

# Rules

## Life-jackets

- One suitable life-jacket per person on board.
- Every child aged under 10 years must wear a suitable life-jacket when on boats less than five metres long.
- Life-jackets save lives.

## Speed of vessels

- Keep to **5** knots or less within:
  - 200m of the shore
  - 200m of a vessel flying a dive flag
  - 50m of a person in, or on, the water
  - 50m of another vessel.
- If you are making a wash, you will most likely be exceeding **5** knots.
- You must be at least 15 years old to operate a power boat.
- It takes three to water-ski – carry an observer.

## Tips

- Avoid excessive noise.
- Keep a proper lookout for others in and on the water.
- Keep well clear of other water users.
- Watch the weather.
- Make sure your vessel is well maintained.
- Make sure you have enough fuel.
- Don't mix drinking and boating.
- Be aware of hazards - the water may hide submerged snags and rocks.

## Plan for the unthinkable

- Decide what you would do if:
  - your new boat caught fire or started to sink
  - one of your crew fell overboard.

By thinking ahead, knowing what to do and how to use your safety equipment properly, you could prevent a bad situation from turning into a disaster.

## STOP THE SPREAD

Protect our waters from aquatic pests. Remove water weed and algae from boats, and thoroughly check, clean and dry all equipment that has been in the water when leaving waterways.



Phone: 0800 EC INFO (0800 324 636)

24 Hour Pollution Hotline: Nth Canterbury: 03 366 4663  
Sth Canterbury: 03 688 3320

Copies of the bylaws can be viewed at libraries or downloaded from: [www.ecan.govt.nz/navsafety](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/navsafety)

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# 'Right of Way' Rules

Basic rules to avoid collision (for boats including jet skis)



## Vessel overtaking another



Every overtaking vessel gives way (this includes a sailing vessel)



## Power vessel meeting a sailing vessel



Power vessel gives way to vessels sailing or being paddled



## Power vessels meeting head on



Each vessel alters course to starboard (right hand side)



## Power vessels meeting



Give way to another vessel crossing from starboard (right hand side) i.e. give way to the right

# Lake Opuha

## Te Ao Marama

## Navigation Safety Bylaws

Water safety begins with you



# Lake Opuha

**DANGER!** KEEP WELL CLEAR OF ALL DAMS

## Legend



Toilets



Boat Launching



Water-skiing



Dangerous Boating Conditions



5 Knot speed limit within 200m of the shore



No Boating or Swimming



Launching or recovery of water-skiers



Non powered craft area / no boating when dam is spilling



Marker Post



Roads

(The representation of a road on this map does not necessarily indicate a public right of way)

Middle Road

Ewarts Corner

Clayton Settlement Road

Morris Road

Opuha Gorge Road

Picnic Area

Trentham Road

Shallow Waters

Te Puni Island

Walking Track

Picnic Area

Boats must proceed directly to and from ramp

Opuha Dam

Access to Weir

Weir

Access Road

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Scale (metres)

