

# The value of the Hauraki Gulf and its Environment for Recreational Boating

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# The Gulf is the Cradle of our Marine Heritage

- We have places to learn to sail –
- Places to race and compete
- Places to fish, dive
- Places to cruise and relax



# Heritage of Yacht Racing

- Multitude of World and Olympic champions have been bred on waters of Hauraki Gulf
- Stage is set for the next RTW race and Americas Cup



# The Marine Industry is founded on the Hauraki Gulf

- \$2.2 Billion pa NZ Marine Industry
- \$700 million pa Marine Export Industry
- 20 Superyacht refits pa @ \$7 Million each.



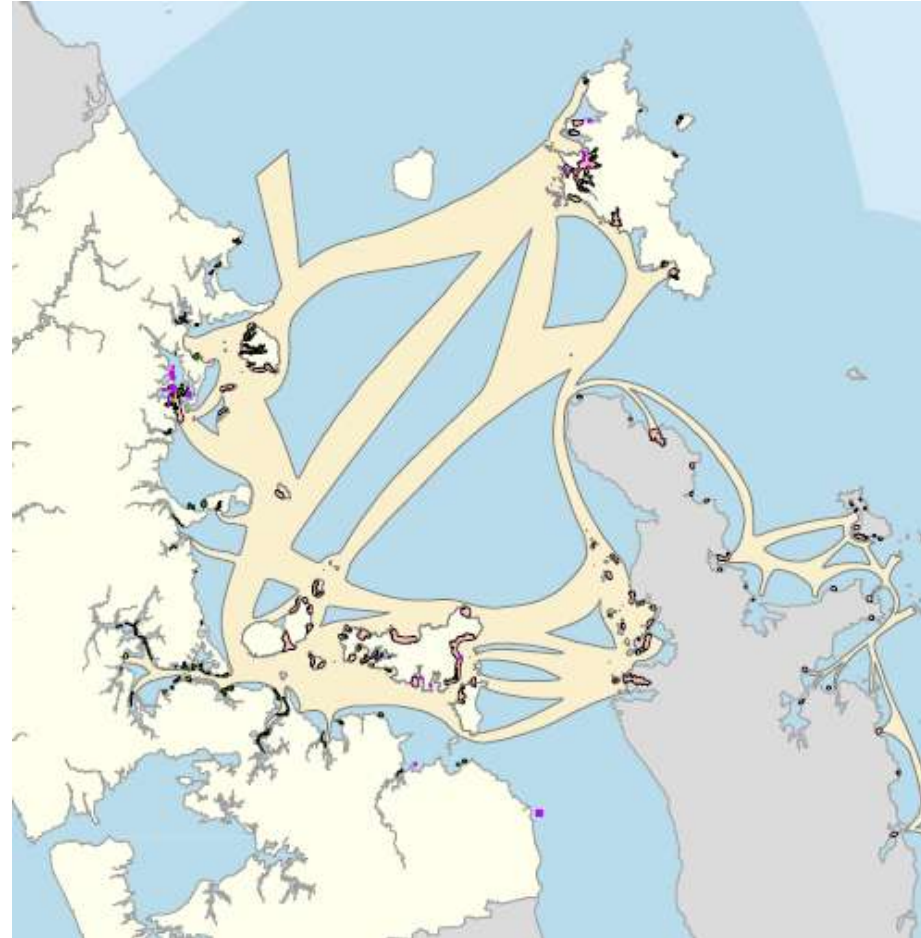
# The gulf is home to Wildlife Sanctuaries

- Private & Public projects to protect endangered species.
  - Tiritiri Matangi –
  - Rangitoto
  - Motutapu
  - Motuora
  - Little Barrier
  - Gt Barrier – Glenfern
  - MotuiheAll Sanctuaries



# Private Boats are the only means of access to 90% of HGMP

- Image shows routes - popular destinations.
- Most citizens visit HGMP on a boat – private or commercial
- Boating is an integral part of the gulf



# Aucklanders love Boating

- ARC survey in 1980 decade identified boating as the largest single participant recreation in the region.
- Family cruising is now the largest boating activity, having surpassed yacht-racing and fishing.



