

Courtesy tips

- Avoid excessive noise.
- Keep a proper lookout for others in and on the water.
- Keep well clear of other water users.

Other tips

- 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.

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.
- You must be at least 15 years old to operate a power boat.
- It takes three to water-ski – carry an observer.

Plan for the unthinkable

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

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.

If you want to know if your vessel is exceeding **5** knots, look astern; if you are making a wash, you will most likely be exceeding **5** knots.



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Sth Canterbury: 03 688 3320

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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

Motunau River

Navigation Safety Bylaws

Water safety begins with you














Motunau River



Scale (metres)



Legend

-  Boat Launching
-  Water-skiing
-  Jet-skiing
-  Dangerous Boating Conditions
-  Commercial fishery vessels speed restriction exemption
-  All vessels speed restriction exemption area
-  River bar (wear life-jackets)
-  Access Lane
-  Marker Post
-  Streams
-  Roads (The representation of a road on this map does not necessarily indicate a public right of way)

CROSSING THE BAR IS DANGEROUS, SO:

- wear life-jackets
- obtain local knowledge of the channel and conditions
- do not cross in rough weather, when river is in flood, in the dark or when visibility is poor.

TO FACILITATE NAVIGATION OF THE BAR:

- all vessels are exempt from the speed limit seaward of the black and white posts
- all commercial fishing vessels are exempt from the speed limit seaward of the third black and white post further upriver.

WHEN OUTBOUND:

- give way to any inbound vessel
- do not enter the channel if any inbound vessel longer than 6 metres is in, or about to enter, the channel.

WHEN WATER-SKIING OR JET-SKIING:

- use the marked ski access land between the black and orange posts, extending 200 metres out to sea
- tow skiers in an anti-clockwise direction
- carry an observer – it takes three to water-ski.

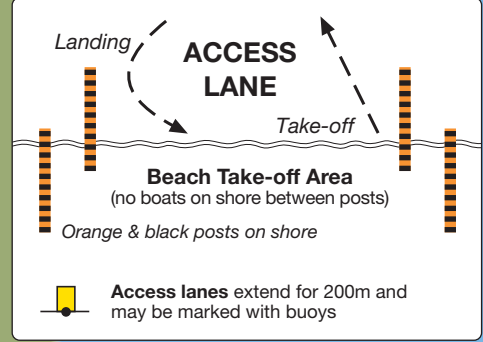
Motunau Beach (Sandy Bay)
Access lane

5 knot speed limit does not apply.

5 knot speed limit all vessels except commercial fishing.

Beware: rocks may be exposed close to shore.

Swimming in the Motunau River is not advised. Use the beach on either side of the marked access lane.



WARNING: This map is not to be used for navigation. It does not necessarily indicate all dangers.

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.