

THE RIGHT HAND RULE APPLIES ON ALL RIVERS

RESTRICTED AREAS

Kawarau River

Through the Kawarau Dam extreme care should be taken, especially in low lake or river flows.

- a No stopping or waiting on either side of the flood gates or bridge leading over to Kelvin Heights
- b Vessels proceeding downstream shall be navigated through the second marked arch of the control gates from the Southern Bank.
- c Vessels proceeding upstream shall be navigated through the sixth marked arch of the control gates from the Southern Bank.
- d No powered vessels may operate in the area of the Kawarau River located below the Arrow River confluence.

One kilometre downstream from the bridge, adjacent to the Zoological Gardens, all craft are to keep on the south-side of the yellow marker drums when proceeding both up and downstream.

Shotover River

Refer to the Shotover River Bylaw 2021 at www.qldc.govt.nz for access and speed restrictions.

Upper Shotover River from Tucker Beach upstream is a restricted area, access is by PERMIT ONLY by prior arrangement, applications can be made at www.qldc.govt.nz

For enquiries, or to lodge a complaint, contact QLDC 24/7 on 03 441 0499 or visit www.qldc.govt.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.

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.
- >> Lake Whakatipu is open for fishing all year.
- >> Queenstown Bay is closed all year.

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

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LAKE WHAKATIPU



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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 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.

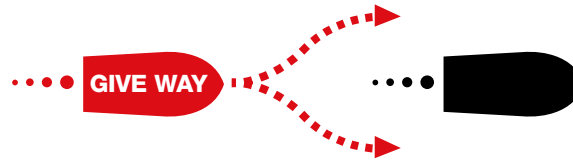
NAVIGATION LIGHTS

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.

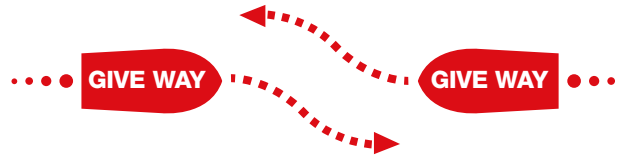
Please refer to the 'Safe Boating: an essential guide' from Maritime New Zealand for more information at www.maritimenz.govt.nz

GIVE WAY RULES

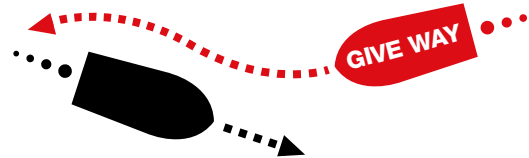
Vessels overtaking: **EVERY** overtaking boat gives way (this includes sailing boats).



Power vessels head on: Both alter to starboard.



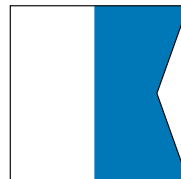
Power vessels crossing: Power boats give way to others on their starboard (right) side.



- >> 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