# Boating is clean to the Environment

- Most “overnight” boats now fitted with holding tanks.
- Rigid peer-group discipline on rubbish disposal.
- Swimming, walking, relaxing, diving, fishing, are low-impact activities.



# Safe & Secure Anchorage is the heart of Recreational Boating

- The Hauraki Gulf's unique feature is the number of safe overnight anchorages.
- Natural Beauty, clean water, interesting and accessible shorelines, yet close to a major city. Rare anywhere else in the world.



# Threats to Boating in the Hauraki Gulf

- Loss of anchorage space to Aquaculture.
- Loss of water quality from shore activity
- Loss of natural beauty through development on shore
- If anchorage is denied – access is denied

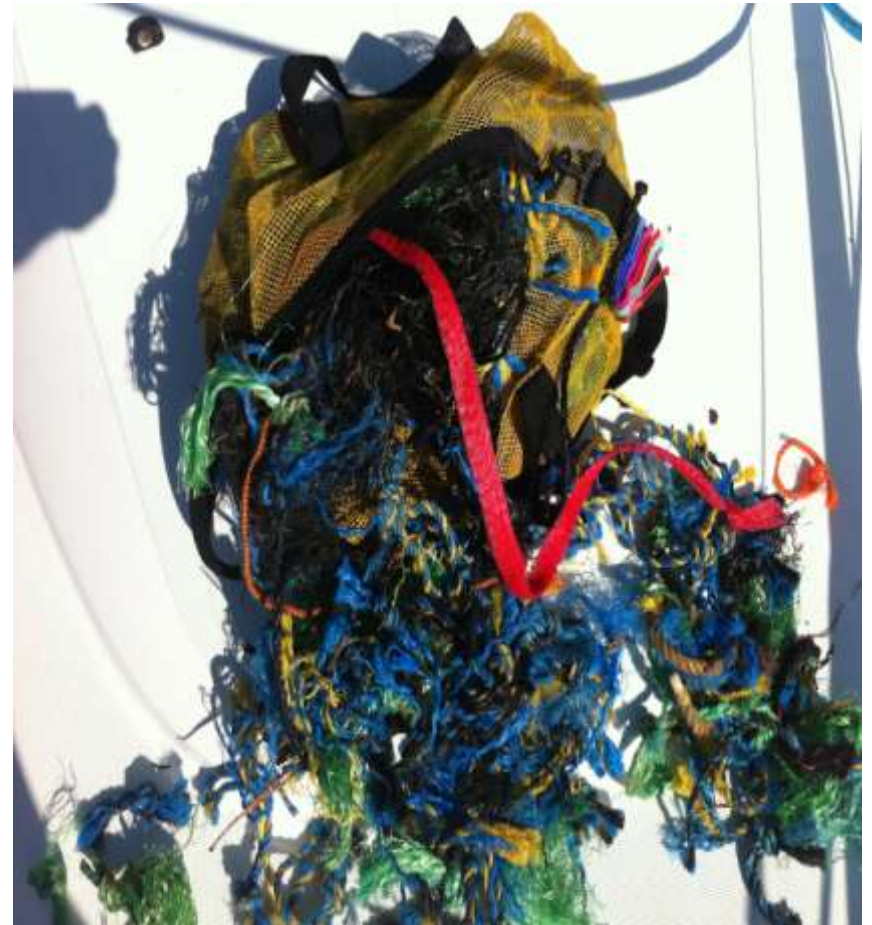


# Aquaculture can be dirtier than Dairying

Rubbish collected from

- 1 Coromandel Beach  
on
- 1 day  
by
- 1 family

Every item was  
aquaculture waste.



# Summary

- Boating is the principal means by which people access the HGMP.
- They want their Gulf to be uncluttered and fully accessible
- They value the Gulf, and treat it with respect.
- They are stakeholders in “their” Gulf and have a strong affinity to it.
- Any alienation of overall public rights for individual gain would be strongly opposed.