



Navigation Safety

The Chatham Islands has about 360 kilometres of coastline that is used extensively for commercial fishing as well as recreation.

We are required by the [Local Government Act 2002](#) and the [Maritime Transport Act 1994](#) to promote, maintain and sustain a safe environment for both commercial and recreational maritime activities in the Chatham Islands' waterways.

Any accident or incident involving the cruise ship, or its tender operation, must be reported to the Harbourmaster immediately and followed up with a written report with 48 hours. A report must also be made to [Maritime New Zealand](#).

Chatham Islands Navigation Safety Bylaws 2013

The Chatham Islands Navigation Safety Bylaws manage and regulate navigation safety in those waters of the Chatham Islands as defined in the bylaws.

The bylaws became operative in August 2013.

[Chatham Islands Navigation Safety Bylaws 2013](#)

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Large vessels

The Chatham Islands is remote, sparsely populated and has little in the way of infrastructure to deal with any possible shipping incident.

As such, no large vessel such as a cruise ship shall enter into, or remain within, the Chatham Islands

Area of Restricted Access ('the Area') without the prior approval of the Harbourmaster.

For more information on Navigation Safety Operating Requirements for large vessels, view the Chatham Islands Navigation Safety Bylaws 2013 above.

Marine oil spills

We prepare maintain and review [Regional Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plans](#) as required by the [Maritime Transport Act 1994](#) .

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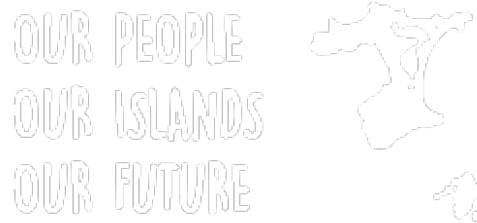


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