

# MOORING INFORMATION

## GENERAL

The Waikawa Boating Club, Pelorus Boating Club and Mana Cruising Club (the Clubs) have pooled their moorings together for members of all of these three clubs to enjoy.

At present there are 80 moorings in Pelorus, Kenepuru and Queen Charlotte Sounds and also in Tory Channel, D'Urville Island and the east side of Porirua harbour.

These facilities provide members with safe moorings for day and night stays, but also opportunities to fish, dive, swim and relax in some of the most stunning bays in NZ.

While Clubs members pay for the right to use Clubs moorings as part of their annual subscription fees, there are rules that attach to these rights that must be adhered to by all members.

The Marlborough Sounds is a nationally and internationally important recreation resource. It is a privilege to be able to go boating in such a stunning location. It is very important that all Clubs members therefore are courteous and respectful to others who live in or use the Marlborough Sounds and also important to respect the environment.

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain new coastal permits for moorings or even renew our existing coastal permits. How we act individually has an impact on the public perception of boating Clubs and our ability to be able to increase or even renew our mooring stocks. The main issues that arise with public objections to coastal permit applications for moorings are:

- Litter left on beaches and in the sea;
- Dog faeces left on beaches;
- Human faeces and toilet paper left on beaches;
- Loud music and other noise, especially late at night or early morning.

## RULES FOR USE OF A CLUB MOORING

Failure to adhere to the rules below may result in you being asked to vacate the Clubs' mooring:

1. In order to use a Club mooring, the owner of a vessel on the mooring must be a currently paid-up financial member of either the Waikawa Boating Club, Pelorus Boating Club or Mana Cruising Club.
2. The owner of the vessel must be on board when on a mooring.
3. Current Club membership (and therefore right to use a Clubs' mooring) shall be demonstrated by flying your club flag and also a mooring burgee or sticker (as appropriate for that current financial year). These must both be clearly displayed when approaching a mooring and also when you attach to a mooring or raft up to boats already on the mooring.
4. No vessel shall approach a mooring at speed.
5. The period of time which members may remain on any one of the Clubs' moorings shall not be more than three (3) consecutive nights unless a member who has been on a mooring for more than three consecutive nights vacates the mooring for at least three (3) hours during daylight.

6. A boat occupying the mooring must not be left unattended overnight.
7. No vessel shall claim exclusive right to any one mooring at any time.
8. No more than five (5) boats shall raft up to a mooring unless otherwise specified in your Club handbook or on the mooring itself.
9. The maximum combined weight of all boats rafted up on any mooring is 35 Tonnes unless otherwise specified in your Club handbook or on the mooring itself
10. The centre boat in a raft shall be the one attached to the mooring.
11. If a bigger/heavier vessel wants to come alongside at a mooring, it is preferable that the larger vessel take over the mooring with the smaller one alongside.
12. Any defects relating to moorings shall be reported to your Club Manager as soon as practical.

## MOORING ETIQUETTE

Not so many years ago everyone knew each other in the Sounds boating scene, now because of the large number of boats in the Marlborough Sounds today, it is more important to be aware of good mooring etiquette.

Now that moorings are shared between the Clubs, it is even more essential that tolerance and good manners prevail. Observance of mooring etiquette will play a large part in achieving this end.

Remember that tolerance and courtesy go hand in hand.

Some best practice mooring etiquette is as follows:

1. If you are on a mooring and another boat approaches with the obvious intention of coming alongside, please afford the owners of the other boat the courtesy of coming on deck and indicating your intention of assisting to make their boat fast.
2. Although it is required that the incoming vessel drop its fenders as it approaches, a welcoming gesture is for those on the mooring to also drop their fenders.
3. When rafted up with other boats, the issue of crossing over boats to reach another can be irritating to others in the raft. To preserve the privacy of those on neighboring boats, first hail them and request permission to cross. Crossing via the foredeck is preferable as it creates the least intrusion. Remember that even the patter of tiny feet on the deck above can annoy some people.
4. Sound rafting up involves the practice of using bow/stern lines and 2 spring lines (fore and aft)
5. Sound carries a long way over water at night. The sound of late night partying can be annoying, especially if you have not been invited to join celebrations. Respect those not only in your raft, but others in the area on boats or ashore and keep the noise down late at night.

6. When vacating a mooring, please make sure that the loop at the top of the pole float is left clear of the water. This makes it more convenient for the next person to pick up and also keeps the boats clean. Feed the loop down the tube to allow the loop to stay clean.
7. Don't leave litter on beaches or throw solid wastes into the sea. Take all your rubbish home to dispose of it.
8. Don't leave dog faeces on beaches. If you have a dog on your boat and must toilet them onshore choose areas away from beaches and bury or collect their faeces.
9. Avoid feeding the mooring rope through sharp edges to minimize chaffing the rope.

#### OTHER REGULATIONS

Under the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998, the discharge of untreated human sewage is prohibited closer than 500 meters to shore. Heavy fines can be imposed.

Effluent holding tanks or treatment systems should be used for your vessel's sewage to avoid this.