NEW MOORING POSITION OUTSIDE OF A DESIGNATED MOORING AREA

If you require a mooring position outside a designated mooring area you will need to apply and obtain resource consent.

Contact the Harbourmaster’s office prior to applying for resource consent with details of the proposed moored vessel and send a location map showing the proposed location using Canterbury Maps and use the information sheet on how to use Canterbury Maps.

Please note if you intend to have a mooring within the swing room of another authorised mooring, within an access lane, an open speed area, adjacent to a slipway (public or private), adjacent to boatshed or is considered a risk to navigation safety, the Harbourmaster will decline the application.

Email your request and map to moorings@ecan.govt.nz.

The Harbourmaster’s office will reply with a comment on whether the proposed mooring position is in a practical place and does not pose a risk to navigation safety.

The resource consent application form can be downloaded by clicking here, under the title “Forms for all other activities”.

Once you have your application ready to submit please call Environment Canterbury Customer Services on 0800 324 636 to arrange a free pre-application meeting with a consents planner who will look over your application to check it is complete.

Your consent will be considered based on the location/position of the mooring and its effects on the environment/people.

Should the application for resource consent be granted, then the Harbourmaster’s authorisation will be supplied with your consent conditions.

The Harbourmaster considers the construction, installation and maintenance of the mooring system. The Harbourmaster’s authorisation document will refer to these details, once signed and agreed to, you can proceed in getting the mooring constructed and installed. Installation will be required within 6 months from the Harbourmaster’s authorisation being granted.

The Environment Canterbury mooring system specifications are listed in the booklet called Swing Mooring specifications for the Canterbury region.

Mooring system specifications are based on vessel sizes:

- Up to 6 metres length overall (<3 tonnes displacement)
- 6 - 10 metres length overall (<12 tonnes displacement)
- 10 - 12 metres length overall (<20 tonnes displacement)

Any vessel over 12 metres length overall requires a report/design from a suitably qualified marine engineer/ naval architect.

Contacts of widely used marine engineers/ naval architects are listed below:

- Alan Stephenson of Maritime Specialist Services, (03) 328 8400 or admin@maritimespecialist.co.nz
- Harry Stronach of H D Stronach & Associates Ltd, (03) 304 8780 or harry@stronach.co.nz
- Gary Teear OCEL Consultants Ltd, (03) 379 0444 or gary.teear@ocel.co.nz

You will need to supply a marine engineer/ naval architect report/design with your application so we know how much swing room you require for your vessel.

If you intend to construct and install the mooring yourself you will require the authorisation from the Harbourmaster. Please complete form HAR003 the section of application which refers to individual mooring inspector.

If you intend to use a contractor please advise which one you will be using from the list on the website here.

The application fee and payment options can be found on the swing moorings page on our website.