

Safety Information

Wear a Personal Floatation Device

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

Let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back. Contact Bluff Fishermen's radio on VHF Ch 63.

Take at least two means of communication with you:

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

Don't exceed 5 knots within:

- ◆ 200 metres of shore.
- ◆ 50 metres of another vessel.
- ◆ 50 metres of a person in the water.

Like any other vessel, a jet ski cannot exceed 5 knots within 200 metres of shore.

5 knot buoys are in place to mark 200 metres from shore in more popular areas.

It takes three to ski - boat skipper, skier and observer (who must be 10 years of age or older).

Keep to designated ski access lanes or more than 200 metres from shore if exceeding 5 knots.

Move in anti-clockwise direction in a ski access lane.

Don't park your vessel in a ski access lane.

Use caution and ensure you have plenty of room on the water if you are towing a ski biscuit.

Watch out for anyone in the water near a ski biscuit.

Carry an anchor, bailer, oars, spare fuel, torch, first aid kit and warm clothes.

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:

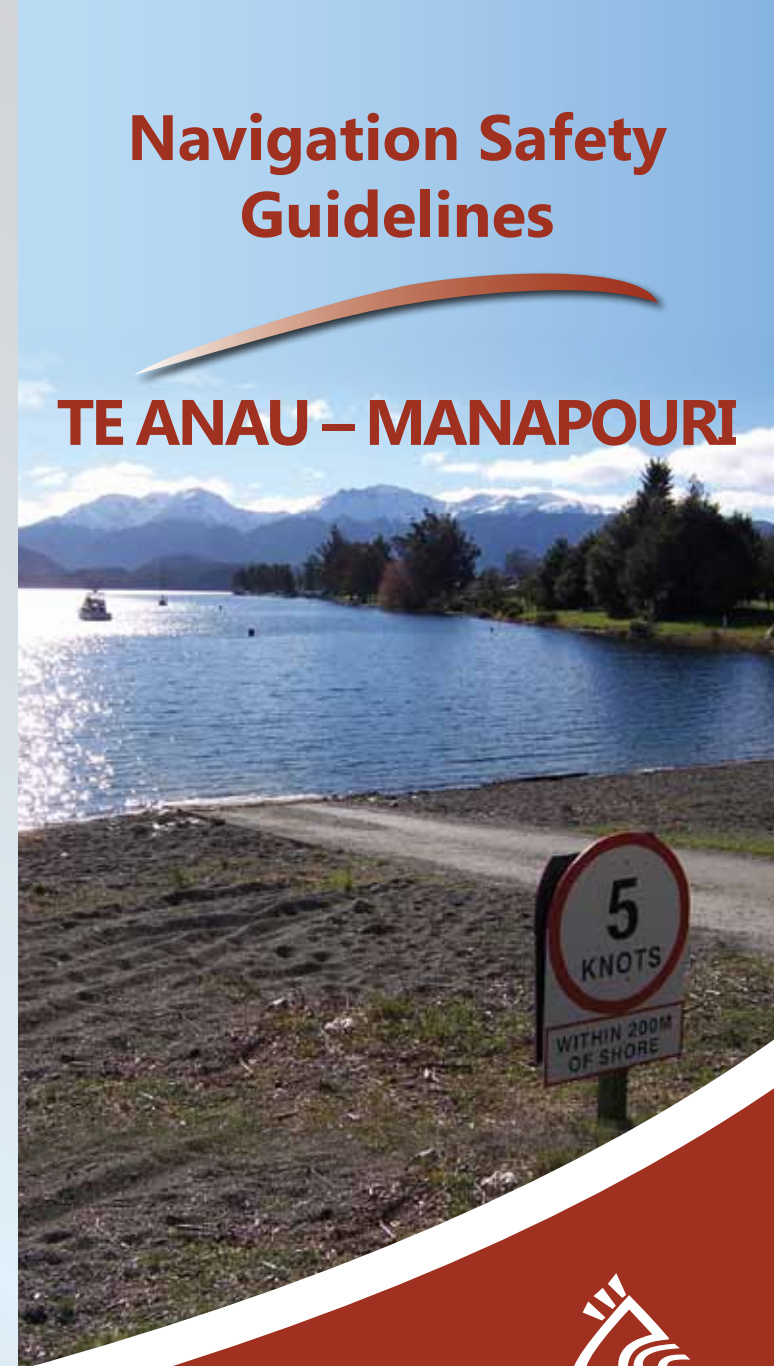
- ◆ Failing to identify a vessel with appropriate markings.
- ◆ Failing to wear a personal flotation device on a vessel under 6 metres, or to ensure persons onboard a vessel wear personal flotation devices during certain conditions.
- ◆ Exceeding 5 knots in certain conditions:
 - ◆ Within 50 metres of any other vessel, or person in the water;
 - ◆ Within 200 metres of shore, or of any structure.
- ◆ Exceeding 5 knots while any part of a person is extended over the forepart, 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.
- ◆ Towing a person without an observer aged 10 years of age or older.
- ◆ Proceeding dangerously in an access lane, obstructing a person using an access lane, or using an access lane other than for declared purpose.
- ◆ Towing a person between sunset and sunrise.
- ◆ Failing to keep to starboard (right) side of a river channel, or if going upstream on a river, failing to give way to a vessel coming downstream, or operating a vessel on a river when weather conditions make it unsafe to do so.
- ◆ Impeding the landing or taking off of a seaplane.

