

FIVE KNOT SPEED RESTRICTION AREAS

Hāwea River: The 5 knot limit applies from the Hāwea Dam to the Clutha River.

Lake Hāwea: Keep clear of the dam intake, this is marked by buoys.

Cardrona River: A permanent 5 knot speed restriction applies to the Cardrona River.

Clutha River: No powered vessels between 1 December and 30 April from the Lake Wānaka Outlet to Albert Town Bridge. 5 knot speed limit applies between 1 May and 30 November, except when there is a speed uplifting between 10.00am-6.00pm from the Lake Wānaka Outlet to Albert Town Bridge. Five knot limit at swim lane.

BOATING SAFETY TIPS

>> Life Jackets

Take them – wear them. Boats, especially ones under 6m in length, can sink very quickly. Wearing a life jacket increases your survival time in the water.

>> Skipper Responsibility

The skipper is responsible for the safety of everyone on board and for the safe operation of the boat. Stay within the limits of your vessel and your experience.

>> Communications

Take two separate waterproof ways of communicating so you can get help if you get into difficulties.

>> Marine Weather

New Zealand's weather can be highly unpredictable. Check the local marine weather forecast before you go and expect both weather and sea state changes.

>> Avoid Alcohol

Safe boating and alcohol do not mix. Things can change quickly on the water. You need to stay alert and aware..

For more tips for staying safe on the water visit www.boatiesbestmate.nz



SPOT A SPILL? CALL THE OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL POLLUTION HOTLINE ON 0800 800 300

WATERWAY PESTS

Managing aquatic pests is a vital part of protecting our freshwater and marine environments.

Lagarosiphon

An aquatic weed found in some Central Otago lakes and rivers, in particular lakes Wānaka and Dunstan, and Clutha and Kawarau Rivers.

Didymo

A microscopic algae currently present in the Von, Hāwea and Clutha rivers, as well as Lake Dunstan.

Please contact the Department of Conservation on 03 443 9742 if you find anything unusual in the water.

HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD BETWEEN WATERWAYS

CHECK

Check for weed fragments or debris on equipment and trailers.

CLEAN

All items should be washed and soaked in dishwashing detergent for at least one minute.

DRY

Ensure all items are dry to the touch before entering another waterway.

FISHING

- >> Fishing licence is required.
- >> Lakes Wānaka and Hāwea are open for fishing all year.

For further information please contact Fish and Game at fishandgame.org.nz

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LAKES WĀNAKA & HĀWEA



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www.qldc.govt.nz

RULES OF THE WATER

QLDC has a responsibility to:

- >> ensure the navigational safety bylaw is followed by all water users.
- >> educate and undertake enforcement where required. This could include issuing infringements or prosecution.

All boats must travel at a safe speed that accounts for boat traffic in the area, weather conditions and when glare affects visibility.

- >> Specifically, you must not exceed a speed of **5 KNOTS** (a fast walking speed) if you are:
 - Within 200 metres of the shore.
 - Within 200 metres of a boat displaying a diver's flag.
 - Within 50 metres of any other boat.
 - Within 50 metres of a person swimming.
 - On a power boat if any person has any part of their body outside the rails on the edge of the deck.
- >> You must be 15 years and over to operate any power boat which is capable of speed exceeding 10 knots. This includes dinghies and personal water craft.
- >> Proper navigation lights to be displayed throughout the hours of darkness.
- >> Lifejackets must be carried to fit all persons on board, and be worn at all times by children 10 years and under.
- >> Life jackets must be worn on all recreational vessels, six metres and under (including kayaks) while underway.
- >> Life jackets must be worn on board any boat in rough or adverse conditions.
- >> Users of paddleboards and similar unpowered craft, must wear a life jacket or full wetsuit at all times.

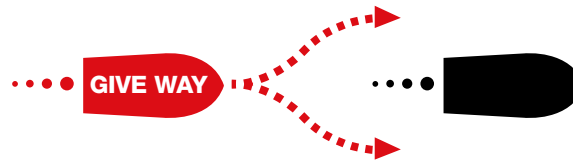
NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Navigation lights are required on most power-driven vessels operating on lakes by night (sunset to sunrise). Craft less than 7m and not capable of speeds over 7 knots need only display an all-round white light.

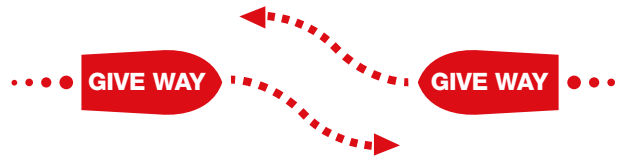
Please refer to the 'Safe Boating: an essential guide' from Maritime New Zealand for more information at www.maritimenz.govt.nz

GIVE WAY RULES

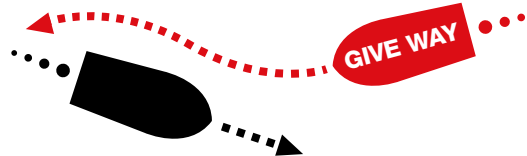
Vessels overtaking: **EVERY** overtaking boat gives way (this includes sailing boats).



Power vessels head on: Both alter to starboard.



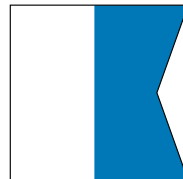
Power vessels crossing: Power boats give way to others on their starboard (right) side.



- >> Give way boats should cross behind.
- >> Always make a bold alteration as soon as possible.
- >> Keep 50 metres apart if speed is over 5 knots.
- >> Sailing boats have different rules.
- >> Powered crafts give way to sailing vessels.

DIVING

- >> The diver's flag means a diver is in the water.
- >> Maintain at least 200 metres' distance from the flag.



Diver's Flag

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 111

For non-emergency assistance call Coastguard on *500

WATER SKIERS

Ski Access Lane Markings

Access lanes enable powered craft (including jetskis) and waterskiers to legally leave or approach the shore at speeds in excess of 5 knots.

YOU MUST KEEP RIGHT IN THE LANES.

You must:

- >> Enter and leave at right angles to the shore.
- >> Have an observer (over 10 years) to report any mishap to the driver.
- >> Not proceed in any manner dangerous to other persons or vessels in the lane.
- >> Not beach your boat in the lane.
- >> Not use the lane for any other purposes.
- >> Only drive in an anti-clockwise direction when using the lane (see illustration below).

Ski Access Lane Rules

