

The Port Taranaki navigation and safety bylaws establish a safe area for swimmers and bathers, a dedicated ski access lane and boat mooring area, and a safe area within the shelter of the main breakwater that can be used by waterskiers, windsurfers and jetskis that need to travel at speeds faster than 5 knots.

See the map overleaf for zone boundaries.

Area A

The speed limit here is 5 knots for all small craft, to make it a safe area for swimmers and other recreational users.

Area B

Small craft can go faster than 5 knots here, making it a safe place within the breakwaters for waterskiing, jetskiing, windsurfing and similar recreational activity.

Area C

Small craft and people are excluded from this area to ensure safe and efficient Port operations.

Waterski access lane

This allows access to and from Ngamotu Beach for small vessels towing waterskiers. Important note: Jetskis must still observe the 5 knot limit in this lane.

Remember that in all other areas, Maritime NZ rules still apply, including:

You must not exceed 5 knots (a fast walking pace):

- within 200 metres of the shore or a dive flag
- within 50 metres of all boats or swimmers.



Things you should know

The Port area is popular with recreational users and we all want it to remain that way. However, it's also a very busy area, and the bylaws are designed to make it safe for everyone. Please know the rules and use your commonsense.

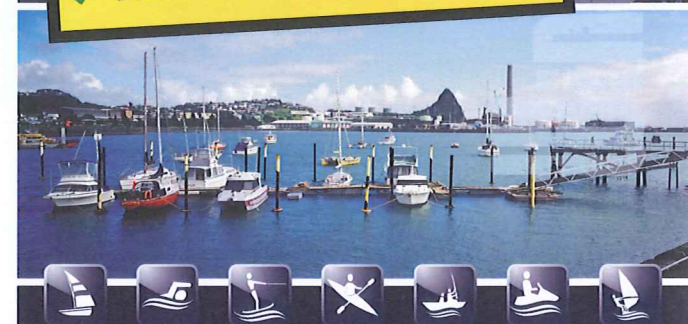
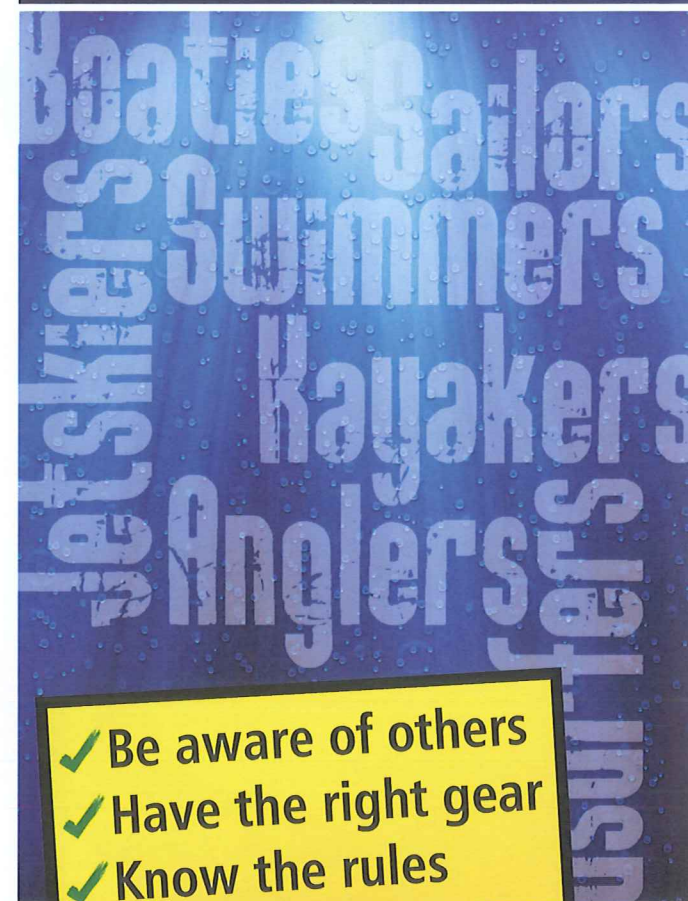
- Follow the advice and instructions of harbourmasters and harbour wardens.
- Power boats and jetskiers cannot exceed 5 knots until they reach area B, unless towing a waterskier in the access lane. The waterski access lane is designated solely for craft towing waterskiers.
- There are "moving safety zones" around big ships moving or manoeuvring within harbour limits. Apart from the port's tugs and boats, other vessels need to stay at least 300 metres from the front and 50 metres from the sides and rear of the moving ship.
- You cannot swim, dive or play in a manner that could be dangerous, for example by hindering navigation.
- All craft in the Port area must follow the national Maritime Rules covering vessel speed, waterskiing or towing, and lifejackets. These rules are enforced by the harbourmaster.

See www.maritimenz.govt.nz and www.trc.govt.nz

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Port Taranaki - information for recreational users



Navigation and Safety Bylaws for
Port Taranaki and its Approaches



Reserved areas and speed restrictions for Port Taranaki and its approaches

Speed restrictions within the harbour

5 knot speed restriction for all jetskis and boats, apart from the area marked green (speed restrictions uplifted).

Waterski access lane

Speed restrictions uplifted only for boats towing waterskiers.

Harbour By-laws

Volunteer Harbour Wardens observe and educate users of the Port.

The Harbourmaster monitors and enforces the by-laws.

If you have any concerns contact the Harbour Master.
Phone Port Taranaki: 06 751 0200

