Before you head out

New coastal rules for boaties

Marlborough has new coastal rules to help protect our unique marine environment. These changes make it clearer and easier for everyone to enjoy the water while caring for our special places.

Anchoring

- ✓ You can anchor in most places, but not for more than 60 consecutive days (or 90 days in 12 months) in the same bay or inlet.
- ✗ Do not anchor within Category A Ecologically Significant Marine Sites or within 100m of King Shag breeding sites (use QR code to view map).
- ✗ Do not anchor or disturb the seabed near Cook Strait submarine cables (see map).

Sewage discharge

- ✗ No untreated sewage within 750m of shore or 1000m of a marine farm or within bays with limited or slow circulation (see map).
- ✓ Grade A or B treated discharge is permitted. For a summary of what Grade A and Grade B sewage is, visit the Sewage Discharge section of the Maritime NZ website (**maritimenz.govt.nz**)

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Hull cleaning

- ✔ In-water cleaning of light fouling and goose barnacles is allowed if your anti-foul coating is within its service life and you follow manufacturer guidelines.
- ✔ Capture macro-fouling and dispose of it at an approved landfill. Please refer to the MPI website for more information on differences in fouling.
- ⚠ If you spot unusual marine pests, stop cleaning and call the Council or MPI immediately.

Protect our wildlife

- ✘ Keep at least 100 metres away from marked King Shag breeding areas. These rare birds are easily disturbed.
- ✘ Do not remove anti-foul paint in coastal waters.

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We want to keep Marlborough's coast healthy and safe for people, wildlife, and future generations.

By following these rules, you help keep our marine area clean and thriving.

More info

Scan the QR code to access the map of restricted areas.

Need help?

Contact Marlborough District Council's Environment and Biosecurity teams at **520 7400** with questions.

To report marine pests, call MPI's pest and disease hotline at **0800 80 99 66**.

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