



The graph presents four scenarios for boat ownership. As dwelling numbers increase, the number of boats will increase. In 2006, if 20-35% of dwellings have a boat, there could be anywhere from 982 – 1719 boats in Whangamata. By 2026, boat numbers could be 1280 (if 20% of dwellings have a boat) to 2240 (if 35% of dwellings have a boat).

The number of boats will continue to be higher during the 'fringe' and 'peak' periods than 'off peak' as non resident rate payers and domestic visitors transport their boats to the Whangamata area in spring and summer.

With the expected average increase in dwelling numbers of 1.6% per annum in the Whangamata/ Onemana/ Opoutere area within the next 10 years (as per the LTCCP forecasts), the majority of recreational boats are expected to be in these three areas.

The proposed Tairua Marina would provide a boat storage option for large recreational boats if boat owners can fund/obtain a berth. It would also have fuel, water, and possibly a boat ramp.