



Provision of Harbourmaster Services

Otago Regional Council

Navigatus Directors Geraint and Kevin (supported by the rest of the Navigatus team) were appointed as interim harbourmasters for the Otago Regional Council. The Harbourmaster is tasked with ensuring that navigation safety risks are well controlled for commercial and recreational users of coastal waters, lakes and other navigable waters within the Otago Region.

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This operational role involves:

- Oversight of maritime safety
- Working with water users and other stakeholders on matters regarding the harbour and waterways
- Ensuring navigation aids, lights and beacons are in place and maintained
- Removing hazards, such as trees and abandoned vessels
- Maintaining safe boating signage at your local boat ramps
- Reviewing applications to stage aquatic events to ensure appropriate hazard management
- Promoting safe boating
- Keeping local and visiting boaties informed of changes to local rules and regulations
- Working with Port Otago to ensure commercial shipping and related activities in Otago Harbour remains safe
- Issue harbourmaster instructions from time to time

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