

## Title: Sailing Episode 265 - From Christchurch to Dunedin, New Zealand

### Location:

- Departing from Christchurch and heading to Dunedin in the South Island of New Zealand.
- Planning to sail further to Stewart Island, then potentially up to Fiordland, including Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound.
- Exploration of Akaroa, New Zealand's French settlement with cultural influences.
- Navigation through the channel to Dunedin, encountering friendly locals and helpful fishermen.
- Engaging with locals and experiencing hospitality in Dunedin during the visit.

### Sailing Conditions:

- Challenges faced with managing ever-changing weather conditions in the area.
- Detailed experiences with fast sailing, including utilizing the code D sail for downwind cruising.
- Coping with strong winds up to 30 knots during the night passages.

### Problems & Fixes:

- Encounter with shallow depths while navigating through Breakwater Gap, requiring quick decision-making to avoid potential hazards.
- Fasting experience onboard for several days, with crew members managing different levels of energy and weakness.

### Anchorage & Marinas:

- Stopping at Akaroa for a brief visit, admiring the scenic views and quaint settlement.
- Seeking fuel at Dunedin Marina before embarking on further remote sailing expeditions.

### Safety Measures:

- Safety considerations for sailing in cold conditions, including managing condensation in fuel tanks

to prevent water contamination.

- Importance of maintaining full fuel tanks for extended remote sailing journeys.

#### Rules & Regulations:

- Appreciation for the hospitality and support received from locals and patrons during the visit to Dunedin.
- Participation in a patron meetup, showcasing the sense of community and camaraderie among sailing enthusiasts.

#### Conclusion:

- Reflecting on the significance of patron support in enabling continuous production and exploration efforts.
- Engaging in local activities like aluminium welding, surfing, and exploring unique attractions like Baldwin Street.
- Despite challenges and surprises, the sailing journey continues with anticipation and excitement for future adventures.

#### Weather, Tide, and Currents:

- Description of the weather conditions experienced during the sail, ranging from calm nights to gusty winds.
- Interaction with marine wildlife, including encounters with Hector Dolphins and seals during the journey.
- Acknowledgment of the presence of great white sharks in the area, with reassurance of minimal incidents in surfing waters.

#### Route & Exploration:

- Planned route from Christchurch to Dunedin and potential destinations such as Stewart Island and

Fiordland.

- Cultural insights from visiting Akaroa, along with recreational activities like surfing at Allen's Beach.
- Engagement with local communities, media, and patron meetups to share experiences and encourage adventurous spirits.