

Suspensions and Reservations under the Environment Canterbury Navigation Safety Bylaws 2005

1. Environment Canterbury, pursuant to clause 7.1(1) of the Environment Canterbury Navigation Safety Bylaws 2005, suspends all of the provision of clauses in the Bylaws under the heading 13.34 Lake Ruataniwha.
2. The suspension takes effect on Saturday 12 December 2009 until either further notice or when an amendment to the Bylaws is made removing the provisions.
3. Environment Canterbury, pursuant to Clause 7.2(1) reserves the water of Lake Ruataniwha and regulates and prohibits its use by vessels and persons in accordance with the provisions set out below under the heading 13.34 Lake Ruataniwha.
4. The provisions set out below will apply as if they formed part of the Environment Canterbury Navigation Safety Bylaws 2005.
5. The reservation and associated provisions set out below will take effect on the suspension of the Bylaw provision referred to above from Saturday 12 December 2009.
6. The provisions set out below shall remain in force either until Friday 10 December 2010 or at an earlier date if an amendment is made to the Bylaws replacing the provisions in the Bylaws under the heading 13.34 Lake Ruataniwha from such an earlier date.
7. References in the provisions set out below to clauses relate to the relevant clauses in the Environment Canterbury Navigation Safety Bylaws 2005.

New Provisions for Lake Ruataniwha.

13.34 Lake Ruataniwha

(See Figure 13 below)

Speed Limits

- (1) The speed limits specified in Clause 2.4 (1) (b) shall not apply for the navigation of vessels in the Lake, provided that no vessel shall exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of the shore unless operating within the launch and take off zones specified in Clauses 13.34 (2) to (4). This shall not apply to the navigation in the areas reserved by clauses 13.34 (6) to (8)
- (2) The speed limits specified in Clause 2.4 (1) (b) and Clause 3.1 (1) shall not apply for water skiing or the navigation of vessels directly to and from the shore within 50 metres of the shore between black and white marked posts located on the southern shore of Lake Ruataniwha. The eastern post is located approximately 800 metres north west of State Highway 8. The western post is located approximately 1600 metres west of the eastern post.

- (3) The speed limits specified in Clause 2.4 (1) (b) and Clause 3.1 (1) shall not apply for water skiing or the navigation of vessels directly to and from the shore within 50 metres of the shore, on the northern shore to the west of the rowing course launching area as marked with buoys, for approximately 200m to a 5 knot buoy placed at the entry to the eastern boat ramp.
- (4) The speed limits specified in Clause 2.4 (1) (b) and Clause 3.1 (1) shall not apply for water skiing or the navigation of vessels directly to and from the shore within 50 metres of the shore, 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.
- (5) The areas in Clauses 13.34 (2) to (4) shall be shown on notices at the places where vessels are normally launched.

Reserved Areas – Non-powered craft

- (6) All that area of Lake Ruataniwha known as “The Bay” being to the north and west of the Rowing Course reserved in Clause 13.34 (14), excluding the swimming and paddled small craft area reserved in Clause 13.34 (11) is reserved for vessels other than powered craft.
- (7) 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.
- (8) The Ohau river upstream of the junction with the Ohau A power station tailrace is reserved for vessels other than powered craft
- (9) No person shall navigate a powered vessel or powered craft within the areas specified in Clauses 13.34 (6) to (8).
- (10) No person shall while being towed by a powered vessel or powered craft, cause themselves or any water ski, aquaplane or other object on, or by which they are being towed to enter the areas specified in Clauses 13.34 (6) to (8).

Reserved Areas – Swimming and Small Paddled Craft

- (11) All that area of Lake Ruataniwha known as “the Wairepo Arm” is reserved for swimmers and vessels less than 12 metres in overall length propelled solely by oars or paddles.
- (12) All that area of Lake Ruataniwha known as “Kelland Pond” is reserved for swimmers and vessels less than 12 metres in overall length propelled solely by oars or paddles.
- (13) No person shall navigate a powered vessel, a vessel 5 metres or more in overall length, or a sailing craft within the areas specified in Clauses 13.34 (8) and 13.34 (9).

Reserved Areas - Swimming and Paddled Small Craft

- (14) The western part of the area of water of Lake Ruataniwha known as “The Bay” being to the north and west of the Rowing Course reserved in Clause 13.34 (14) is reserved for swimmers and vessels less than 5 metres in overall length propelled by solely oars or paddles.

