

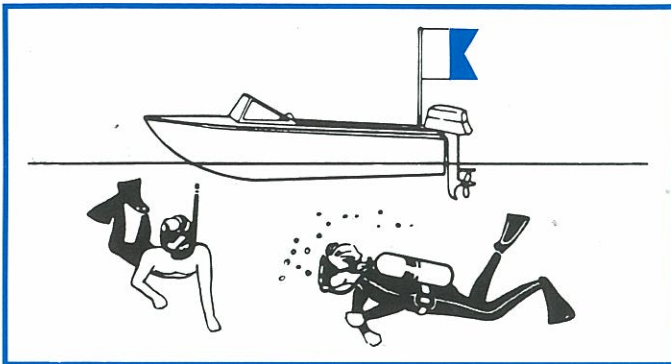
UNDERWATER DIVING

The Diver's Flag means
SLOW DOWN

To under 5 knots or keep 200 metres distance.



Vessels of any kind engaged in diving operations and whose size makes it impracticable to exhibit the shapes described show the International Code Flag 'A' or a replica thereof.



Divers not operating from a vessel may show the International Code Flag 'A' or a rigid replica thereof displayed from a buoy or a float.

HARBOUR RULES

- 1 There are several navigation lights and beacons in the Harbour entrance which must not be used to tie boats to.
- 2 Do not anchor and fish in the main shipping channel.
- 3 Keep 30m clear of any oil/chemical tankers at Seaview Tanker Berth, Burnham Wharf or Aotea Quay as they could be discharging inflammable cargo.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Wellington Harbour covers an area of 8900ha and has 76kms of accessible coastline stretching from Baring Head in the East to Owhiro Bay in the West. The enclosed nature of the Harbour gives many sheltered beaches and bays regardless of wind direction. The southcoast of the area is exposed to the open sea and provides good diving and fishing areas but access is constrained by weather conditions.

The inner Harbour is large enough to accommodate all aquatic activities without conflict with each having its own area. There are five water-ski-lanes and two dedicated jet-ski lanes, two rowing courses, windsurfing areas and numerous yacht clubs.

Bathing is safe at all beaches except those near the harbour entrance and on the southcoast; Oriental Bay, Petone Beach and Days Bay being the most popular. The summer water temperature averages 15 c with warmer water being experienced in shallower areas such as Petone Beach and Hataitai Beach.

Harbour cruise launches operate on the Harbour, with the TRUSTBANK ferry running a regular service from Queens Wharf to Days Bay and other vessels having lunchtime and evening cruises.

For those who enjoy coastal walks there are two easy walks from Eastbourne to Pencarrow lighthouse approx. three hours return, and Owhiro Bay to Red Rocks where seals congregate from May to September, approximately 2 hours return. Both walks are on level but rocky ground.

