

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

'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

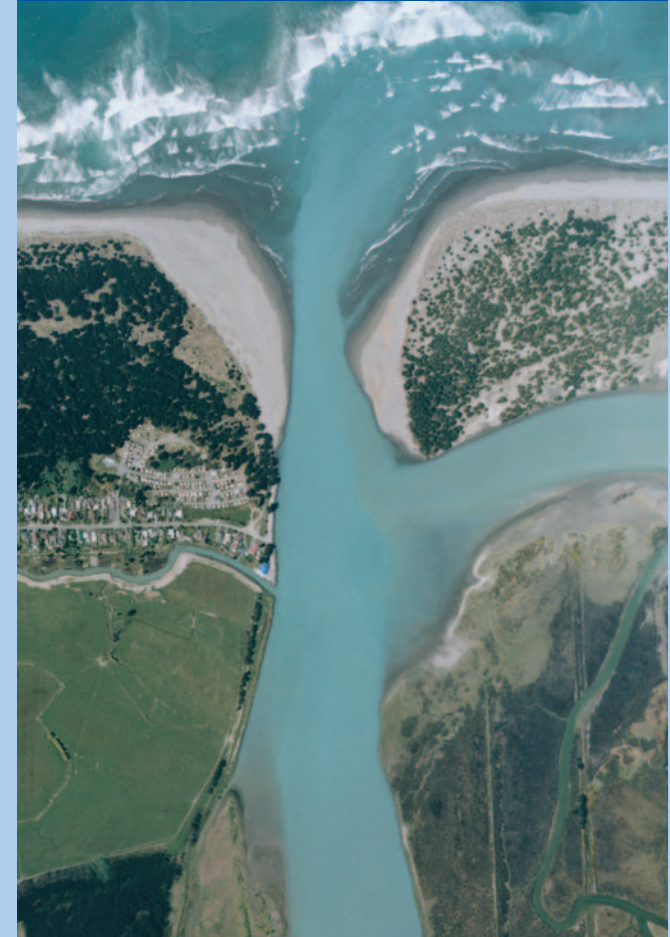


Give way to another vessel crossing from starboard (right hand side) i.e. give way to the right

Waimakariri River and Brooklands Lagoon

Navigation Safety Bylaws

Water safety begins with you



Waimakariri River and Brooklands Lagoon

CAUTION: DO NOT CROSS THE BAR
in rough weather, when river is in flood and/or in the dark

Swimming in the Waimakariri River is dangerous and is not advised

Warning: Water-skiing rotation is clockwise

5 Knot speed limit if NOT water-skiing

CROSSING THE BAR IS DANGEROUS, SO:

- wear life-jackets
- obtain local knowledge of the channel and conditions
- only cross the bar on the last 2 hours of the flood tide
- call waikuku radio (channel 63, day-light hours) before and after you cross
- do not cross in rough weather, when river is in flood, in the dark or when visibility is poor.

WHEN WATER-SKIING

- Use the marked ski areas (between the black and white posts)
- Tow skiers in a clockwise direction
- Carry an observer – it takes 3 to water-ski
- You are exempted from speed restrictions within 200 metres of the shore
- When transiting the water-ski area, give way to vessels towing skiers

In the Styx River and Brooklands Lagoon outside of the marked ski area (marked with black and white posts) vessels must observe the 5 knot speed limit.

Motorised vessels are prohibited in this area

Legend

- Boat Launching
- Water-skiing
- Dangerous Boating Conditions
- No motorised craft in this area
- 5 Knot speed limit within 200m of the shore
- Water-ski only area
- River bar (wear lifejackets)
- Direction of rotation for water-skiing/towing
- Marker Post
- Streams
- Roads
(The representation of a road on this map does not necessarily indicate a public right of way)



Scale (kilometres)



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

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