

LAKES WĀNAKA & HĀWEA



RULES OF THE WATER

90% of fatal accidents involve the Skipper not having enough boating knowledge and experience.

All boats must travel at a safe speed, taking into account the amount of boat traffic in the area, weather conditions and when visibility is affected by glare.

>> Specifically, you must not exceed a speed of **5 KNOTS** (a fast walking speed) if you are:

- Within 200 metres of the shore.
- Within 200 metres of a boat displaying a diver's flag.
- Within 50 metres of any other boat.
- Within 50 metres of a person swimming.
- On a power boat if any person has any part of their body outside the rails on the edge of the deck.

>> You must be 15 years and over to operate any power boat which is capable of speed exceeding 10 knots. This includes dinghies and personal water craft.

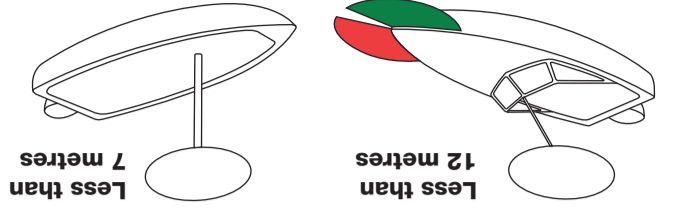
>> All craft carrying out activities on a body of water must adopt the best practicable option to ensure emission of noise does not exceed a reasonable level.

>> Proper navigation lights to be displayed throughout the hours of darkness.

>> Lifejackets must be carried to fit all persons on board. It is compulsory to wear a life jacket on any vessel in rough weather and adverse conditions, and at all times on a vessel 6 metres or less in length.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS

These are the navigation lights required on most power-driven vessels operating on lakes by night (sunset to sunrise). Refer to regulations for other vessels and the distances from which each light must be visible. Masthead lights on power-driven vessels of less than 12 metres shall be a minimum height of 0.91 metres above the side lights.



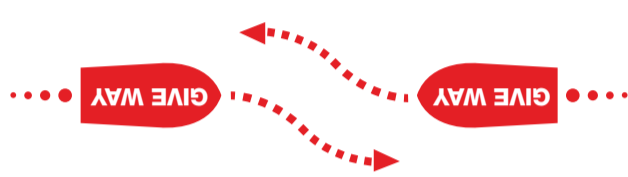
Craft less than 12 metres can show an all-around masthead light and side lights. Craft less than 7 metres and not capable of speeds over 7 knots need only display an all-around white light.

GIVE WAY RULES

Vessels overtaking: **EVERY** overtaking boat gives way (this includes sailing boats).



Power vessels head on: Both alter to starboard.

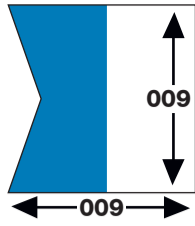


Power vessels crossing: Power boats give way to others on their starboard (right) side.



DIVING

- >> Give way boats should cross behind.
 - >> Always make a bold alteration as soon as possible.
 - >> Keep 50 metres apart if speed is over 5 knots.
 - >> Sailing boats have different rules.
- The diver's flag means a diver is in the water. Maintain at least 200 metres' distance from the flag.



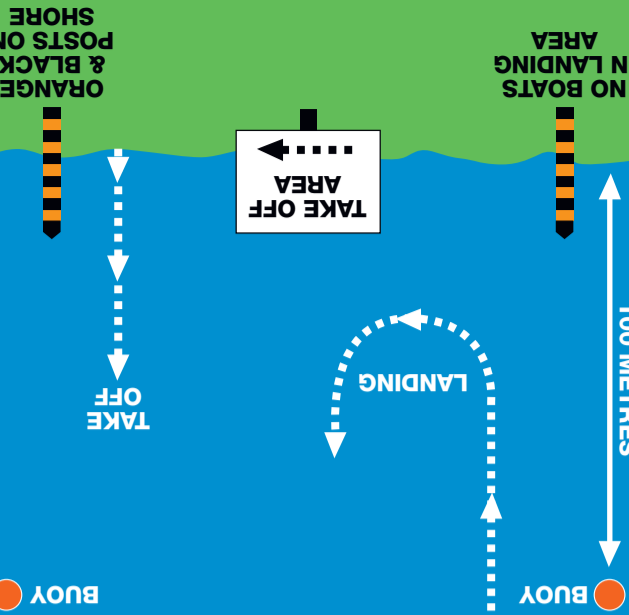
- REMEMBER TO DIVE SAFE.**
- >> Always dive with a buddy.
 - >> Get professional instruction.
 - >> Maintain your equipment.
 - >> Take a refresher course.

YOU MUST KEEP RIGHT IN THE LANES.