- (15) The line of the eastern boundary of the area in Clause 13.34 (11) is a line on a northerly bearing of 25 degrees true located 115 metres south-east of the island within the reserved area, and marked by a row of buoys and by transit posts on the north and south shores painted with black and white bands.
- (16) No person shall navigate a powered vessel, a vessel 5 metres or more in overall length, or a sailing craft within the area specified in Clause 13.34 (11).

Reserved Areas - Rowing Course

- (17) The following area of Lake Ruataniwha is reserved for rowing skiffs and for vessels attending those skiffs.
- All of the waters of Lake Ruataniwha:
- (a) on the northern side of a line of buoys from the shore west of the South Island Rowing Incorporated control building to the east end of the lake, and
 - (b) on the southern side of a line marked a row of buoys or by posts on shore and a concrete pillar or post on the small island at the south edge of the area of Lake Ruataniwha known as "The Bay", painted with black and white bands.
- (18) No person shall navigate or launch a vessel other than a rowing skiff or a rowing support vessel within the area specified in Clause 13.34 (17).
- (19) Notwithstanding Clause 13.34 (17), a person navigating a vessel powered solely by oars or paddles may launch the vessel and transit the Rowing Course provided:
- (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.
- (20) The speed limits specified in Clause 2.4 (1) (a) and (b) shall not apply in the case of rowing skiffs and attendant support vessels within the area specified in Clause 13.34 (17).

Reserved Areas - No Boating or Swimming Areas

- (21) All the area of Lake Ruataniwha to the west of the weir below the Ohau A Powerhouse is reserved as a No Boating area.
- (22) All the area of Lake Ruataniwha east and south of the boom shielding the gates for the Ruataniwha spillway into the Ohau River is reserved as a No Boating area.
- (23) All the area of Lake Ruataniwha within the Ohau B Canal to the Ohau B Power Station, south of a row of buoys, but not including the Wairepo Arm and Kelland Pond, is reserved as a non powered craft area.
- (24) No person shall navigate a vessel, swim, dive, scuba dive, water ski or use a toboggan, surfboard, windsurfer or sailboard in any area specified in Clauses 13.34 (21), 13.34 (22), or 13.34 (23).
- (25) The Master of any vessel shall not allow any object or person towed by it to enter the areas specified in Clauses 13.34 (21), 13.34 (22), or 13.34 (23).

- (26) No person shall while being towed by a vessel, cause themselves or any water ski, aquaplane or other object on, or by which they are being towed to enter the areas specified in Clauses 13.34 (21), 13.34 (22), or 13.34 (23).
- (27) Clauses 13.34 (21) to 13.34 (23) shall not apply to persons who are navigating vessels or other objects, or scuba diving, on behalf of Meridian Energy Limited for the purpose of maintaining or repairing structures or facilities.

Figure 13 – Lake Ruataniwha

NEW MAP TO BE INSERTED

Access Lane

- (28) All that area of Lake Ruataniwha extending 200 metres from the shore bounded by parallel lines marked on shore by orange posts with black bands, the first line located approximately 600 metres west of the South Island Rowing Incorporated Control Building is an Access Lane.

Rowing Regatta Days

- (29) 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 13.34 (28) to (31) must be complied with.
- (30) 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.
- (31) 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).

No rowing regatta days shall be specified in the period 1 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

- (32) A schedule of rowing regatta days for the subsequent year shall be submitted by South Island Rowing Incorporated to the Regional Harbourmaster for publication on the Environment Canterbury website, by 31 August in the preceding year.

South Island Rowing Incorporated shall ensure the schedule is published at least once in Dunedin, Twizel, Oamaru, Timaru and Christchurch newspapers prior to 31 October in the preceding year.

South Island Rowing Incorporated shall place a public notice of all rowing regatta days in Dunedin and Christchurch newspapers at least one week prior to, and not more than two weeks prior to any rowing regatta day.

- (33) 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.

- (34) Signs advising of the regatta day and restriction on powered craft shall be placed by South Island Rowing Incorporated at launching ramps and at other prominent places around the lake at least 2 days prior to, and during any rowing regatta day
- (35) 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 of clauses 3.34 (29), 3.34 (30) and 3.34 (31).