

Health & Safety

SAFETY POLICY

Personal flotation devices (PFDs) must be worn by everyone afloat. This includes coaches, sailors & parents in club patrol boats.

No one under the age of 15 yrs may be in control of a club patrol boat, this applies whether there is an adult present or not. The skipper should have completed a certified Rescue Patrol Boat course or be a Wakatere approved skipper.

For the launching & recovery of club patrol boats - centre console and larger boats must use the public vehicle access ramp (south/east of the club). Smaller tiller steers may use the central beach ramp.

Only persons given familiarization training of the tractor are allowed to operate this equipment and they must be a club member. Formal training is given by our Safety Rep.

The tractor may never use the central beach ramp. It must only operate on the public vehicle ramp.

WATER SAFETY

Narrow Neck Beach is a public reserve and waterway. As the main sailing season is during the warmer months you can expect to see swimmers, kayaks, paddle-boards - things that may be slower than you.

Here are some key points to remember -

The speed of all vessels (ie dinghies, windsurfers & patrol boats) must be no more than 5 knots when the vessel is:

- - Within 50m of any person in the water
- - Within 200m of the shore, any structure or vessel flying a dive flag
- - Within 50m of any other vessel - except when you are involved in a YNZ affiliated sport for training or racing.
- - [NZ Govt Water Safety](#)

Stay inside the boundaries of Narrow Neck Reserve when within the 200 metre mark. There are reefs at both ends of Narrow Neck Beach.



FIRST AID

Our primary first aid kit is onshore in the Race Office (low white cupboards). There is a supplementary kit in the garage and in grab bags for each patrol boat. During regattas we have a number of Club members with medical training for immediate assistance. Contact the Race Office for details.

DEFIBRILLATOR- Wakatere has purchased a defibrillator (July 2017). It is located on the outside brick wall of the club house below the main side entrance and is accessible 24/7. It is in a bright yellow box. The access code is available in an emergency by calling 111. It is also registered with the online AED locations site <https://aedlocations.co.nz>



We are fortunate to have [Shorecare](#) and the [North Shore Hospital](#) close by in Takapuna. They are both open for emergencies 24 hours a day.

EMERGENCY PHONE 111. See our Accident Investigation document below.

VHF RADIOS

Safety depends on clear communication and Wakatere owns a number of waterproof VHF marine radios for communications afloat. They are in frequent use on rescue patrol boats during racing and report back to 'WakaBase' in the the Race Office. This allows us to manage assistance to sailors if required.

After each use, radios should be rinsed under a tap (they're waterproof), dried off and put back in their correct charging position in the Race Office or Training Room. This will ensure they are ready for the next coaching group, club race or away regatta. Radios **MUST NOT** be left in patrol boats.

- - Wakatere uses Channel 17
- - YNZ Radio Handbook document below
- - [Coastguard NZ Communications](#)

BEACH TRAILERS

It's a council by-law that all beach trailers be removed from Narrow Neck Beach when not in use i.e. when you are out sailing. This is to provide full and safe use of the beach to the wider public.

Sailors, parents and supporters can all pitch in to help with this, even if it's not your own beach trailer, bring it up to the old road. Keep them clear of the cycleway.



CAR PARKING

Wakatere Boating Club is situated within the grounds of a public reserve - Narrow Neck Beach Reserve. The club area is used by children and adults for coaching, rigging and boat maintenance.

NO CAR PARKING IS PERMITTED within the club compound during **hall hire events** or during **sailing events**. NO PARKING ON THE GRASS is permitted at any time.

We ask that all club members be vigilant to ensure that this public area is well managed.

We are fortunate to have a free public car park directly across the road from the Club. Please use the pedestrian crossing.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Ambulance, Police, Fire: phone 111

Devonport Fire Station (09) 445 2297



Takapuna Police Station (09) 488 6200

Auckland Civil Defence 0800 222 200

Auckland Council Hotline (09) 301 0101

- - VHF CHANNEL 16
- - COASTGUARD *500 FROM MOBILE
- - HARBOUR MASTER 362 0397 Ext 0 or 0800 80 60 40
- - WAKATERE SAFETY OFFICER: ALAN GIBB 021 337746
- - [Maritime NZ Recreational Safety Guidelines](#)
- - [Auckland Harbour Master Rules & Regulations](#)
- - [Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations](#)
- - [Coastguard NZ Life Jacket Code](#)

Downloads

-  [Accident Investigation Form](#)
-  [Radio Handbook](#)

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