



Lake Hood and its surrounding areas are a recreational facility administered by the Lake Hood Board.

Everyone is welcome to make use of the lake, but in return they are expected to:

- Respect fellow users of this fine facility.
- Comply with the rules summarised in this brochure.

Some of the rules have been set by national or regional maritime authorities. Non-compliance can attract prosecutions and fines. Other rules are conditions of entry to Lake Hood and have been put in place to ensure safety and enjoyment for everyone.

## VESSEL IDENTIFICATION

- To operate any powered boat or jetski on Lake Hood, you will also need to clearly display a **registration sticker**, which demonstrates your commitment to following our safety guidelines. To register go to: [www.lakehood.co.nz](http://www.lakehood.co.nz)

## ACCESS

- Access gates to the upper reaches of the Lake are locked between 10 p.m. and 7.00 a.m.

## OPERATING HOURS & NOISE

- No power boating after 9.00 p.m. or before 7.30 a.m.
- Keep noise to a reasonable minimum so as not to interfere with the safety and enjoyment of all.

## RESTRICTED AREAS

- For safety purposes some areas of the lake have restrictions sign posted. Please ensure compliance with these directions.

## RIGHT OF WAY

- **Keep to the right**
- Where practicable, circulate anti-clockwise.
- Powered craft give way to sailing craft.

## BOAT SKIPPER

- As a boat skipper you have a legal responsibility to ensure compliance with safety rules.
- You must be at least 15 years old to operate a powerboat or jetski.

## LIFE JACKETS TO BE WORN

- Every person in each boat underway on the lake and canals **must wear a lifejacket**. (Except for competitors in exempt sports such as rowing and some tournament water ski events).

## LAUNCHING RAMPS

- Use the ramps provided rather than launching off beaches.
- Powering boats on to trailers can cause scouring damage to the ramps - please avoid this.
- Launching off any beach is strictly prohibited.

## BOAT SPEED

- All craft must observe the 5 knots (9 km/h) speed restriction within 50 metres of another boat or person, or in any restricted speed area including all canals.

## WATERSKIING

- When towing a skier, "biscuit", etc., you **must carry a competent observer** aged no younger than 10 years.
- The tournament water ski site has specific rules sign-posted at the site entrance.
- Boat skippers (including wake-board boats): please avoid actions that would damage the shoreline or interfere with ski club equipment.

## JET SKIS

- The map overleaf **defines the area for jet skis** to engage in slalom practice, etc.
- When on the main body of the lake keep well clear so as **not to interfere with other boats or people**. Strictly 5 knots maximum in restricted speed areas.

## SWIMMING

- The map overleaf shows a dedicated swimming area at the south-west corner of the lake.
- You may also swim elsewhere but avoid swimming in boat manoeuvring areas - e.g. near launching ramps, jetties, canal and channel entrances.
- No diving or jumping from bridges.

## DOGS

- No dogs other than Lake Hood residents' dogs are to be brought into the Lake Hood area.

## BARBEQUES

- Community BBQs have been provided by local service clubs. They are for your use free of charge. Please leave them clean and tidy for the next person to use.

## TRAIL AND QUAD BIKES

- Registered road bikes for travelling to and from Lake Hood are permitted when used for that purpose.
- There are no facilities for trail bike riding and the like, and these activities are not permitted within the vicinity of Lake Hood and surrounding areas.