



Navigation Bylaw Review

Feedback must be received by **Sunday, 7 June.**

Helping to keep people safe on Auckland's waterways

Vessels on Auckland's waterways provide enjoyment, cultural experiences, sporting events and transportation. Every day, people use these waters for activities such as boating, kayaking, kiteboarding, swimming, fishing, ferrying passengers and cargo.

The shared use of Auckland's waterways brings risks. For example, failure to wear lifejackets (personal flotation devices) on small boats or comply with safe boating rules, and vessel activity in swimming areas, can lead to fatalities, injury, collisions, and property damage.

The Navigation Bylaw helps to minimise these risks and ensure maritime safety on Auckland's navigable waters.

What Auckland Council does

We make rules about wearing lifejackets and where certain vessel activities are allowed. We set approval frameworks for on-water events and moorings, and set specific rules for large vessels. These rules work to minimise the risk of accidents, nuisance and damage within Auckland's navigable waters.

The existing rules are in the Navigation Bylaw 2021 (Bylaw) and Navigation Bylaw (Specific Areas and Conditions of Use) Control 2021 (Control).

Improving our approach

We recently checked how the Bylaw and Control are working and identified improvements. The proposal makes amendments to rules about lifejackets, novel craft, mooring licences, restricted areas and access lanes. We have also made technical updates and clarifications.

Why we need your feedback

Your feedback will help ensure we make rules that minimise the risk of fatalities, injury and damage occurring on Auckland's navigable waters.

We strongly encourage you to read the Statement of Proposal and accompanying information before answering any of the following questions. More information is also provided in the questions themselves.

We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz, or you can:

Scan and email your completed form to:

navigationsafetybylawreview@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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Navigation Bylaw Review feedback
Auckland Council
Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West
Auckland, 1142

Your details

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. No other personal details will be made available to the public.

First name:

Last name:

Email or postal address:

Your local board or suburb:

Are you providing:

☐ Your **personal** feedback

☐ Feedback as the official representative of an **organisation**

Organisation name:

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☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Another gender:

What age group are you?

☐ Under 15

☐ 15-17

☐ 18-24

☐ 25-34

☐ 35-44

☐ 45-54

☐ 55-64

☐ 65-74

☐ 75+

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

Please note:

- Your feedback will be included in public documents. Please do not include any personal information in your feedback.
- To ensure a fair process we only consider one submission per person. If you submit more than once, we will consider your latest submission as your full and final feedback.
- We may use AI-assisted tools to support analysis of feedback, with staff reviewing results for accuracy before finalising findings.

This form has three main sections:

- Section 1: Proposed changes to the Personal Flotation Device (lifejacket) rules – this proposal applies to everyone
- Section 2: Proposed changes to recreational vessel rules – these proposals apply to everyone
- Section 3: Proposed changes to commercial and large vessel rules – these proposals apply to those in the commercial and/or large vessel industry

You only need to give feedback on the proposals that you are interested or that relate to you.

SECTION 1: PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES ABOUT PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (LIFEJACKETS)

1. We are proposing to require wearing Personal Flotation Devices (lifejackets) on vessels up to six metres in length when underway.

This includes to:

- Remove the current ‘skipper discretion’ exception from the requirement to wear a personal flotation device on a small vessel.
- Add an exemption from wearing a personal flotation device while a small vessel is NOT underway.
 - Underway means any vessel that is not at anchor, moored, made fast to a structure or the shore, or aground.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you **do not support** the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

SECTION 2: PROPOSED CHANGES TO RECREATIONAL VESSELS RULES

2. We are proposing to introduce rules for the use of novel craft.

This includes to add ‘motorised hydrofoil board’ (for example an e-foil or flight-board) to the definition of vessel.

This means a motorised hydrofoil board would need to comply with vessel rules such as speed and age limits, personal flotation device requirements and rules for specific areas.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you **do not support** the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

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3. We are proposing to revoke all historic and legacy mooring licences to update their terms and conditions.

This includes to:

- Add a provision (clause 74(4)) that protects current approvals.
- Add a provision (clause 74(5)) that sets an end date for approvals issued before 2008 and requires any future renewal to be applied for under the current rules.
- To ensure all moorings licence holders are subject to the same terms and conditions for fair and equal use.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

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4. We are proposing to reduce the maximum anchorage stay from 14 days to 7 days in a 28-day period.

This includes to:

- Amend clause 11(1)(c) to reduce the number of days a vessel may stay at anchor overnight within the same bay, from 14 days to seven days.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

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5. We are proposing to introduce new rules about the identification and maintenance of moorings.

This includes to:

- Add a subclause to clause 39 which requires a person using a mooring to clearly provide up-to-date contact details on their vessel so they (or their representative) can be contacted quickly if there is an emergency involving the mooring.
- Add a subclause to clause 39 which allows the Harbourmaster to inspect a mooring, or require it to be inspected. If the mooring is found to be unsafe or not up to standard, the owner may be required to repair or upgrade it.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

6. We are proposing to introduce a rule which prohibits anchoring within 50m of an underwater cable.

This includes to:

- Add a subclause to clause 14 that prohibits a vessel from anchoring within 50 metres of an underwater cable as displayed on an official New Zealand nautical chart.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

7. We are proposing to introduce five new zones with specific conditions to the Navigation Bylaw (Specific Areas and Conditions of Use) Control 2021.

