

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.

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.

Please refer to the Navigation Safety Bylaw for further information on areas with a five knot speed restriction.

BOATING SAFETY TIPS



Everyone wears a lifejacket, even the skipper



Always take two waterproof ways to call for help



Check the marine forecast



Leave the beers at home



Be a responsible skipper

Kia Mataara

Know the ways of the water
before you let go of the land

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REGIONAL COUNCIL POLLUTION
HOTLINE ON 0800 800 033**

WATERWAY PESTS

Managing aquatic pests is a vital part of protecting our freshwater and marine environments.

Lagarosiphon

An aquatic weed found in some Central Otago lakes and rivers, in particular lakes Wānaka and Dunstan, and Clutha and Kawarau Rivers.

Didymo

A microscopic algae currently present in the Von, Hāwea and Clutha rivers, as well as Lake Dunstan.

Freshwater gold clam

An invasive freshwater mollusc found in parts of New Zealand. For more information visit www.biosecurity.govt.nz/clam

For more information on waterways pests, or to report a finding, contact MPI 0800 80 99 66 or DOC 0800 DOC HOT (0800 36 24 68).

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

- ▶ Fishing licence is required.
- ▶ Lakes Wānaka and Hāwea are open for fishing all year.

For further information please contact Fish and Game at fishandgame.org.nz

**QLDC
BOATING
GUIDE**

SUMMER 24/25

LAKES WĀNAKA & HĀWEA



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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**



DO YOU KNOW THE RIVER RULES?

Upstream Craft: Give Way to Downstream Craft

Keep Right: Up & Down Stream

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

THREE BEWARES

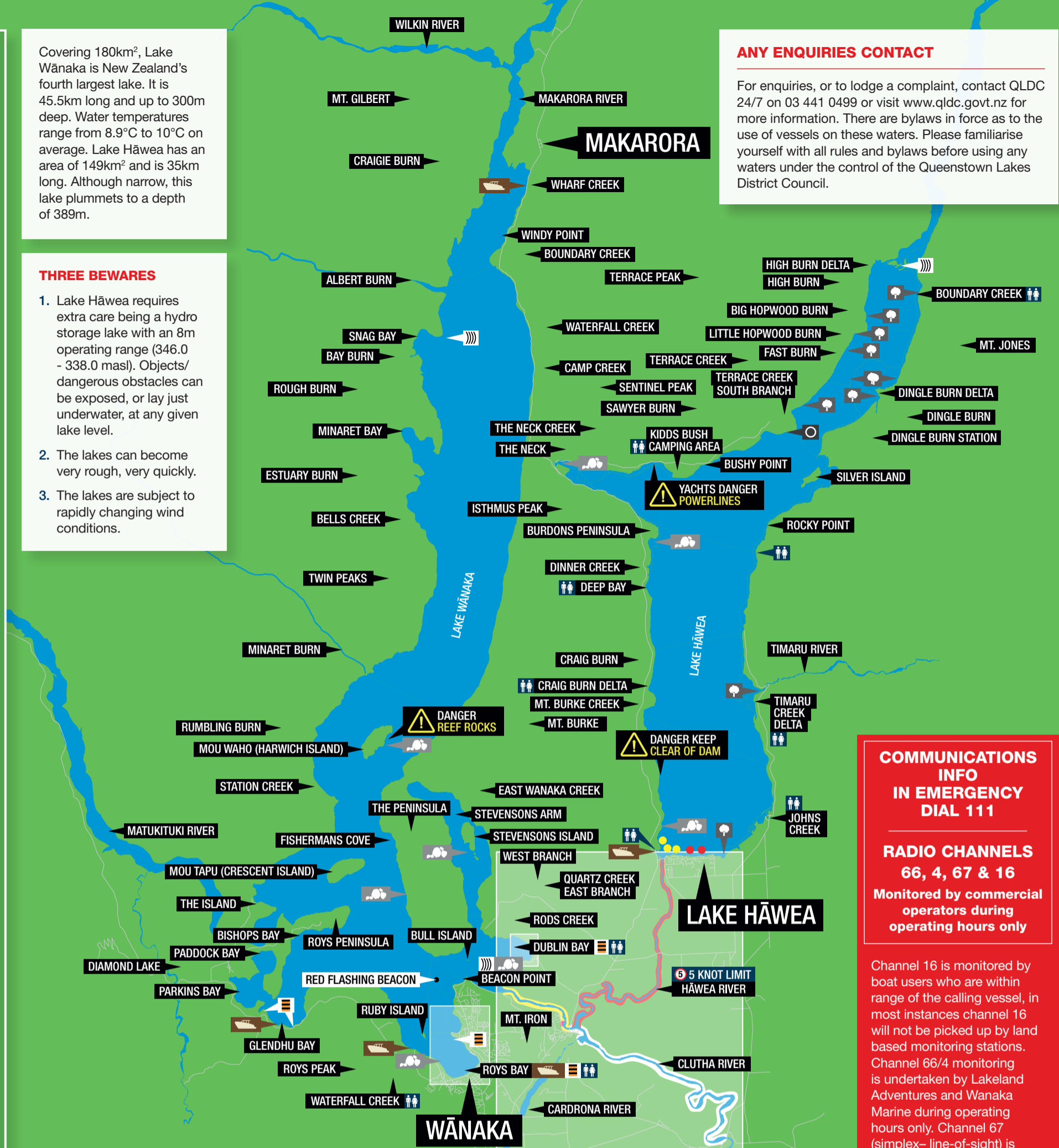
1. Lake Hāwea requires extra care being a hydro storage lake with an 8m operating range (346.0 - 338.0 masl). Objects/ dangerous obstacles can be exposed, or lay just underwater, at any given lake level.
2. The lakes can become very rough, very quickly.
3. The lakes are subject to rapidly changing wind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

