

## INCREASE IN VESSEL LENGTH

### Overview

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. Anyone wishing to obtain an authorisation for a larger vessel than is currently authorised should apply for resource consent. See section on the swing mooring webpage "How do I apply to put in a new mooring?"

All swing moorings have a specified maximum vessel length authorised by the Harbourmaster. Moorings are generally authorised for vessels up to 6m, 10m or 12m length overall. This is based on the current mooring specifications.

Any vessels over 12m length overall require a report/design from a suitably qualified marine engineer/naval architect (see bottom of this information sheet for further details).

If you wish to increase your mooring authorisation to accommodate a larger vessel than you are current authorised to have on the mooring, you will need to apply for a new mooring authorisation. The application will be assessed to check the mooring system components meets the current specifications and the swing room availability.

Upon receiving the application and application fee, your details will be added to the waiting list, if a waiting list applies.

### Checking if your mooring system needs to be upgraded

You can check if your mooring will need upgrading to meet the current specifications by following:

1. Check the current mooring specifications for the size vessel you wish to apply for. This can be done by viewing the [Swing Moorings Specification booklet](#). Check the specifications that relate to your vessel size.
2. 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 your mooring number 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'.
- 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 mooring specifications in the [Swing Moorings Specification booklet](#) to see if there is any componentry requiring upgrading before you apply.

### Application process

Fill in the online application form [www.ecan.govt.nz/HAR003](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/HAR003). Once completed click 'submit'. The application fee is \$287.50 and details on how to pay the application fee can be found at <https://ecan.govt.nz/info/contact/>.

When paying please quote your mooring number and your name as a reference.

Once the application form and payment has been received, you can expect an email about one of the following:

- Confirmation that your application is on the waiting list; or
- Regarding a new position and/or new mooring componentry; or
- Issuing a new mooring authorisation for what you have requested.

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

### Applying for a mooring authorisation for vessels over 12m length overall

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

A widely known suitably qualified marine engineering company is OCEL Consultants (Gary Teear) who can be contacted on (03) 304 0444 or [gary.teear@ocel.co.nz](mailto:gary.teear@ocel.co.nz)

Please see the above section "Application Process" for the next step.