoy x 2	\$ 250 ea

Thank you!

More expensive items include:

Epirb safety beacon	\$ 800 (RIB)
Epirb safety beacon	\$1,500 (Maggie)
Windmeter	\$1,200 (cheaper option)
Anchor Chain x 2	\$2,000 ea

Yet again we can excitedly report that Mission Adventure Trust has been the recipient of more generosity in terms of gifts and donations for which we are extremely grateful! The giving is particularly important as we manage the loan monies with care. Once more we've been called on to retire a loan early due to the changed circumstances of a wonderful supporter so every gift becomes crucial to complete the refit from funds in hand.



An apology for no updates since March...

That's right, you haven't missed our updates since March, we simply weren't certain of our facts from one week to the next as our plans changed almost weekly.

An example is that since being hauled-out in February we explored a long-stay haul out at Algies Bay on family land and searching for other near-by sites. That plan meant finding an engineer to design and fabricate a cradle capable of withstanding the rigors of dragging 35 tons of boat across uneven ground –and someone prepared to do the hauling!. The forces involved in this option would have been tremendous and forces boat hulls are not designed to withstand so the more we talked with people the more we lost hope in this idea. It also meant finding somewhere to store this massive and expensive cradle between semi-annual haul-outs. Eventually the costings disqualified it as a viable option but we'd lost five weeks in process. We then spent weeks negotiating to haul out at Warkworth to suddenly learn that the offer was withdrawn –no explanation given.

To say this was stressing us would be an understatement and our dream to have Maggie operational by the July 3rd anniversary of Mission Adventure taking ownership was starting to vanish.

Through all this many supporters kept calling us to learn of the latest plans and changes, always encouraging us that the better plan would unfold (which it did). Thank you, those calls really cheered us up a lot. So, again, we apologise for any sense of being left out of the exciting and sometimes frustrating sense of working and waiting while

we learned to stress less and stay trusting our God would direct this Ministry.

Once Maggie was secured on Murray's yard Phil and his son Joel determined to live on site as much as was practicable to ensure progress would be swift and sure. They commute from Algies Bay to Whangarei for the week and return at weekends and have begun the precious bond of father and son bringing a dream to life.



Maggie on the hard, part 4

Early in June we enjoyed a significant day of planning and scheming the way ahead with our Surveyor Robin Williams and Norsand's chief boatbuilder Noel. They are pretty much in agreement about the 'How' and 'What' needs to be done 'When' so a plan is coming together. For us this means some of the pressure is off in that some big jobs can be deferred until a year or two and we are certain of all that must be done now. Under Noel's tutelage Phil and Joel will make good progress repairing any damage and fashioning new work to the specifications needed for commercial operations.

The masts and rig are out so Maggie could make her journey indoors and this affords us the opportunity to thoroughly inspect everything before she returns to the water. Carrying out any maintenance with masts and spars lying down is surely much easier than swinging from a boson's chair.

The Norsand yard where Maggie rests is open to limited volunteer helpers coming on site to assist with various tasks as different ones are able. Some of the repair work will involve stripping paint to better inspect the woodwork and then re-painting once checks/repairs are completed. If you are happy to use stripping heat guns and scrapers please call us about completing this work in June. The paint we will use is ordinary high gloss enamels with additives so if you're a skilled brush or roller painter we can offer you a great time as you help with this too!

Marketing our service

From the get-go we have sought to let others know what Mission Adventure is about as we seek to establish a new and sought-after service to Kiwi Kids. To take best advantage of the many groups desiring to have their children aboard Maggie and experience our programmes we anticipate working Maggie really hard in the months before Christmas. By running up a busy booking schedule we can use each outing as a crew-training voyage as well as ensuring more groups will learn of what we offer.

If you have connection with groups (children and adults) who you think might like to enjoy a voyage with us please pass on our contact details.



Sail Training Association of New Zealand –STANZ

On Friday June 11 we attended the second meeting of sail-training operators from around New Zealand. Our group now numbers 12 businesses and charities with the recent addition of the Lion NZ Trust run by Explorer NZ. STANZ will act as an industry voice as operators like ourselves come to terms with maritime rules and lobby any changes we feel may be necessary. Being part of STANZ will ensure Mission Adventure has access to safety and operational expertise of people who have years of experience leading organisations like ours.

Funding:

The unexpected expenses described above have come as a huge shock. If you are able to introduce us to potential lenders / funders we would appreciate that help.

Blessing those who bless us

We have been greatly helped by the following businesses and we'd love it if you can direct clients to them; we'd appreciate being able to bless them.

Accounting –Facts And Figures	021 242 8801
Boatyard , Whangarei –Norsand Boatyard	09 430 8485
Boat Design –Brett Bakewell-White	09 357 0606
Boat Design , Drafting –Max Carter	09 410-4942
Legal –Bradley Botting	09 950 3880
Marine Surveyor –Robin Williams	0274 595 564
Medical Alarms –Kiwi Concern	09 416 6363
Naval Architect –John Harry	09 358 2909
Tax Finance –Tax Management NZ	09 575 9105