

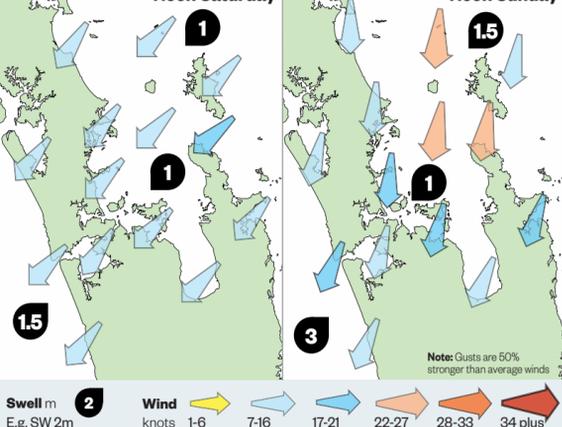


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### Wind and Swell



### High Tides

Location	Saturday	Sunday	Height (m)	Auckland sun/moon rise & set
Mangonui	12:13pm	12:36am	2.5	12:53pm 2.5
Kaipara Heads	1:41am 1:55pm	2:18am 2:34pm		
Kohukohu	1:40am 1:44pm	3:0 2:07am	2.3	2:23pm 2.9
Russell	1:40am	2.3 12:03am	12:20pm 2.3	
Whangarei	12:01pm	2.9 12:24am	12:41pm 2.9	
Auckland	11:36am 11:54pm	3.2 12:17pm	3.1	12:19pm 12:19pm
Onehunga	2:06am 2:18pm	4.0 2:39am	2:52pm 3.8	
Manukau Heads	1:35am 1:47pm	2.08am 2:21pm		
Muriwai Beach	12:26am 1:38pm	1:59am 2:12pm		
Raglan	1:38am 1:52pm	3.1 2:15am	2:31pm 2.9	
Coromandel	11:15am 11:33pm	2.8 11:56am	2.7	
Mercury Bay	11:19am 11:41pm	1.9 12:00pm		
Tauranga	11:25am 11:47pm	1.9 12:06pm		
Whakatane	11:03am 11:25pm	1.9 11:44am	1.8	
Gisborne	10:12am 10:34pm	1.9 10:57am	11:19pm 1.9	

### Sun and Moon

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### Fishing Calendar

Maori fishing guide by Bill Hohepa

Day	Weather
Saturday	Good
Sunday	Good

# Boat is an entertainer's dream

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The perfect summer craft has surprisingly come out of the freezing state of Maine

I don't know about you, but when I think of Maine I conjure up images of snow, freezing cold winds and revoltingly rough seas.

The northernmost state on the United States' eastern seaboard, Maine is on the same latitude as Montreal, a city so cold in winter that much of its shopping is done in large underground malls.

You could then reasonably expect a Maine lobster boat to be a sort of nuggety, rounded little battle-horse, quite capable of coping with the wild north Atlantic weather, but possibly not that pretty.

You would be wrong. The first boats to be built in the United States, apart from those of the native Indians, were in Maine, and some 400 years later they know how to build a seaworthy craft – and a good-looking one too.

The Back Cove 34, which recently arrived in these waters, is a good example. The spoon-shaped bow, the graceful sheerline, the hint of tumblehome and the gently reversed transom all reveal its Maine lobster boat heritage. Yet this is no “stuck in the past” design. The Back Cove 34 also boasts a modern V-hull and roomy and inviting layout.

It is a combination with a wide and growing appeal. Since 2003, Back Cove has built more than 500 boats and sold them to countries as diverse as Greece, Norway, Japan and now Australia and New Zealand.

There are six models in the fleet. Unusually in these bigger-is-always-better times, they range from 26 to just 37 feet (7.9 to 11.3 metres).

It is a deliberate strategy. Back Cove wants to create simple but elegant powerboats that are affordable to both own and run. As a result, they are powered by just a single diesel engine, combined with a bow thruster, and all systems are designed to be simple and efficient.

Perhaps surprisingly for a boat from such cold climes, the Back Cove



There is plenty of built-in seating in the Back Cove 34's deckhouse and cockpit and, by simply removing the drop covers, the two areas become one giant social centre.



34 is also an ideal boat for summer entertaining.

There is plenty of built-in seating in both the deckhouse and cockpit (meaning there is no need to perch on the gunwales or carry folding deck-chairs) and, by simply removing the drop covers, the two areas become one giant social centre.

The cockpit is rather more centred on seating than is usual for a Kiwi boat, where fishing normally takes priority. However it is ideal for those whose idea of a perfect day on the water is to spend it relaxing with friends and family.

There is an L-shaped bench seat and a foldaway aft-facing seat for com-



portable lounging while under way, or when anchored in a peaceful bay.

There is also a removable cockpit table between the two.

For those who want to fish as well, the best option is probably to fit a rod holder-mounted bait station in the transom and fish from the full-width boarding platform.

Although there is a step up from the cockpit to the saloon, there is no solid bulkhead between them. This makes for a seamless transition and, together with overhead hatches, opening side windows and a centre-opening windshield, ensures that the saloon and helm areas are airy and bright.



This area is divided into three zones, with the cherry timber-finished galley and helm to starboard, and the raised dinette to port.

The in-laid table is a fine example of the Maine boat-builder's craft and is typical of the quality of work found throughout.

There is a dedicated helm chair and, forward of the dinette, a double mates' seat is a comfortable perch for guests. There is plenty of room at the helm, for multiple MFD units and for the plethora of controls.

