

## Safety Information

### Wear a personal Flotation Device

All vessels must have suitable personal flotation devices, easily accessible, for each person on board. These must be worn at all times on boats less than 6 metres and at times of increased risk on all other vessels.

Don't exceed 5 knots within:

- ◆ Specified areas.
- ◆ 50 metres of another vessel.
- ◆ 50 metres of a person in the water.

Don't block access to the wharves or boat ramps.

No jumping, diving or swimming from wharves or boat ramps.

Vessel skipper must be at least 15 years of age (unless directly supervised by an experienced person of 15 years of age or older).

Take at least two means of communication with you:

- ◆ VHF radio
- ◆ Cellphone in a plastic bag
- ◆ Flares
- ◆ EPIRB

Carry essential equipment when you go out – an anchor, ropes, bailer, oars, spare fuel, torch, first aid kit and warm clothes.

Let someone know where you're going out and when you'll be back. Contact Bluff Fishermen's Radio on VHF Ch 61.

Fly the Diver's Flag if you have a diver in the water.

Don't go out in an unseaworthy vessel – carry out regular maintenance and make sure everything is working before you leave.

Check the weather forecast – if in doubt, don't go out.

If you have an accident you must advise Maritime New Zealand and the Southland Regional Harbourmaster within 48 hours.

Avoid alcohol when boating.

## Infringement Fees

**You are liable for an infringement fee for offences against the Southland Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaws 2009, including:**

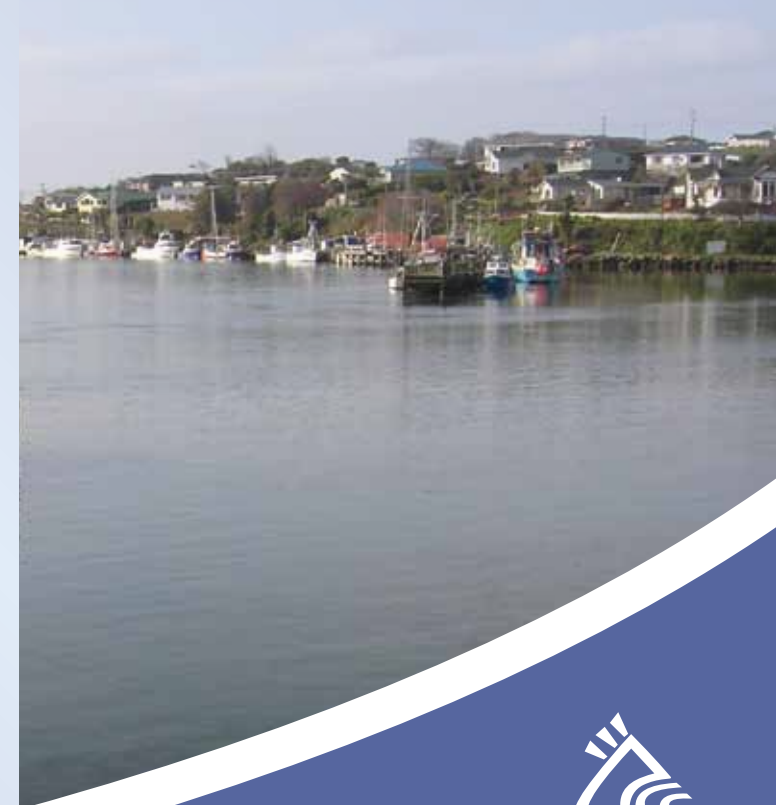
- ◆ Failing to identify a vessel with appropriate markings.
- ◆ Failing to wear a personal flotation device on a vessel under 6 metres, or to ensure persons onboard a vessel wear personal flotation devices during certain conditions.
- ◆ Exceeding 5 knots in certain conditions:
  - ◆ Within 50 metres of any other vessel, or person in the water;
  - ◆ Within 200 metres of shore, or of any structure;
  - ◆ Within 200 metres of any vessel, or raft that is flying Flag Alpha – diver's flag.
- ◆ Failure by a master to display Flag Alpha when diving is in operation.
- ◆ Exceeding 5 knots while any part of a person is extended over the fore part, bow, or side of the vessel.
- ◆ Allowing a person under the age of 15 years to operate unsupervised a vessel capable of exceeding 10 knots.
- ◆ Failing to notify a collision or accident to the Harbourmaster.
- ◆ Operating an unseaworthy vessel.
- ◆ Towing a person without an observer aged 10 years of age or older.
- ◆ Anchoring or mooring within prohibited anchorages.
- ◆ Water skiing between sunset and sunrise.
- ◆ Failing to keep to starboard (right) side of a river channel.