- You must:
- >> Enter and leave at right angles to the shore.
 - >> Have an observer (over 10 years) to report any mishap to the driver.
 - >> Not proceed in any manner dangerous to other persons or vessels in the lane.
 - >> Not beach your boat in the lane.
 - >> Not use the lane for any other purposes.
 - >> Only drive in an anti-clockwise direction when using the lane (see illustration below).

Ski Access Lane Rules

- >> Enter and leave at right angles to the shore.
- >> Have an observer (over 10 years) to report any mishap to the driver.
- >> Not proceed in any manner dangerous to other persons or vessels in the lane.
- >> Not beach your boat in the lane.
- >> Not use the lane for any other purposes.
- >> Only drive in an anti-clockwise direction when using the lane (see illustration below).



TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME
POLLUTION HOTLINE 0800 800 033

WATER SKIERS

Ski Access Lane Markings
Access lanes enable powered craft (including jetskis) and water skiers to legally leave or approach the shore at speeds in excess of 5 knots.

THE RIGHT HAND RULE APPLIES ON ALL RIVERS

FIVE KNOT SPEED RESTRICTION AREAS

Hāwea River: The 5 knot limit applies from the Hāwea Dam to the Clutha River.

Lake Hāwea: Keep clear of the dam intake, this is marked by buoys.

Cardrona River: A permanent 5 knot speed restriction applies to the Cardrona River.

IF IN DOUBT – ASK CARE IS NEEDED AT ALL TIMES

BOATING SAFETY TIPS

- >> Check the boat, engine and equipment before leaving.
- >> Check the weather forecast before leaving.
- >> Tell someone where you're going, and when you'll return.
- >> Know the collision prevention rule, water recreation rule and local bylaws.
- >> Never overload the boat.
- >> Take a proper lifejacket for each person on board and wear them!
- >> Any person 10 years and under must wear an appropriate sized and fastened lifejacket at all times.
- >> It is compulsory to wear a life jacket on any vessel in rough weather and adverse conditions, and at all times on a vessel 6 metres or less in length.
- >> Have aboard an anchor, bailer, spare fuel, torch and warm gear.
- >> Avoid alcohol when boating.
- >> Take two means of communication VHF, Flares, EPIRB and put cellphones in a plastic bag.

FIVE KNOT SPEED RESTRICTION AREAS

Clutha River

No powered vessels between 1 December and 30 April from the Lake Wānaka Outlet to Albert Town Bridge

5 knot speed limit applies between 1 May and 30 November, except when there is a speed uplifting between 10.00am - 6.00pm from the Lake Wānaka Outlet to Albert Town Bridge

Five knot limit at swim lane

WATERWAY PESTS

Lagarosiphon: Is an aquatic weed found in a number of Central Otago lakes and rivers, particularly lakes Wānaka and Dunstan and Clutha and Kawarau Rivers.

Didymo: Is a microscopic algae currently present in the Von, Hāwea and Clutha rivers, as well as Lake Dunstan.

Please contact the Guardians of Lake Wānaka or Hāwea (03 443 7660) or DOC (03 443 9742) if you find anything unusual in the water.

DON'T MOVE ITEMS BETWEEN WATERWAYS

CHECK

Check for weed fragments or debris on equipment and trailers.

CLEAN

All items should be washed and soaked in dishwashing detergent for at least one minute.

DRY

Ensure all items are dry to the touch before entering another waterway.

FISHING

- > Licence required.
 - > Lakes Wānaka and Hāwea are open for fishing all year.
- For further information please contact Fish and Game - fishandgame.org.nz

SKI LANES



Waterfall Creek
Eely Point
Roys Bay
Glendhu Bay

BOAT RAMPS



Glendhu Bay
Lake Hāwea
Roys Bay
Waterfall Creek
Wharf Creek
Eely Point

ROCKS



TREES IN WATER



STEEL POLES



SHALLOWS



TOILETS



5 KNOTS IN HARBOUR AREA



5 KNOTS IN SWIMMING AREAS



5 KNOTS AT ALL TIMES



5 KNOTS TIME RESTRICTED (SEE OVER FOR TIMES)



SPEED UPLIFTING NO RESTRICTIONS



Covering 180 km², Lake Wānaka is New Zealand's fourth largest lake. It is 45.5 km long and up to 300 m deep. Water temperatures range from 8.9°C to 10°C on average. Lake Hāwea has an area of 149 km² and is 35 km long. Although narrow, this lake plunges to a depth of 389 m.

