



BALEX RAMP REVIEW

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AUTOMATIC BOAT LOADER

Marsden Cove – Whangarei Harbour

Overview

This is one of the best free public ramps in the country. There are three 8 degree concrete lanes available – a double and single ramp divided by a floating marina style finger. The ramp is within the Marsden Cove marina facility, so it is sheltered in all conditions and is all-tide. It is suitable for all sized trailerboats. The nearest township is Ruakaka, four minutes away.

Parking

There is almost unlimited parking with a many trailer slots in a sealed area adjacent to the ramp, with more parking available in an all-weather grassed area.

Facilities:

Fuel and water is available on the jetty (cards only) as well as a G.A.S 24-hour un-manned land based fuel pumps. Boat servicing with bait and ice sales; a dairy, liquor store, bakery and café; Marsden Cove Fishing Club clubrooms; a Coastguard base and a small assortment of other businesses. Casual marina berths are available on a first in, first served basis – for details call 09 432 7740 or mail marsdencovemarina.co.nz. An overnight dive tank filling service operates. There are two toilets and a user-pays shower.

Notes:

A strict 'no wake' policy is enforced – which means three knots or less within the marina confines. This is a busy ramp/marina and boaties are reminded of sticking to the 'port to port' passing rules – keep to the right going in and out of the marina.