

# Purchasing existing mooring equipment AND APPLYING FOR A MOORING AUTHORISATION

## Overview

Purchasing mooring equipment from a person is a private transaction between the owner of the mooring equipment and purchaser. The equipment is for sale and not the position as no-one owns the seabed where the mooring is located. The Harbourmaster's Office manages the positioning of moorings and the vessel sizes allowed on the moorings within designated mooring areas Purau, Cass/Corsair Bay, Akaroa Township, Takamatua, French Farm, and Tikao Bay.

The existing moorings outside designated mooring areas are also managed by the Harbourmaster's Office. If the application is consistent with the vessel currently authorised for the mooring, then an authorisation may be issued. Anyone wishing to obtain an authorisation for a larger vessel than is currently authorised should apply for resource consent. See section "How do I apply to put in a new mooring?"

Anybody wishing to purchase existing mooring equipment should apply to the Harbourmaster's Office for a new mooring authorisation before purchasing the equipment.

In receiving the application and application fee, the applicant's name will be added to the waiting list, if a waiting list applies.

A list of people selling mooring equipment may be available from the Harbourmaster's Office. Please contact the Harbourmaster's Office for further details.

## What to consider before purchasing mooring equipment.

[The Navigation Safety Bylaw](#) requires a person who wishes to apply for a new mooring authorisation (whether for existing mooring or not) within a designated mooring area to be placed on a waiting list. Once the person is at the top of the waiting list and there is space for a mooring, then a position is offered from the Harbourmaster's Office.

When purchasing existing mooring equipment, if the position of an existing mooring system is not suitable, due to vessel changes, mooring system changes and/or swing room issues, a position as close to where the mooring is currently located will be sought if space is available.

If the mooring is outside a designated mooring area, the mooring authorisation will be limited to the vessel size currently authorised and will need to meet the current specifications. If you have a larger vessel you will need to apply for a resource consent for the increase in size.

## What checks you can do before purchasing the mooring equipment

When purchasing existing equipment, check the mooring system information against the current mooring specification to ensure it is suitable for your vessel needs. This can be done by viewing the swing mooring booklet and Canterbury Maps swing mooring layer (see below for details).

Current mooring specifications can be found in the [Swing Moorings Specification booklet](#). Check the specifications that relate to your vessel size.

Canterbury Maps shows information about the location of moorings and details on each individual mooring system.

To find this information:

- Open [Canterbury Maps swing moorings layer](#) and enter the mooring number you wish to search for e.g. ABC123 in the search box
- A dialogue widget/box will open showing the mooring number at the top
- Click on 'download summary report'. This will show you when the inspection is due, what the mooring is authorised to hold and what the mooring system consists of
- Under the "Current Mooring System Details" section, the original mooring componentry and current mooring componentry is displayed. This shows what the mooring components started life as and what they were showing at the last inspection. You can check these components against the current mooring specifications in the [Swing Moorings Specification booklet](#) to see if there is componentry is likely to require any repairs or renewal before you purchase it

Please note the authorisation is only applicable to the current authorisation holder and this can change. For example, if you are purchasing mooring equipment that is currently authorised for a 12m vessel, but you only require a 10m mooring authorisation, or there is only space available for a 10m vessel, then the authorisation may be limited to a 10m vessel.

You may purchase mooring equipment suitable for another sized vessel than you require and choose to upgrade it or relocate a mooring from one bay to another.

Any application for vessels more than 12m length overall require a marine engineering assessment or naval architect report. Please see section on the swing mooring webpage “What if I want to moor a larger vessel?” for details on this process.

## **Application process**

Fill in the online application form [www.ecan.govt.nz/HAR001](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/HAR001). Once completed click ‘submit’. The application fee is \$287.50 and details on how to pay the application fee can be found at [ecan.govt.nz/info/contact](http://ecan.govt.nz/info/contact). When paying please quote either “new mooring” or the existing mooring number and your name as a reference.

Before a mooring authorisation is issued the current mooring authorisation owner/holder will need to complete the section “cancel a mooring authorisation” on this form [www.ecan.govt.nz/HAR003](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/HAR003). They will be sent a letter confirming their mooring authorisation has been cancelled.

The new mooring applicant can expect an email

- To confirm their application is on the waiting list; or
- Regarding a new position and/or new mooring componentry; or
- Issuing a new mooring authorisation.

Please note that all mooring advice regarding purchasing existing mooring equipment or the application process will be provided once the application form is submitted and application fee is paid as this is a user-pays service.