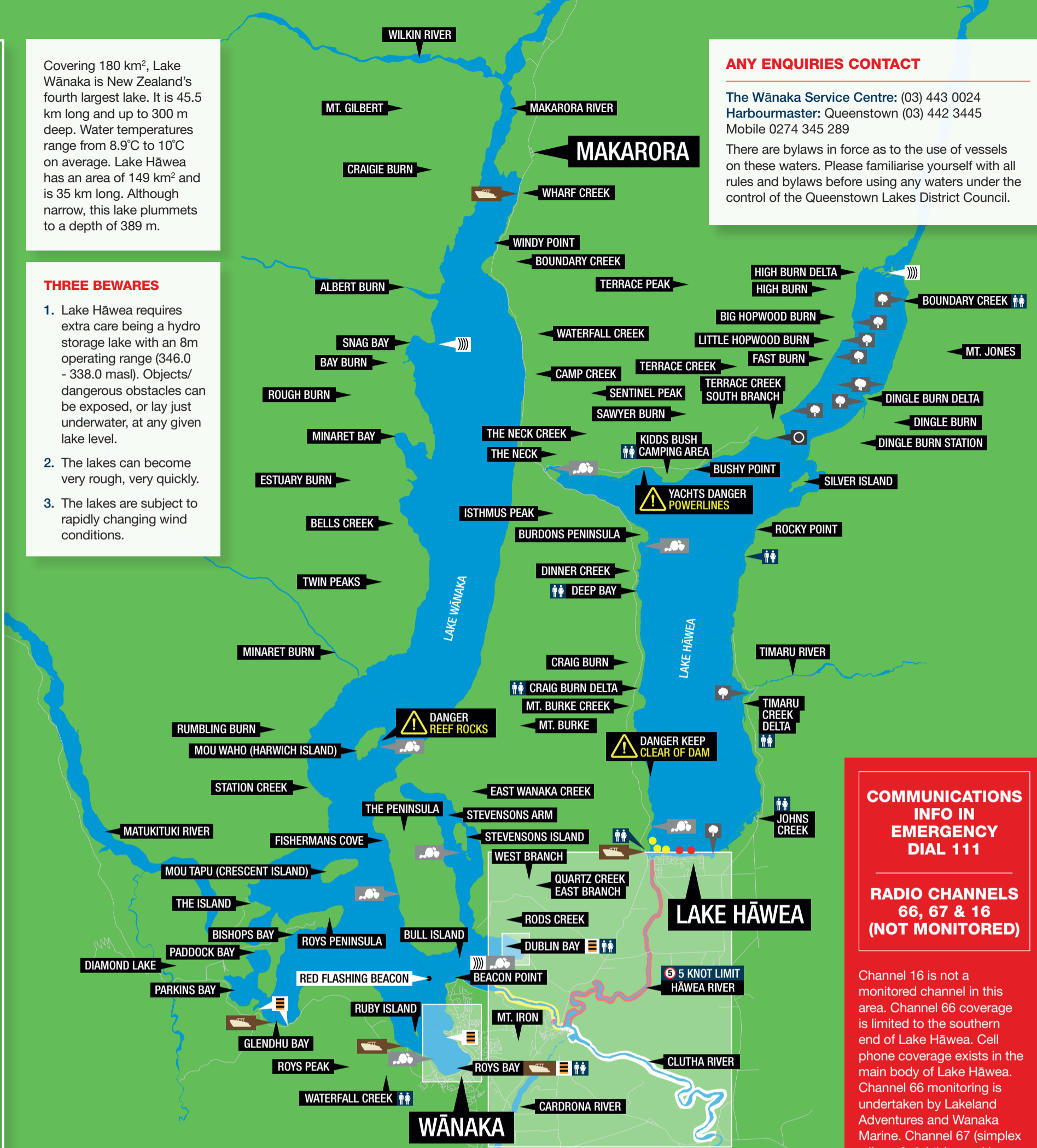
THREE BEWARES

1. Lake Hāwea requires extra care being a hydro storage lake with an 8m operating range (346.0 - 338.0 masl). Objects/dangerous obstacles can be exposed, or lay just underwater, at any given lake level.
2. The lakes can become very rough, very quickly.
3. The lakes are subject to rapidly changing wind conditions.

ANY ENQUIRIES CONTACT

The Wānaka Service Centre: (03) 443 0024
Harbourmaster: Queenstown (03) 442 3445
Mobile 0274 345 289

There are bylaws in force as to the use of vessels on these waters. Please familiarise yourself with all rules and bylaws before using any waters under the control of the Queenstown Lakes District Council.



COMMUNICATIONS INFO IN EMERGENCY DIAL 111

RADIO CHANNELS 66, 67 & 16 (NOT MONITORED)

Channel 16 is not a monitored channel in this area. Channel 66 coverage is limited to the southern end of Lake Hāwea. Cell phone coverage exists in the main body of Lake Hāwea. Channel 66 monitoring is undertaken by Lakeland Adventures and Wanaka Marine. Channel 67 (simplex - line-of-sight) is used by Lake Hāwea locals. Any enquiries regarding Channel 66, contact the Upper Clutha Radio Telephone Association.

DO YOU KNOW THE RIVER RULES?

Upstream Craft:
Give Way to Downstream Craft

Keep Right:
Up & Down Stream

