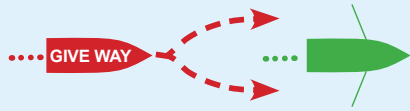
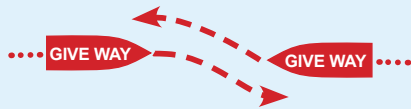


Boating navigation tips

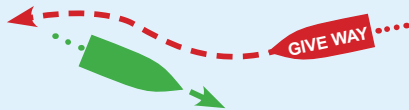
Vessels overtaking: Every overtaking vessel gives way, including sailing boats.



Power vessels head on: Both alter to starboard (right).



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).



Know the rules

Accidents happen fast.

In Southern waters it is compulsory:

- ▶ For everyone on boats of six metres and under to wear a life jacket at all times, and in all other vessels at times of increased risk
- ▶ To have at least two forms of water-proof communication on board
- ▶ To notify the harbourmaster and Maritime New Zealand if you are involved in a collision or accident
- ▶ To keep access to waterways, wharves and boat ramps clear
- ▶ To keep to the starboard (right) side of the river channel if going upstream, and give way to vessels travelling downstream

Check out all the rules at the Southland Regional Council Navigation Safety By-Laws.

Full details can be found at www.es.govt.nz

Prepare to come home safe

Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you are expected back.

Ensure you have the necessary safety equipment – anchor, bailer, oars, spare fuel, torch, first aid kit and warm clothes.

Navigation Safety Guidelines

Bluff Harbour

Boating is a popular activity for many Southlanders and there are a number of areas ideally suited to boating activities.

We want everybody to enjoy their time on the water, but there are a few navigation safety rules that apply to ensure everyone stays safe.

Safety information

Wear a lifejacket

All vessels must have suitable lifejackets, easily accessible, for each person on board. They must be worn at all times on vessels 6 metres and under and at times of increased risk on all other vessels.

Communication

Make sure somebody knows where you are going and when you are expected back. Contact Bluff Fishermen's radio on VHF Ch 63. Take at least two forms of communication with you – VHF radio, flares, cellphone in a waterproof bag, EPIRB.

Be prepared

Make sure you have the necessary equipment – anchor, bailer, oars, spare fuel, torch, first aid kit and warm clothes.

Take care

Use caution and ensure you have plenty of room on the water when towing. Watch out for anyone in the water. Lake swimming is becoming more popular in all seasons, so be aware.

Avoid alcohol when boating.

Speed limits

Watch your speed near the shore, wharves and jetties.

Do not exceed 5 knots within:

- ▶ 200m of the shore or any structure
- ▶ 200m of any vessel flying Flag Alpha (diver's flag)
- ▶ 50m of another vessel
- ▶ 50m of a person in the water

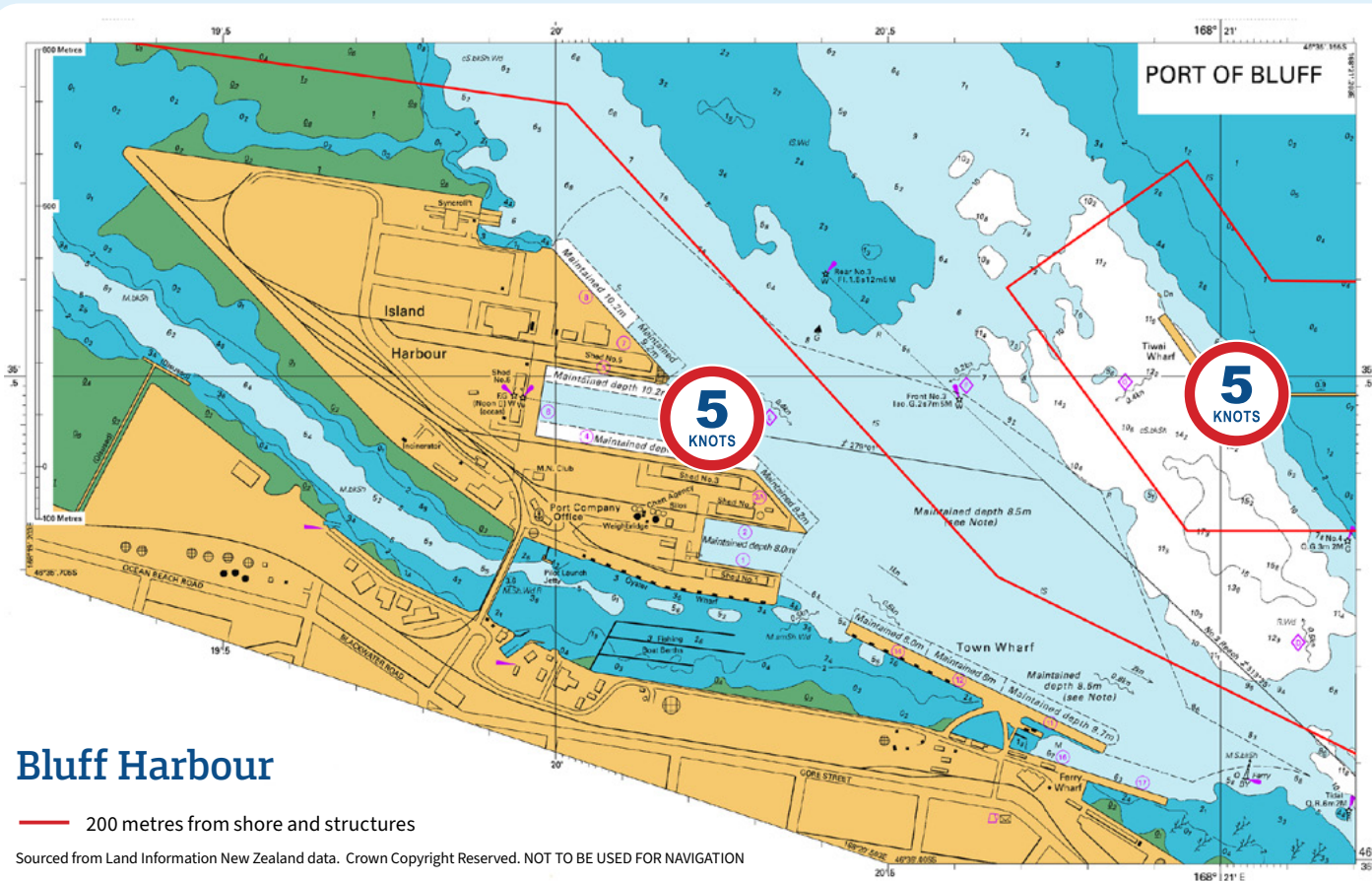


Flag Alpha

Speed exemptions

Anyone 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



Bluff Harbour

— 200 metres from shore and structures

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