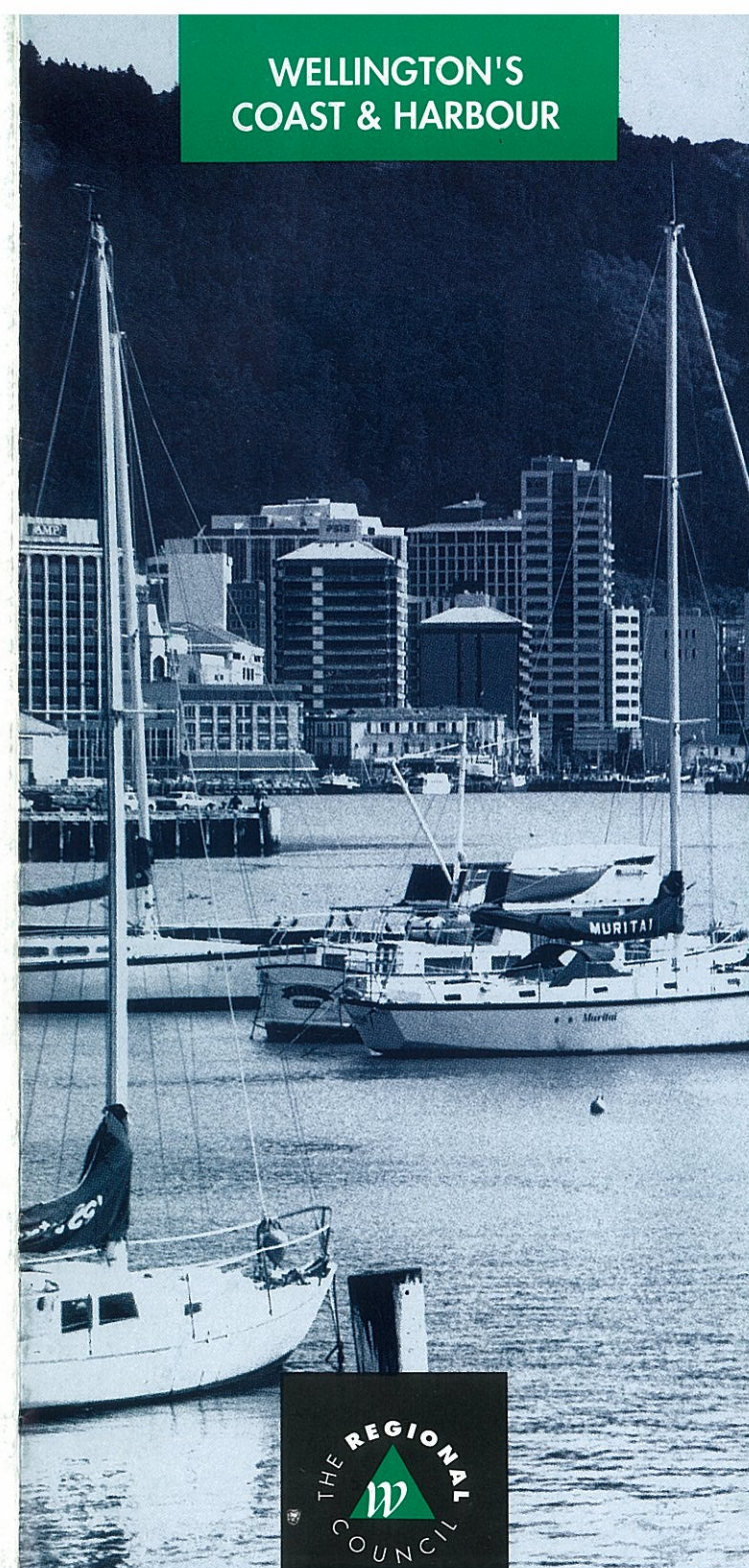
There is good fishing within the Harbour, with seasonal catches of Trevali, Snapper and Kawhai. Fishing outside the Harbour is more rewarding with most sea going species available. Surfcasting from the rocks and reclamation inside the Harbour is popular.

Diving is rewarding on the Southcoast with kelp fish, crayfish and paua being in abundance.

The two islands in the Harbour offer sheltered anchorages for small craft. As Somes Island is a quarantine station you are not permitted to land on the island but you can land on Ward Island to picnic and explore.

Further enquiries can be directed to:
The Harbourmaster
Queens Wharf
P O Box 11-646
Tel: (04) 384-5708

WELLINGTON'S COAST & HARBOUR



SAFE BOATING

- 1 Watch the weather
- 2 Don't overload
- 3 Carry full equipment
- 4 Wear tested lifejackets
- 5 Ensure engine reliability
- 6 Know :- the collision rules
 - the Water Recreation Regulations
 - WRC By-laws
 - the Distress Signals
- 7 Guard against fire
- 8 Don't mix drinking & boating
- 9 Carry reserve fuel
- 10 Tell someone where you are going

Extracts from the Water Recreations Regulations 1979.