As is common on smaller craft, the galley runs fore and aft. Close at hand is the two-burner cooktop and microwave; the fridge-freezer units are

### Back Cove 34

- LOA: 11.45m
- Beam: 3.67m
- Draft: 0.94m
- Displacement (dry): 7.5 tonnes
- Construction: GRP
- Engine: Cummins QSB 5.9 @ 480hp
- Maximum speed: 29.8 knots
- Cruising speed: 22-24 knots
- Fuel capacity: 700 litres
- Water capacity: 380 litres
- Base price: \$479,000 (approx)
- Price as described: \$599,000 (approx)

beneath the helm and mates' seats.

The Back Cove 34 is essentially a single-cabin boat, but there is provision to sleep up to six in a large, comfortable island berth forward and, a little further aft, a convertible L-shaped settee that can be isolated from the cabin with a curtain.

The saloon table can also drop down to create another double berth.

There is just one head (opposite that settee), but it's a generous one with a completely separate shower stall.

The Back Cove 34 has a deep-V hull based on downward-turning chines and long spray rails to give additional lift. Construction is largely resin infusion, with an Airex foam core helping to reduce weight and engine and exhaust noise.

Although standard power is a single Cummins 380hp diesel, the first Back Cove 34 to arrive in New Zealand has been upgraded to the 480hp QSB9. A new QSB 6.7-litre engine (which was not available when this boat was ordered) would also be a good option.

With the 480, the Back Cove 34 cruises at 22 to 24 knots with a top speed of close to 30 knots. For longer-range cruising, the 700-litre tank will safely cover 250 nautical miles at 22 knots and a bit less at 24. At wide open throttle, the range reduces to 188 nautical miles (about three return trips to the Barrier) and, at a more sedate nine knots, it expands to around 380 nautical miles (about three return trips to the Bay of Islands).

Back Cove agent James Purvis has also “Kiwi-fied” the 34 by adding a low-riding Kohler genset (for the electrical appliances) and boosting

## Tidelines

The New Zealand Multihull Yacht Club is staging a Multihull Boat Show in Wynyard Quarter this Sunday. The event, which is being held in Karanga Place from 9am until 4pm, next to Emirates Team New Zealand, will feature a range of sailing multihulls including Weta, A Class, 8.5s and Extreme 40s. Admission is free and those attending will have a chance to win \$150 worth of Adhesive Technologies products.



Multihulls will be on show.

## Fishing with Geoff

# It's a fine time for catching kingfish, near rocks or a reef near you

This is a good time to catch kingfish. These magnificent sport fish are found everywhere from North Cape to the Marlborough Sounds, and even further south, with some spotted by pua divers at the Chatham Islands.

The Hauraki Gulf, Tauranga and Whangarei are full of kingfish, including lots of small specimens known affectionately as rat kings.

They will follow a hooked fish to the surface and can be seen circling under the boat, occasionally hooked on baits aimed at snapper.

Keep a measuring tape handy. If a king of less than 75cm is found on the boat, the angler is in trouble with the fisheries officers.



Geoff Thomas

You need a more calculated approach for larger fish. Tackle should be quality rods and reels spooled with at least 15kg line, preferably 24kg.

A gimbal belt is useful on the big fish, as the trick is to stop them getting into the rocks, which are never far away from kingfish haunts such as the reefs around The Noises and Crusoe

Rock, the bottom of Waiheke Island and both Coromandel coasts.

Kings will take trolled lures and surface poppers cast and retrieved around structures such as channel markers, but there is no real substitute for a live bait. This is ideally a slimy mackerel or kahawai, with piper and jack mackerel less appealing – piper because they are small and die quickly, and jacks because they are not as lively.

Kahawai are the most common and work fine as livers. If you use large specimens, you will only hook big kings. But when was that a problem?

Live bait hooks are designed for presenting live baits and the size of

hook should match the size of bait. Generally with hooks, small is better, as you can hold a large king on a size No 6 hook, but a big hook will kill the livie. The bait is hooked through the upper lip if being slow trolled; through the back if offered under a balloon; or through the nose if anchored to the bottom by a heavy sinker.

Slow trolling works well around reefs, but if you're fishing over sand on the edge of a reef, it is a good idea to have one bait on the surface under a balloon and another on the bottom tethered to a weight with dental floss so it will break off on the strike.

Traces are 1.5 to 2 metres of at least

30kg mono. Heavy trace adds security, but if it's too heavy it can deter the quarry. The best time is at slack water, preferably on low tide.

Snapper fishing continues to frustrate many people, but the fishing in the gulf is now more consistent than for a long time. Just look for birds, or sign on the bottom, from 40m out.

Snapper are more co-operative inside the Manukau Harbour than off the coast, and mullet bait in the Papakura Channel has been getting good snapper. Fishing around the Mercury group of islands and around Great Barrier Island for kings and snapper has picked up, and surfcasting along Bay of Plenty beaches is also firing,

with some anglers taking home limit bags after an evening's fishing.

### Freshwater

Trying to catch trout while fishing without a licence has cost a Rotorua man more than \$1000. When the 26-year-old appeared in the Rotorua District Court this week, Judge James Weir fined him \$400 plus another \$400 fine for giving false information when apprehended, plus court costs. Fish and Game officer Anthony van Dorp said fishing without a licence could be a very expensive exercise.

### Bite times

Bite times today are 4.20am and

4.40pm, and tomorrow at 5.05am and 5.30pm.

These are based on the moon phase and position, not tides, so they apply to the whole country.

### Tip of the week

When jigging for trout you can try using a metal jig to attract fish, instead of a sinker as the weight, but you can only use two flies to stay within the three-hook maximum rule.

This can also be done at sea with a flasher rig or baits, and you will often hook up on the jig.

More fishing action can be found tonight on *Rheem Outdoors* with Geoff, 5.30pm, TV3.

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