**COMMUNICATIONS
INFO
IN EMERGENCY
DIAL 111**

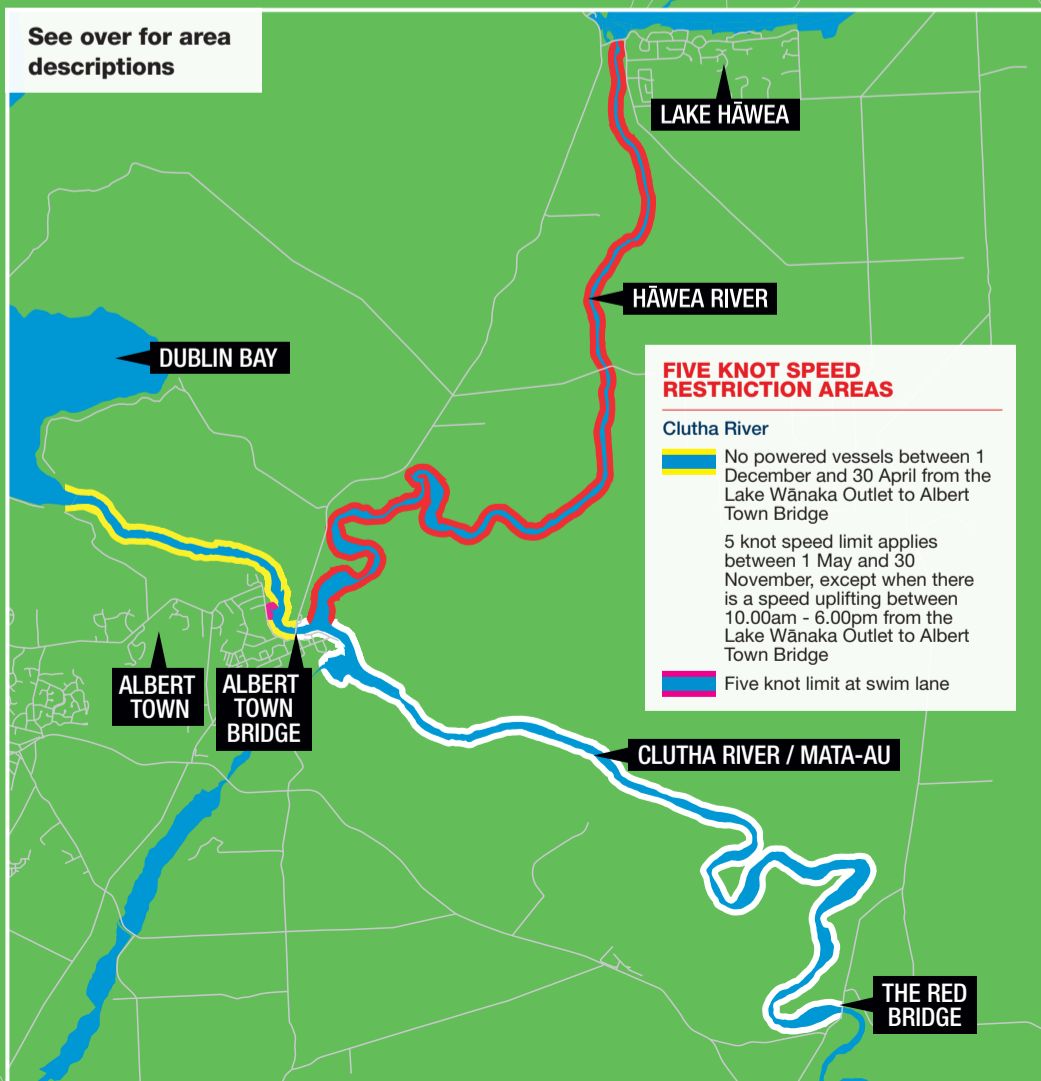
RADIO CHANNELS

Monitored by commercial operators during operating hours only

Channel 16 is monitored by boat users who are within range of the calling vessel, in most instances channel 16 will not be picked up by land based monitoring stations. Channel 66/4 monitoring is undertaken by Lakeland Adventures and Wanaka Marine during operating hours only. Channel 67 (simplex- line-of-sight) is used by Lake H wea locals. Any enquiries regarding Channel 66, contact the Upper Clutha Radio Telephone Association.




See over for area descriptions



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RULES OF THE WATER

QLDC has a responsibility to:

- ▶ Ensure that the QLDC Navigation Safety Bylaw is followed by all water users. All water users must also comply with the Maritime Transport Act 1994.
- ▶ Educate and undertake enforcement where required. This could include issuing infringements or prosecution.

All boats must travel at a safe speed that accounts for boat traffic in the area, weather conditions and when glare affects visibility.

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Proper navigation lights to be displayed throughout the hours of darkness.
- ▶ Lifejackets must be carried to fit all persons on board, and be worn at all times by children 10 years and under.
- ▶ Life jackets must be worn on all recreational vessels, six metres and under (including kayaks) while underway.
