Attachment E – Recommended vessel identification provisions

1 Vessels to be identified

1.1 No person shall navigate a vessel (excluding vessels listed in clause 1.4), unless it displays an identifying name or number above the waterline on each side of the vessel that is recognised under clause 1.2, and satisfies the following criteria:
   (a) consists of letters of the Roman alphabet or numbers that are not the vessel's brand, make or model; and
   (b) is unique to that vessel; and
   (c) unless it is a type recognised by an organisation listed in subclause 1.2(a), is a minimum height of 90 millimetres and is capable of being read by the Harbourmaster or an enforcement officer from a distance of at least 50 metres.

1.2 The following identifying name or number referred are recognised for the purposes of subclause 1.1 of the Bylaw:
   (a) an identification approved by and conforming to the requirements of:
      (i) Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) or an equivalent foreign authority (e.g. a MNZ number or vessel's registered name); or
      (ii) A sporting body as may be approved from time to time by the Harbourmaster and listed on the Council's website; or
   (b) the vessel's radio call sign; or
   (c) for any trailer borne vessel without a registration or identification listed in subclauses (a) or (b), the registration number of its trailer; or
   (d) for sail vessels the identifying name or number may be the vessel's sail number.

1.3 The requirements of clause 1.1 – 1.2 do not apply to the following vessels:
   (a) non-power-driven vessels of six metres or less in length
   (b) vessels powered solely by paddles or oars of six metres or less in length;
   (c) a vessel which is temporarily being operated on waterways in the district and which display markings that comply with an identification requirement within the Navigation Safety Bylaws of the region in which the vessel normally operates.

1.4 Vessels referred to in subclause 1.3 must be marked with the current owner's name and contact details somewhere on the vessel.