

# NAVIGATION SAFETY BYLAW 2024

## What this means for you

### IN AN EMERGENCY



Call 111 or  
VHF Radio Channel 16

Nearby vessels, Coastguard,  
rescue helicopter or  
Harbourmaster will be alerted  
and respond if required.



### Report an incident

All maritime accidents, incidents and mishaps must be reported to Maritime NZ. You can do this directly or through the Tasman Harbourmaster Office via website or email.

Reporting of accidents allows for better targeting of resources to reduce the risk of such occurrences in the future.

### 5 knot speed limit



You must not exceed a speed of 5 knots (a fast walking speed) if you are:

- within 200m of the shore.
- within 200m of any structure.
- within 200m of a vessel displaying a diver's flag.
- within 50m of any other vessel.
- within 50m of a person swimming.
- on a power boat if any person has any part of their body outside the rails or edge of the deck.

### Person in charge

Person in charge must be nominated prior to the commencement of a voyage. That person:

- is responsible for the safety and wellbeing of every person on board.
- is responsible for the safe operation of the vessel.
- must not be impaired by alcohol, drugs or fatigue.

Keep clear of any large ships within 3 nautical miles of the Abel Tasman coastline.

# RECREATIONAL VESSELS

## Vessels less than 6m



- Every person on board must wear a correctly fitted life jacket while vessel is moving.
- If not moving, sufficient life jackets fitted correctly for each person must be on board.
- Always carry two forms of waterproof communication: VHF radio, mobile phone, PLB, EPIRB, or flares.
- Trailer boats must display trailer registration above water line on each side of vessel. Minimum 90mm height.

## Vessels greater than 6m



- There must be sufficient life jackets fitted correctly for each person on board.
- Every person on board must wear a life jacket when instructed by the person in charge.
- Always carry two forms of waterproof communication: VHF radio, mobile phone, PLB, EPIRB, or flares.
- Trailer boats must display trailer registration above water line on each side of vessel. Minimum 90mm height.

## Jet ski



- A correctly fitted life jacket must be worn.
- Always carry two forms of waterproof communication, e.g. mobile phone, radio, PLB, EPIRB, flares.
- Must display trailer registration above water line on each side of jet ski. Minimum 90mm height.

## SUP (Stand up paddle board)



- A correctly fitted personal flotation device must be worn.
- If within 200m of shore, carry one form of waterproof communication, e.g. your voice and whistle are forms of communication if you are being monitored from shore.
- If further than 200m from shore, two forms of waterproof communication must be carried, e.g. mobile phone, radio, EPIRB, PLB, flares.
- Beyond 200m from shore, SUPs must be clearly visible to any other water users, e.g. hi-vis PFD, equipment, or travelling in a group of SUPs.
- Exempt from identification requirement.

## Kayak



- A correctly fitted life jacket must be worn.
- If within 200m of shore, carry one form of waterproof communication.
- If further than 200m from shore, two forms of waterproof communication must be carried, e.g. mobile phone, radio, EPIRB, PLB, flares.
- Beyond 200m from shore, kayakers must be clearly visible to any other water users, e.g. hi-vis life jacket/PFD, equipment, or travelling in a group of kayakers.
- It is recommended that paddle tips are contrasting colour to the ocean, e.g. red/pink/yellow/orange (not black or white).
- Owner contact details to be marked somewhere on or in the kayak.