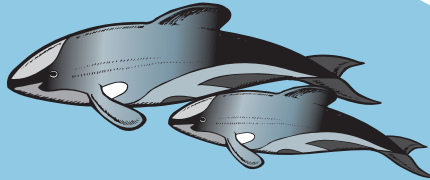


... please be mindful of all water users!



Enjoy using the harbour over the summer and have a happy and safe time.



Department of Conservation (DOC)
 Monday - Friday, 8am to 4:30pm
 03 341 9100
 0800 DOC HOT (362 468)
 After hours
 To report injured wildlife or safety hazards on public conservation
 land and walkways
 Information pamphlet on the safe viewing of marine mammals
 available (free) from website www.doc.govt.nz/sharingcoasts
 or the Christchurch I-SITE Visitor Centre in Cathedral Square

Environment Canterbury (ECan)
 0800 EC INFO (324 636)
 To report a breach of boating rules or an accident
 Pollution Hotline
 0800 76 55 88
 To report a fuel or hazardous substance spill
 Harbourmaster
 0800 EC INFO (324 636)
 email: harbourmaster@ecan.govt.nz
 Boating information pamphlet available (free) from website
www.ecan.govt.nz/boatingrules or 58 Kilmore St, Christchurch

Contact Information
In Emergencies Dial 111



For a fun, safe time in Akaroa Harbour this summer...

Akaroa Harbour

Boat users



If you are the skipper of a boat, you are responsible for the safety of all people on board.

- If your powerboat can exceed a speed of 10 knots, no-one under 15 years of age can drive it.
- Follow the right-of-way rules.
- You must carry enough lifejackets for everyone on board.
- Children under 10 years of age must wear a lifejacket if your boat is less than 5 metres long.
- Keep your speed under 5 knots within 50m of any boat, structure or person and 200m of the shore or a boat displaying a blue and white divers flag.
- Use proper navigation lights during the hours of darkness.

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- Check the weather forecast.
- Take a map or chart with you.
- Tell someone where you're going and your expected return time.
- Take enough fuel for your trip.
- Have lifejackets for everyone on board.
- Carry safety equipment (including flares).
- Have two means of communication (e.g. VHF radio and mobile phone).

Swimmers & Scuba divers

- Do not swim in waterski access lanes.
- When scuba divers are in the water, attach an A flag (divers flag) to your boat.

And remember...

...marine mammals (such as seals and dolphins) are water users, too.

- Don't feed, disturb or harass them.
- Keep your distance – ensure there are no more than three boats within 300m.
- Slow down - only travel at a 'no wake' speed within this 300m zone.
- Only approach dolphins from behind and to the side.
- Do not circle, obstruct or cut through any group or pod.
- Avoid making sudden movements or loud noises.

You must follow Marine Mammal Protection Regulations.



Legend

- Waterski access lane
- Jetty
- Road (Does not necessarily indicate a public right-of-way)



Waterskiing, Jetskiing and Towing

- To use a powerboat or jetski that can exceed a speed of 10 knots, you must be at least 15 years of age.
- When waterskiing from the shore, you must use an access lane. There are five access lanes in the harbour (see map).
- If using a boat or a jetski to tow a person, you must have an observer on board. The observer (who must be at least 10 years of age) can notify the driver/skipper of any mishaps.
- Slow down to less than 5 knots if someone overhangs the side of the boat.
- You're not allowed to waterski between sunset and sunrise.

Please follow instructions on signs at boat ramps and other locations