SPEED OF SMALL CRAFT

No person shall propel or navigate a small craft at a proper speed exceeding 5 knots:

- A within 30 metres of any other vessel, raft or person in the water
- B within 200 metres of the shore or of any structure
- C within 200 metres of any vessel or raft that is flying flag A of the International Code of Signals

Every person who propels or navigates a small craft shall, as far as is practicable, do so at such a speed so that waves caused by the movement of the craft through the water do not break against the shore or against any structure.

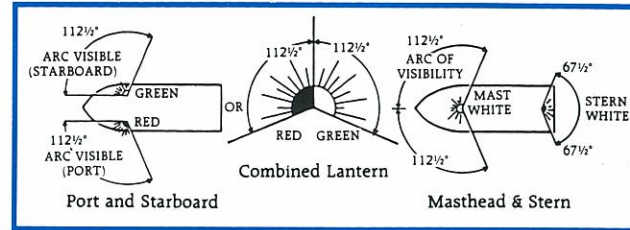
No person shall propel or navigate a small motor craft at a proper speed exceeding 5 knots while any person is sitting at the fore part of bow of the craft with any portion of their body extending over the fore part, bow or side.

Minimum age for small motor craft operators:

No person under the age of 15 years shall propel or navigate a small motor craft that is capable of a proper speed exceeding 10 knots

NAVIGATION LIGHTS

These are the navigation lights required on most power driven vessels operating on water by night (sunset to sunrise). Refer to regulations for other vessels and the distances from which each light must be visible. Masthead light on power driven vessels of less than 12 metres shall be a minimum height of 0.91 metres above the side lights.



Craft less than 12 m can show an all-round masthead light and side lights.

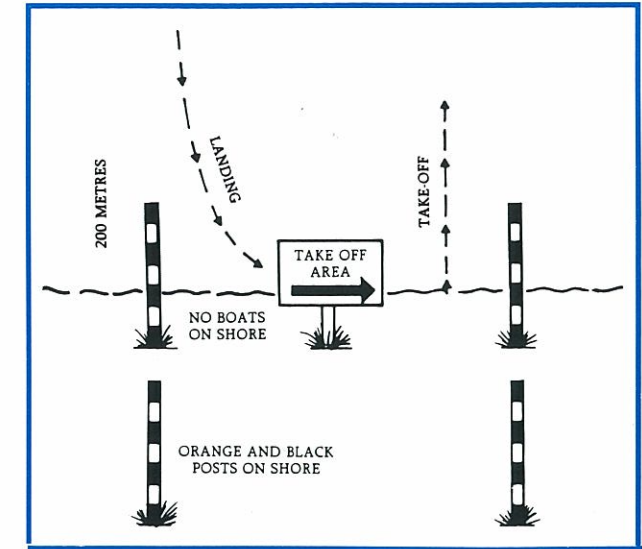
TO AVOID COLLISION:

- 1 *Vessel overtaking another. Every overtaking vessel gives way (this includes a sailing vessel).*
- 2 *Power vessels meeting head on. Each alters to starboard.*
- 3 *Power vessels meeting. The vessel having the other on the starboard side gives way.*
- 4 *Power vessel gives way to sailing vessel.*

WATER SKIERS

Access Lane Markings

Access Lanes enable motor launches and water skiers to legally leave or approach the shore at speeds in excess of 5 knots. Direction of travel is anticlockwise. All access lane marker poles are coloured orange or orange and black.



Boat operators and skiers to estimate 200 metres from shore if lane buoy not in position.