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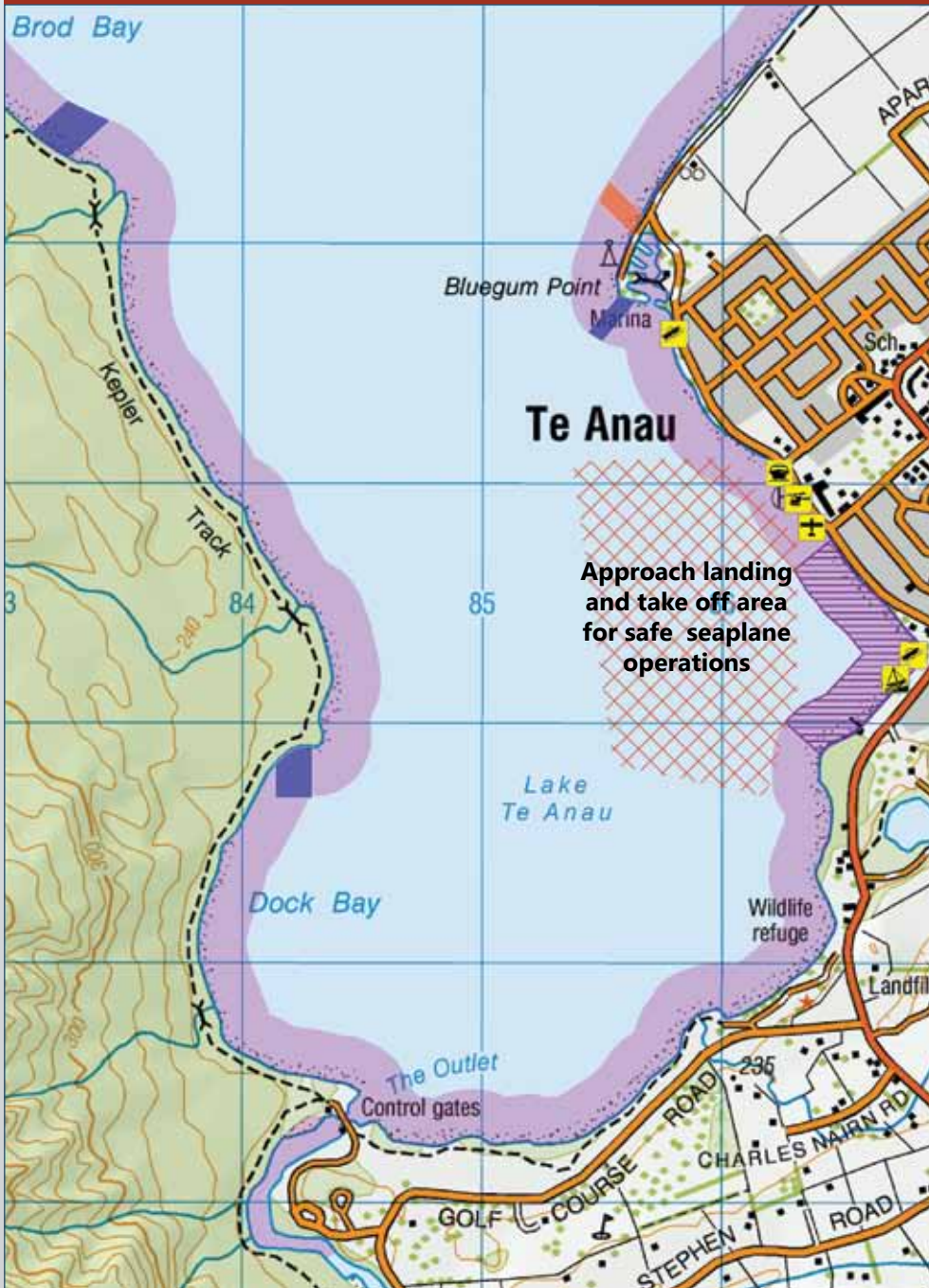
TE ANAU – MANAPOURI



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WAIUAU RIVER BETWEEN LAKES TE ANAU AND MANAPOURI

- ◆ From the Outlet to 1.6km down stream—5 knots.
- ◆ From 1.6km down stream of Lake Te Anau to Lake Manapouri from sunrise to sunset - speed uplifting.

Waterski access lanes at Blue Gum Point, Dock Bay and Brod Bay are marked with black and orange posts on the shore and buoys on the lake.

Watchout for float planes taking off and landing on Lake Te Anau.

Go slow through the Dome Islands – 5 knots.

	Seaplane		Slipway
	Boat ramp		Ski lane
	Launches		PWC lane
	Helipad		
	5 knot speed restriction		
	Passive Recreation Area (no powercraft except for launching and retrieval)		

WAIUAU RIVER DOWNSTREAM OF LAKE MANAPOURI

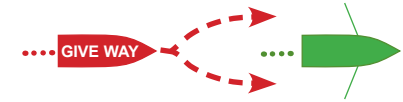
- ◆ From Pearl Harbour to the Mararoa Weir – 5 knots

Waterski Access Lanes at Surprise Bay and Frazers Beach. These water ski lanes are marked with black and orange posts on the shore and buoys on the lake.

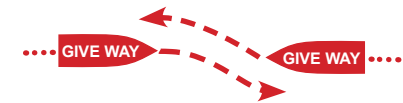
Phone 0800 SOUTHLAND (76 88 45) for help or to report infringements to the Harbourmaster

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).



Lake Manapouri