These are:

- A. Tamaki River Rowing Precinct – Prohibited anchorage zone
- B. Harbour Bridge – Prohibited anchorage zone
- C. Horne Rock – Restricted area for limiting the access of large vessels
- D. Simpson Rock – Restricted area for limiting the access of large vessels
- E. Auckland Airport – Restricted area for all vessels.

These new zones within the control are to:

- better manage and protect sensitive or high-use areas
- minimise navigational and operational risks that require tailored rules to support safe and efficient use

7A. What do you think of the proposed ‘Tamaki River Rowing Precinct – Prohibited anchorage zone’?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

7B. What do you think of the proposed ‘Harbour Bridge – Prohibited anchorage zone’?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

7C. What do you think of the proposed ‘Horne Rock – Restricted area for limiting the access of large vessels’?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

7D. What do you think of the proposed ‘Simpson Rock – Restricted area for limiting the access of large vessels’?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

7E. What do you think of the proposed 'Auckland Airport - Restricted are for all vessels'?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8. We are proposing to revoke 14 access lanes.

These are:

- A. Magazine Bay - 2.4
- B. Surfdale - 2.5
- C. Onetangi - 2.6
- D. Matakatia Bay - 2.7
- E. Stanmore Bay - 2.8
- F. Orewa - 2.10
- G. Algies Bay - 2.13
- H. Tamatea Drive (Snells Beach) - 2.15
- I. Sandspit - 2.16
- J. Campbells Beach 2.17
- K. Little Huia - 2.19
- L. Hudsons Beach - 2.21
- M. Kauritutahi Beach - 2.22
- N. Glenbrook Beach - 2.23

You only need to give feedback on the proposals that you are interested or that relate to you.

8A. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Magazine Bay access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8B. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Surfdale access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8C. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Onetangi access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8D. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Matakatia Bay access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8E. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Stanmore Bay access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8F. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Orewa access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8G. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Algies Bay access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8H. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Tamatea Drive (Snells Beach) access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8I. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Sandspit access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8J. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Campbells Beach access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8K. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Little Huia access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8L. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Hudsons Beach access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8M. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Kauritutahi Beach access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

8N. What do you think of the proposal to revoke the Glenbrook Beach access lane?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal to revoke the access lane
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

- 9. We have made other minor technical updates for clarity and updates to the look and feel of the control. You can view these in the 'Bylaw vs Proposal Comparison' document, on the Have Your Say page.**

Do you have any other feedback or changes you want to make?

SECTION 3: PROPOSED CHANGES TO COMMERCIAL AND LARGE VESSEL RULES

10. We are proposing to require large vessels to maintain an anchor watch when anchored in Auckland's navigable waters.

This includes to add a subclause to clause 12 to require the owner or person in charge of a large vessel to maintain a person on board to keep watch, at all times.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you **do not support** the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

11. We are proposing to repeal rules requiring commercial fast vessels to operate under a Navigation Safety Operating Plan.

This means removing clause 44 from the Bylaw as the rules are not needed.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

12. We are proposing an amendment to rules about fuel bunkering.

This includes amend the notification time frame before the commencement of bunkering operations from 24 hours to three hours.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

13. We are proposing to include longstanding Harbourmaster Directions about the Ferry Terminal Basin, in the Bylaw.

This means the Harbourmaster Directions will be set as a condition to the use of the area, under Map 8.0 of the control.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don't know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

14. We are proposing to make minor edits to rules for large and/or commercial vessels in the Bylaw, for clarification and alignment with other legislation.

This includes to:

- To amend the definition of ‘Passenger Ferry’ to remove the requirement to operate a scheduled service that is registered with Auckland Transport. This captures all passenger ferry services and requires them to comply with Bylaw rules.
- To clarify rules about large vessels in pilotage areas. Clause 54(2) has been amended to include that a vessel ‘under 500 gross tonnage’ must not navigate the vessel within the moving prohibited zone of a large vessel that is in a pilotage area.
- To clarify rules about logging transits in a pilotage area. Clause 59(2) has been amended to require all pilots to keep their log of transits in a format as prescribed by the Pilot Training Plan.

What do you think of this proposed change?

- ☐ I fully support the proposal (and do not want to change it)
- ☐ I do not fully support or oppose the proposal, and I would like to suggest changes
- ☐ I do not support the proposal at all
- ☐ I don’t know

If you do not support the proposed change, which of the following explains why you do not support the proposal?

- ☐ I want to keep the current rule
- ☐ I want a completely different rule
- ☐ I do not want a rule at all

Tell us why

If you want to suggest changes to the proposal, what changes do you want?

15. Do you have any other feedback or changes you want to make?

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