

12.36 LAKE RUATANIWHA (SEE FIGURE 17)

Speed Limits

- 12.36.1** No vessel shall exceed 5 knots within 100 metres of the shore unless operating within the water ski launch and take off zones provided for in Clauses 13.36.2 to 3 - except in the upper western area of the lake where open speed is permitted more than 50m from shore.
- 12.36.2** The 5 knot speed limit does not apply to the following launch and take off zones (a)-(c) which are Open Speed Areas for water skiing as shown on figure 13:
- (a) On the southern shore of Lake Ruataniwha marked by black and white marked posts
 - (b) On the northern shore to the west of the rowing course launching area as marked with buoys, for approx 200m to a 5 knot buoy placed at the entry to the eastern boat ramp.
 - (c) On the northern shore east of the rowing start area, marked at the western end by a black and white post on the headland. The eastern end of this zone is approximately 80m west of the gravel launching ramp and marked with a black and white post.
- 12.36.3** Provided that: All vessels navigating within the launch and take off zones within 100 metres of the shore shall travel directly to and from the shore

Reserved Areas – Non-powered craft

- 12.36.4** All that area known as “The Bay”, excluding the swimming and small paddled craft area reserved in 12.36.9 is reserved for vessels other than powered craft.
- 12.36.5** The bay on the south western part of the lake containing two small islands is reserved for vessels other than powered craft within a line:
- (a) running north east to south west; and
 - (b) crossing at the mid point between the two islands.
- 12.36.6** The Ohau river upstream of the junction with the Ohau A power station tailrace, is reserved for vessels other than powered craft.

Reserved Areas – Swimming and Small Paddle Craft

- 12.36.7** All that area known as “the Wairepo Arm” is reserved for swimmers and vessels less than 12 metres in length propelled solely by oars or paddles.
- 12.36.8** All that area known as “Kelland Pond” is reserved for swimmers and vessels less than 12 metres in length propelled solely by oars or paddles.
- 12.36.9** The western part, known as “The Bay” is reserved for swimmers and vessels less than 5 metres in length propelled by oars or paddles.

Reserved Areas - Rowing Course (as shown on Figure 13)

12.36.10 The Rowing Course area is reserved for rowing skiffs and for vessels attending those skiffs.

12.36.11 No person shall navigate or launch a vessel other than a rowing skiff or a rowing support vessel within the area specified in Clause 12.34.10; except that a person navigating a vessel powered solely by oars or paddles may transit the Rowing Course provided that:

- (a) there are no rowing skiffs on the course; and
- (b) the vessel is kept clear of buoys and cables marking the course and lanes within the course.

12.36.12 The rowing course specified in Clause 12.34.10 is an Open Speed Area for rowing skiffs and attendant support vessels.

Reserved Areas - No Boating, Diving or Swimming Areas

12.36.13 All the area of Lake Ruataniwha to the west of the weir below the Ohau A Powerhouse is a reserved area where no boating, diving or swimming shall occur.

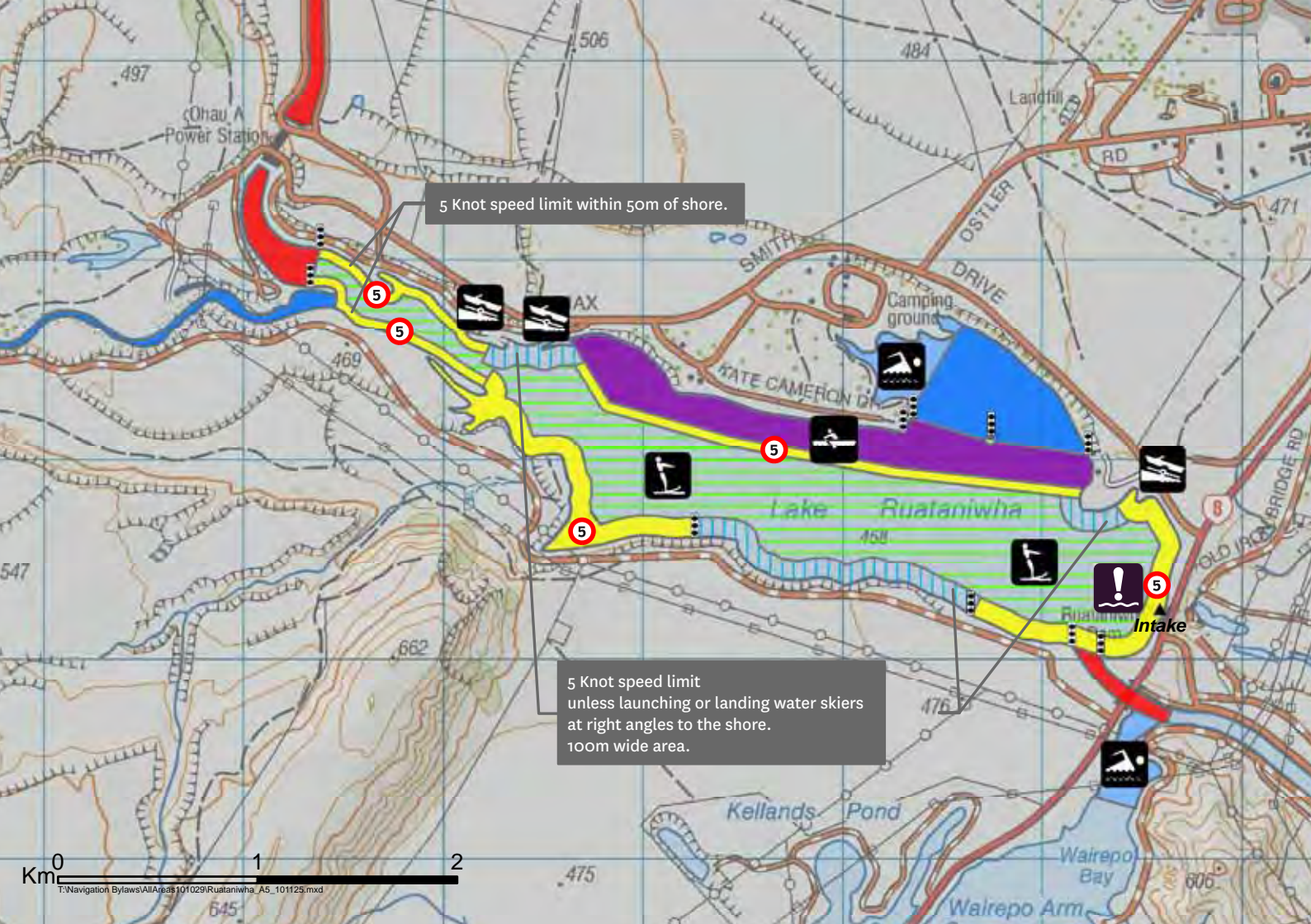
12.36.14 All the area of Lake Ruataniwha east and south of the boom shielding the gates for the Ruataniwha spillway into the Ohau River.

