

Navigation Safety Bylaw 2025 – AIS Exemption Notice

Issued under Clause 7.1.1 of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2025 and Section 33M of the Maritime Transport Act 1994

Purpose

This exemption is granted to allow specified lodge tenders vessels to operate without AIS transmission requirements under Clause 5.4.3 of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2025 (the “**Bylaw**”), while maintaining safe navigation practices.

Scope

The Navigation Safety Bylaw 2025 clause 5.4.3 requires:

In addition to [Commercial Vessels 300 Gross Tonnage or more, or a tug and barge exceeding 40 metre in Length]...

- All Commercial Vessels over 18 metres in Length;
- Any passenger vessel licenced to carry 12 or more passengers; or
- Any passenger vessel operating during the Hours of Darkness or in restricted visibility,

Shall transmit an AIS signal when within Marlborough Harbour Limits

Tender vessels operated by or on behalf of the following lodges are exempt from the requirement in Clause 5.4.3 to carry and transmit an AIS signal when operating within Marlborough Harbour Limits:

Lodge Name	Location
Lochmara Lodge	Te Mahia
Punga Cove Resort	Te Rawa
Furneaux Lodge	Portage
Curious Cove	

Conditions

- The tender must operate exclusively for lodge-related purposes.
- The tender must operate in normal proximity to the lodge.
- The tender must remain within the bay of the lodge.

- The exemption does not apply if the vessel departs the bay or engages in unrelated commercial activities.
- All other purposes of the Bylaw remain applicable, including speed limits, lifejacket requirements, and communication standards.

Duration

This exemption is valid from 20 November 2025 to 31 December 2030, unless surrendered by the lodge or revoked by the Harbourmaster.

Signed:

Date: 20 November 2025



Jake Oliver

Harbourmaster

Marlborough District Council