WATER SKI RULES

- 1 Keep well inside the lanes.
- 2 Enter and leave at right angles to the shore.
- 3 Have an observer to report every mishap to the skier.
- 4 Do not proceed in a manner dangerous to other persons or vessels in the lane.
- 5 Do not use the lane for any other purposes

LAUNCHING RAMPS

- A SEAVIEW MARINA**
Concrete
Suitable all tides & winds
Ample parking
- B EVANS BAY**
Concrete
Difficult at low tide
Unaffected by wind
Ample parking
- C LOWRY BAY**
Concrete
Difficult in northerly winds
Suitable all tides
Ample parking
- D TARAKI BAY**
Concrete
Difficult in Southerly winds
Some parking
Park clear of ramp as it is used by Airport crash fire boat

WATER-SKI LANES

- PETONE BEACH WEST**
Not suitable in southerly winds
(Wellington Water Ski Club)
- DAYS BAY - NORTH END**
Not suitable in southerly winds
- EVANS BAY - SOUTH END**
Not suitable in northerly winds
- SEATOUN BEACH - SOUTH END**
Not suitable in northerly winds
- KAU BAY**
Not suitable in northerly winds
- LYALL BAY**
Trial Jet Ski Lanes
- PETONE BEACH EAST**
Trial Jet Ski Lanes

MARINA & BOAT HARBOUR

- E CLYDE QUAY BOAT HARBOUR**
Wellington City Council
Tel: 385-4900 VHF CH 62
- F EVANS BAY MARINA**
Wellington City Council
Tel: 386-2345 VHF CH 62
- G SEAVIEW MARINA**
Lower Hutt City Council
Tel: 568-3736 VHF CH 16 or 73
- H CHAFFERS BEACH**
Lambton Harbour Management
Tel: 3850 827

★ Navigation lights
..... Power cables

LIFE SAVING AND RESCUE SERVICES

EMERGENCIES RING 111

- 1 WELLINGTON VOLUNTEER COASTGUARD** Telephone 386 - 3531
- 2 WORSER BAY SURF LIFESAVING CLUB** Telephone 388 - 6915
- 3 ISLAND BAY SURF LIFESAVING CLUB** Telephone 383 - 7914
- 4 LYALL BAY SURF LIFESAVING CLUB** Telephone 387 - 2024
- 5 POLICE LAUNCH** Telephone 472 - 3000

MARINE RADIO SERVICES

- WELLINGTON HARBOUR RADIO** 24 hours a day Ch 16, Ch 14, Ch 62, Ch 04
- WELLINGTON MARITIME RADIO** 24 hours a day Ch 16 and Ch 71
- WELLINGTON FISHERMANS RADIO** Scheduled times Ch 62 2045 KHZ
- WELLINGTON VOLUNTEER COASTGUARD** Weekends and public holidays CH 62 and 2129 KHZ

YACHT & WATER-SKI CLUBS

- 1** Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club
- 2** Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club
- 3** Wellington Water Ski Club
- 4** Worser Bay Yacht Club
- 5** Heretaunga Yacht Club
- 6** Lowry Bay Yacht Club
- 7** Muritai Yacht Club

OIL POLLUTION & HARBOUR EMERGENCIES

WELLINGTON HARBOUR AND COASTAL WATERS

Wellington Regional Council - Harbours Department
All Hours - Wellington Harbour Radio (Beacon Hill)
Oil Spill Reports 473 4547
All Emergencies 388 1911 or Marine VHF Ch 14 or VHF Ch 16

POPULAR BEACHES

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ORIENTAL BAY	BALENA BAY	SCORCHING BAY	SEATOUN BEACH	LYALL BAY	PETONE BEACH	DAYS BAY	EASTBOURNE
Sandy Not so good in northerly winds Shops nearby Windsurfing School (summer months)	Sandy Suitable most winds Changing sheds and toilets	Sandy Not so good in southerly winds Changing sheds and toilets Shops nearby	Sandy Not so good in northerly winds Shops nearby	Sandy Exposed to the south Good surf beach Patrolled Shops nearby	Sandy, shallow sloping beach Not so good in southerly winds Shops nearby Good for windsurfing in southerly winds	Sandy Not so good in northerly winds Changing sheds and toilets Shops nearby Public tennis courts nearby	Sandy, with sand dunes Picnic area Shops nearby