FIGURE 18 - LAKE RUATANIWHWA

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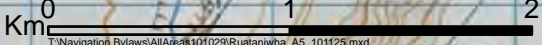
	Dangerous boating conditions		Rowing
	Jetski		Boat ramp
	Water-skiing		Toilets
	5 knot restriction does not apply		Swimming
	5 knot speed limit		Lights
	Dangerous boating conditions		Green Buoy
	Jetski area		Yellow marker buoy
	No boating		Yachting Marks
	No boating or swimming		Lights & Piles
	Non-powered water craft only area		Marker Posts
	Personal water craft only		Ballast Heap
	Restricted area		Intake
	Rowing course		Transit Marks
	Swimming and small paddled crafts only		Access lane
	Water-ski access zone		Jetty
	Wind/Kite surfing		Sewer line
	Wildlife Reserve		
	Mooring area		

This map is not to be used for navigation and does not include all dangers. For further information and precise coordinates of displayed features please contact the Regional Harbourmaster.



5 Knot speed limit within 50m of shore.

5 Knot speed limit unless launching or landing water skiers at right angles to the shore. 100m wide area.



Rowing Regatta Days

12.36.15 South Island Rowing Incorporated may specify up to 31 days in any calendar year as rowing regatta days. For a day to be a rowing regatta day subclauses 12.36.17 to 12.36.22 must be complied with.

12.36.16 Except where and when permitted by South Island Rowing Incorporated, no person shall navigate a powered craft on Lake Ruataniwha on any rowing regatta day.

12.36.17 Except for one period of up to nine consecutive days duration, no period of more than two consecutive days may be specified as rowing regatta days.

No rowing regatta days shall be specified on any New Zealand-wide national public holiday; or on any Saturday or Sunday of a New Zealand-wide national public holiday weekend, (i.e. where the immediately preceding Friday, or the immediately following Monday, is a New Zealand-wide national public holiday).

12.36.18 No rowing regatta days shall be specified in the period 16 December to 10 January. Except for the one period of up to 9 consecutive days duration, no more than eleven weekend periods comprising both a Saturday and a Sunday shall be specified as rowing regatta days in any calendar year, and rowing regatta days shall not be specified for two or more consecutive Saturdays or Sundays.

12.36.19 A schedule of rowing regatta days for the each rowing season shall be submitted by South Island Rowing Incorporated to the Regional Harbourmaster for publication on the Environment Canterbury website, by 31 August each year.

12.36.20 On all rowing regatta days South Island Rowing Incorporated shall maintain a suitable patrol craft manned by at least one maritime enforcement officer warranted by Environment Canterbury for the duration of the period of the day for which powered craft are to be restricted.

12.36.21 Signs advising of the regatta day and restriction on powered craft shall be placed by South Island Rowing Incorporated at prominent places around the lake at least 2 days prior to, and during any rowing regatta day.

12.36.22 South Island Rowing Incorporated may, without giving notice, cancel any rowing regatta day if weather conditions are not suitable for rowing, and substitute an additional consecutive day as a rowing regatta day.

The additional substituted day shall not be a Saturday or a Sunday or a New Zealand-wide national public holiday.

The additional substituted day shall be a rowing regatta day notwithstanding compliance or otherwise with the notice provisions.