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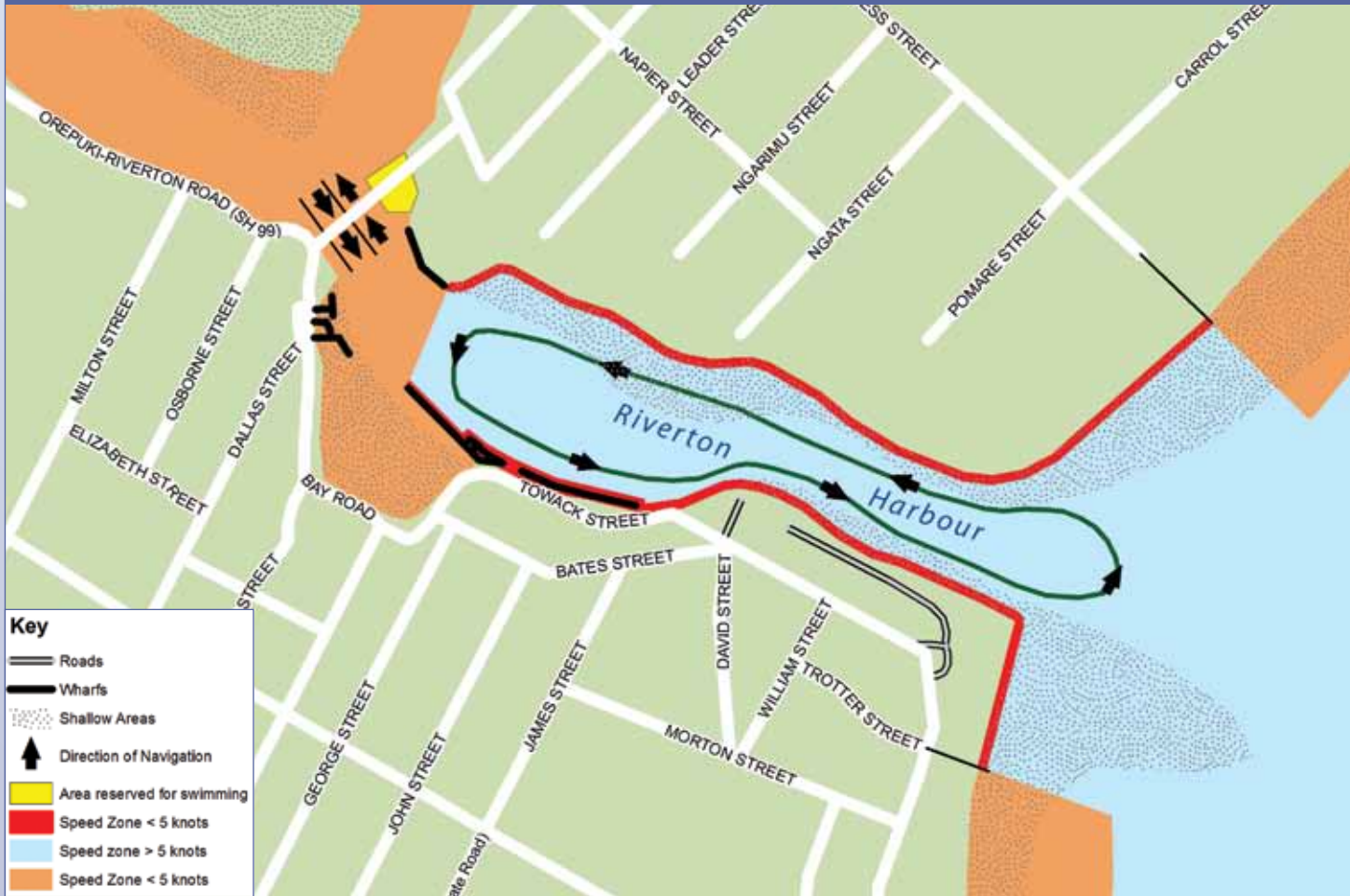
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# Riverton Harbour



## SPECIFIED AREA FOR RIVERTON HARBOUR

The area specified for Riverton Harbour is all that area of sea inside a straight line from Talls Point in a northerly direction to the opposite shore.

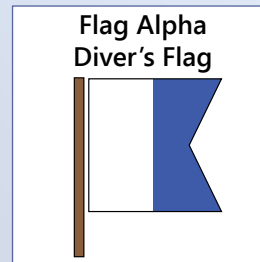
## PROHIBITED ANCHORAGES

Except in an emergency, or with the prior permission of the harbourmaster, no vessel shall anchor within 3 cables (540 metres) either side of the leads to Riverton/Aparima as shown on chart NZ 681.

## RIVERTON HARBOUR SAFETY RULES SPEED LIMITS

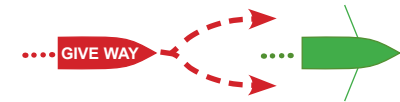
No person shall navigate a vessel at a speed exceeding 5 knots:

- ◆ Within 50 metres of any other vessel or person in the water
- ◆ Within either 200 metres of the shore or of any structure
- ◆ Within 200 metres of a vessel flying Flag Alpha, Diver's flag

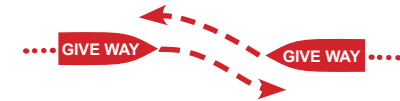


# Tips on Boating Safety

**Vessels overtaking:** Every overtaking vessel gives way, including sailing boats.



**Power vessels head on:** Both alter to starboard.



**Power vessels crossing:** Power vessels give way to others on their starboard (right) side. Give Way boats should cross behind (sailing boats have different rules).



## SPEED EXEMPTIONS

A person operating a vessel on Riverton Harbour 10 metres from the shore (shown in red on map) shall be exempt from the 5 knot speed restriction provided they:

- ◆ Proceed in an anti-clockwise direction as shown on the map; and
- ◆ Avoid impeding the safe passage of large vessels (such as commercial fishing vessels) entering or leaving Riverton.

## PASSING UNDER RIVERTON BRIDGE

Only pass under the Riverton Bridge in the areas marked by signs and in the direction shown on the map.

**Phone 0800 SOUTHLAND (76 88 45) for help or to report infringements to the Harbourmaster**