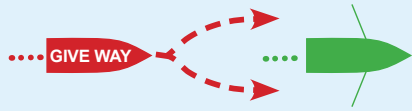
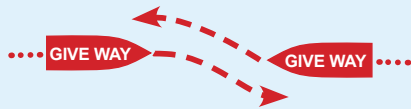


Boating navigation tips

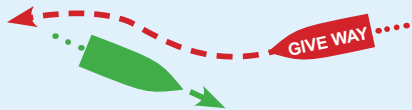
Vessels overtaking: Every overtaking vessel gives way, including sailing boats.



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 Bylaw.

Full details can be found at 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

Lakes Te Anau & Manapōuri



Public boat ramp



Ski lane



Jet ski lane



5 knot speed restriction zone



No motorised vessel landings
(except for launching and
retrieval)

Once a seaplane has committed to landing or taking off, it has very limited ability to manoeuvre and it is therefore your responsibility to keep clear of them.

We want everyone to enjoy their time on the water, so follow these safety rules around seaplanes to keep safe.

Seaplane safety information

- ▶ No person navigating a vessel should impede a seaplane in the process of landing or taking off
- ▶ Watch out for planes taking off and landing in the designated landing and take-off area
- ▶ You should maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 16 and 63 when in or approaching the designated plane landing and take-off area
- ▶ It is the responsibility of each vessels skipper to maintain a watch at all times. This includes looking for aircraft that are landing and taking off in the designated area
- ▶ Planes that are landing can appear with little warning

Waterski lanes

- ▶ It takes three to ski – a boat skipper, skier and an observer (who must be ten years or older)
- ▶ Drivers of boats capable of exceeding 10 knots must be 15 years or older
- ▶ Keep to marked ski access lanes and move in anticlockwise direction within the lane. These are marked with black and orange posts on the shore and buoys on the lake

Speed limits

Watch your speed near the shore, wharves and jetties.

Do not exceed 5 knots within:

- ▶ 200m of the shore or any structure
- ▶ 50m of another vessel
- ▶ 50m of a person in the water

Waiau River – Between Lakes Te Anau & Manapouri

- ▶ 5 knots from The Outlet to 1.6km downstream.
- ▶ From 1.6km downstream of Lake Te Anau to Lake Manapouri from sunrise to sunset – speed uplifting

Waiau River – Downstream of Lake Manapouri

- ▶ 5 knots from Pearl Harbour to the Mararoa Weir

Lake Te Anau

- ▶ Slow through the Dome Islands – 5 knots

