

Manawatū River Bylaw

Anybody who uses the Manawatū River and its tributaries for enjoyment, recreation and business should do so safely and with knowledge of the rules.

The Bylaw reflects Maritime Rule Part 91, as well as local rules. The following is a summary of important points in the Bylaw for you to keep in your boat or jet ski.

Life jackets:

- Every person on board a recreational craft must wear a properly secured life jacket unless the person in charge expressly gives permission for it not to be worn
- The person in charge is only to give permission to not wear a lifejacket when there is no significant increase in the risk to safety (lifejackets are still to be carried)

Water ski and personal water craft (jet ski) areas:

- 1 On the Manawatū River from a point 200m upstream of the Manawatū Marine Boating Club launching ramp to the downstream end of the Foxton – Te Awahou Loop.
- 2 On the Manawatū River between 2km upstream of the Whirokino Bridge down to the Whirokino boat launching ramp;
- 3 On the Manawatū River upstream of the Whirokino Bridge, from the Te Pehu Trig Station to another point 1.6km upstream where Cooks drain enters; and
- 4 On the Manawatū River below the Foxton - Shannon Bridge, between points 1 and 4km downstream of that bridge

Jet skis must be registered and display the registration sticker. You can register your jet ski on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council web page here: www.hbrc.govt.nz/services/harbourmaster/jetskipwc-registration/ This registration will cover all of New Zealand

Speed not to exceed 5-knots:

- At any time within 50m of other vessels or persons in water.
- At any time 200m either side of Manawatū Marine Boating Club launching ramp.
- At any time 100m either side of Whirokino boat ramp.
- Manawatū River Loop: At any time in the Foxton Loop, between Speirs Corner and the corner adjacent to the Water tower.
- Jet boats shall not exceed 5-knots between 1 November and 31 March each year in areas marked in red on the map.

Collisions or accidents

The owner or master of any vessel involved in an accident or incident is required to report it under Section 31 of the Act to Maritime NZ to www.maritimenz.govt.nz/forms/incident

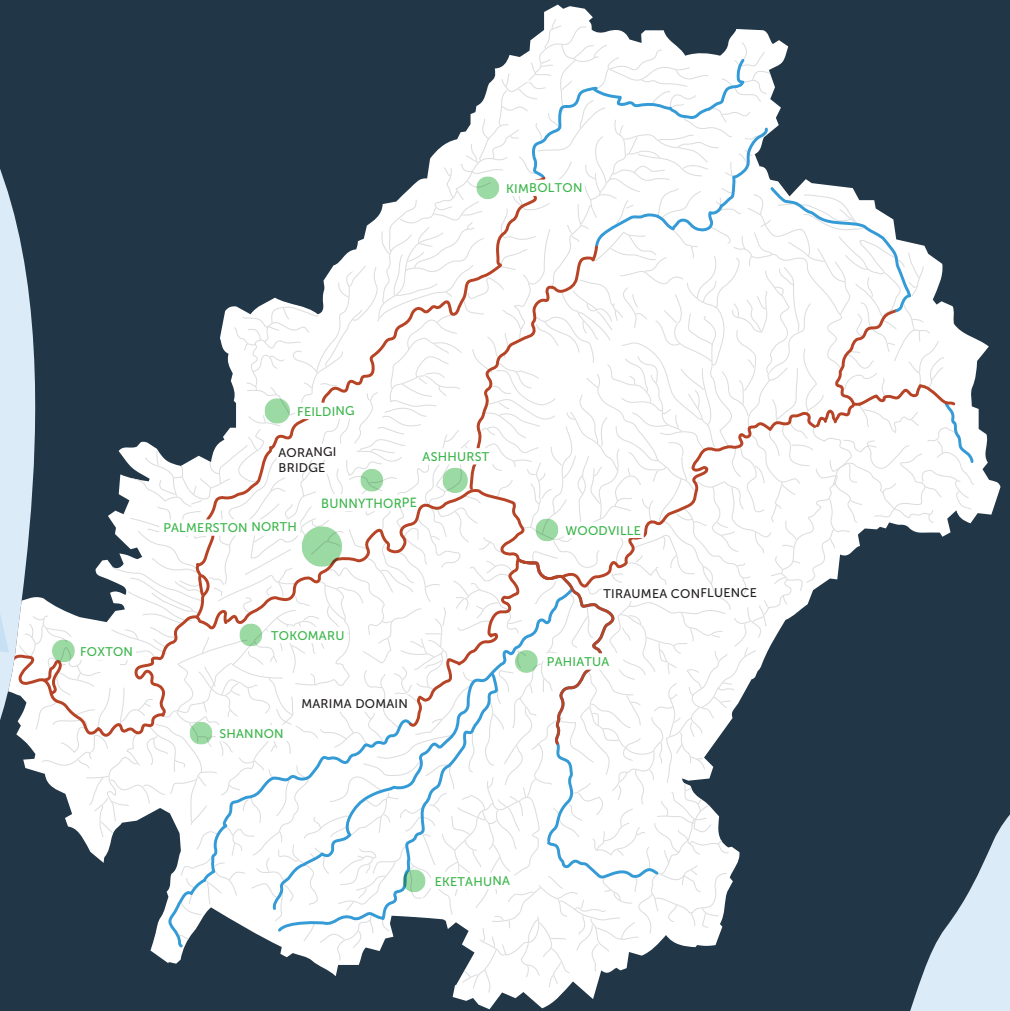
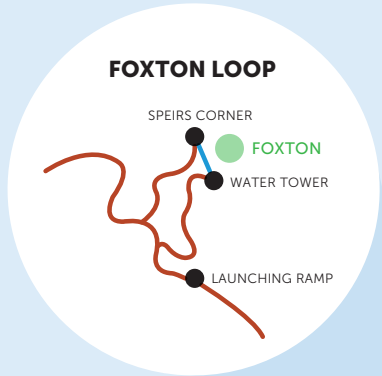
The owner or master is also required to verbally report the accident or incident to the Harbourmaster on freephone 0508 800 800, or by email at harbourmaster@horizons.govt.nz.

Harbourmaster

The Harbourmaster and appointed Enforcement Officers have powers under the Bylaw to keep the Manawatū River and its tributaries safe for navigation and recreation.

For more information contact the Harbourmaster on freephone 0508 800 800 or pick up a copy of the full Bylaw document from www.horizons.govt.nz or any Horizons Regional Council office.

Remember: Lifejackets are to be worn, and minimum age is 15 years for skippers of boats capable of more than 10-knots.



JET BOAT SPEED LIMITS

Speed Restrictions Key

- Shall not exceed 5-knots year round
- Speed restrictions lifted subject to subclause 5.3.5

