WATERWAY PESTS

Lagarosiphon

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

Didymo

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

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

- >> Fishing licence is required.
- >> Lake Wakatipu is open for fishing all year.
- >> Queenstown Bay is closed all year.

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

THE RIGHT HAND RULE APPLIES ON ALL RIVERS

RESTRICTED AREAS

Kawarau River

Through the Kawarau Dam extreme care should be taken, especially in low lake or river flows.

- a Vessels proceeding downstream shall be navigated through the second marked arch of the control gates from the Southern Bank.
- b Vessels proceeding upstream shall be navigated through the sixth marked arch of the control gates from the Southern Bank.
- c No powered vessels may operate on that part of the Kawarau River located below the Arrow River.

One kilometre downstream, adjacent to the Zoological Gardens, all craft are to keep on the south-side of the yellow marker drums when proceeding both up and downstream.

Shotover River

Lower Shotover River and Kawarau River confluence to Large Sign mid-section Tucker Beach. Contact should be made with Kawarau Jet 03 442 2785 or 03 442 2750 before proceeding upstream.

Upper Shotover River from Tucker Beach upstream is a restricted area, access is by PERMIT ONLY by prior arrangement, contact Shotover Jet on 0800 802 804 to arrange.

Any further enquiries, contact should be made with the Harbourmaster on 03 442 3445 or 0274 345 289 or 0274 142 270

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.

IF IN DOUBT – ASK
CARE IS NEEDED AT ALL TIMES

QLDC BOATING GUIDE

LAKE WAKATIPU







RULES OF THE WATER

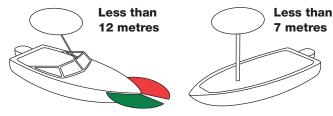
90% of fatal accidents involve the Skipper not having enough boating knowledge and experience.

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 shall have an effective silencing device.
- >> 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 at all times in any boat 6 metres and under and in adverse conditions.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS

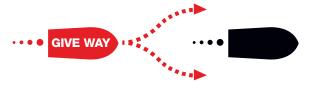
These are the navigation lights required on most powerdriven vessels operating on lakes by night (sunset to sunrise). Refer to regulations for other vessels and the distances from which each light must be visible. Masthead lights on powerdriven vessels of less than 12 metres shall be a minimum height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



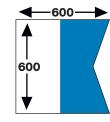
- >> Give way boats should cross behind.
- >> Always make a bold alteration as soon as possible.
- >> Keep 50 metres apart if speed is over 5 knots.
- >> Sailing boats have different rules.

DIVING

- >> 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.



TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME POLLUTION HOTLINE 0800 800 033

WATER SKIERS

Ski Access Lane Markings

Access lanes enable powered craft (including jetskis) and waterskiers 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

