



# Mission Adventure Trust

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**Maggie on the hard, part 1.** No, not grounded rather lifted out of the water and gently placed in a cradle at Robertson Boats in Warkworth. While there we were to carry out inspections and some additional work towards bringing her into SSM (safe-ship-management) or 'Survey' as it was known.

Some of this work was inspections, below the water line, crack testing the propeller shaft and re applying some anti foul. We are also fitting bilge pumps and fire pumps, some of which need underwater intakes for their operation. On the deck, the forward scuttle is being removed to allow a larger access way to be made in line with SSM requirements.

Before Christmas Phil and the team worked hard to fit new stainless steel stanchions and ropes for the safety rails. Maggie is also sporting a new set of marine electrics including bigger battery banks, new gauges and big deck flood lights that make her look gorgeous at night.

...A little while later during the inspections...  
Dink, dink, dink, went the hammer...dink dink dunk, whoa, that dunk is wrong... During a check for hull integrity we found an area of water damage in the port side of Maggie. Being a 3 diagonal layer hull this was a big concern as one area of damage in one board could affect numerous other boards in the next layer of skin. This was huge and somewhat unpleasant surprise – it could mean weeks of work, especially if the damage affected other planks. The trustees quickly met together to discuss this new development and set about a plan. We discussed what



was needed then set to pray, seeking good workable solutions, finances that hadn't been allowed for and a suitable location to carry out the work. Within a week we had found a place we could bring Maggie onto the hard for an extended period and we are working on just how we do that (30 tonne without wheels across a soft surface...).

The finances however were another story. We had the funds to purchase all the equipment needed but not enough for the extra work to be completed.

### Timely donations!

Very recently we received a donation just as we were considering the purchase of a generator to allow us to run 240v power tools on Maggie. The donation covered the cost of the generator that was purchased the next day.

We were also donated a small trailer sailer that will be added to the Mission Adventure fleet. Though it is too small to use commercially it's a great wee boat for young people developing their sailing prowess. We would also like to make it available for our supporters use.

We continue to be amazed at the generosity and favour readily extended towards the trust for the children of New Zealand. Thank you so much to all of you who have given time, money and product as part of this project. We reminded ourselves of this history as we worked through our more recent challenges.

### Maggie on the hard, part 2.

On Thursday 11/03/10, Mission Adventure was once again the recipient of a generous donation. This time it was a \$100,000 donation. This generous gift enabled us to retire a major loan before it incurred interest and we expect to have sufficient funds to cover the repairs and additional gear needed to get Maggie into SSM. We are now working towards getting her high and dry, under some protective tarpaulins for the winter, to emerge bright and shiny for the spring. The discovery of the water damage has delayed our intended start date for commercial work but being on land will afford us the opportunity to complete unscheduled tasks to re floating her.

### Sponsorship:

We have been asked about sponsoring items of equipment on Maggie – 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

#### 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

If you have an idea of who might be able to help please talk with us and let's see if we can design a sponsorship package that delivers how your company can benefit from associating with Mission Adventure.