- ▶ Life jackets must be worn on board any boat in rough or adverse conditions.
- ▶ Users of paddleboards and similar unpowered craft, must wear a life jacket or full wetsuit at all times.

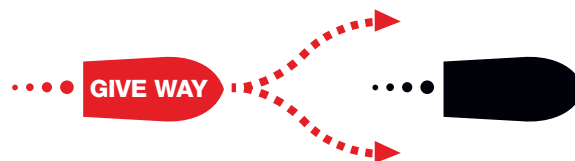
NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Navigation lights are required on most power-driven vessels operating on lakes by night (sunset to sunrise). Craft less than 7m and not capable of speeds over 7 knots need only display an all-round white light.

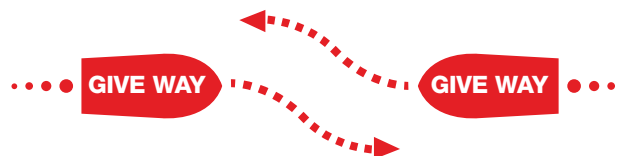
Please refer to the 'Safe Boating: an essential guide' from Maritime New Zealand for more information at www.maritimenz.govt.nz

GIVE WAY RULES

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



Power vessels head on: Both alter to starboard.



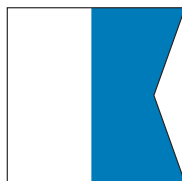
Power vessels crossing: Power boats give way to others on their starboard (right) side.



- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Powered crafts give way to sailing vessels.

DIVING

- ▶ The diver's flag means a diver is in the water.
- ▶ Maintain at least 200 metres' distance from the flag.



Diver's Flag

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 111

For non-emergency assistance call Coastguard on *500

WATER SKIERS

Ski Access Lane Markings

Ski access lanes enable powered craft (including jet ski) while engaged in waterskiing to legally leave or approach the shore at speeds in excess of 5 knots.

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

