



Harbourmaster

Harbourmaster's Direction 01-24 Downtown Ferry Terminal Basin

Purpose

To ensure the safety of navigation by removing conflict between competing user groups at busy periods and preventing unexpected wash creating a hazard to manoeuvring vessels.

Application

This direction is issued by the Auckland Harbourmaster, Harbourmaster@at.govt.nz, 09 3620397, and applies to all vessels. It supersedes the previous Harbourmaster Direction 1-22.

Exemptions

The Harbourmaster may, upon written application, issue an exemption for a time period, vessel or specific class of vessels. This will be done on a case-by-case basis, and only where the overall harbour safety standards can be maintained.

Location

The Downtown Ferry Terminal Basin includes all waters contained between Princes and Queens Wharves and extends to 50 metres north of the northern end of the wharves.

Limitations

Every vessel shall observe maritime rules, bylaws and codes including:

- i) Maritime Rule 22; and
- ii) Auckland Council Navigation Bylaws; and
- iii) Harbourmaster Directions.



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Conduct of vessels

- 1) Ferries and other small vessels navigating within the Ferry Basin are to operate in an anti-clockwise direction and must operate in accordance with Maritime Rule Part 22 Collision Prevention.
- 2) All vessels on approach to and within the ferry basin must maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.12 and Ch.16.
- 3) Between the hours of 06:30 to 09:05 and 16:30 to 19:05 on weekdays, 08:30 to 12:00 and 16:30 to 19:05 on weekends and Public Holidays:
 - a) No vessel of 500 gross tonnage or greater shall;
 - i) Manoeuvre within the downtown ferry terminal basin,
 - ii) Operate or test any propulsion equipment or thrusters.
- 4) The Master or Pilot of a vessel of 500 gross tonnage or greater is to make an 'All Stations' call on VHF ch.12 when vessel is All Fast alongside, when propulsion equipment and thrusters are turned off and when the tugs have finished assisting.
- 5) The Master and/or Pilot of a vessel of 500 gross tonnage or greater about to start propulsion equipment and thrusters or commence a departure manoeuvre within the Downtown Ferry Terminal Basin shall broadcast an "All Stations" message on VHF Ch 12.
- 6) Bunker vessels must liaise with Auckland Transport Day of Operations (Dayof.Ops@at.govt.nz / 021 195 8510 / 09 930 5206) so as to coordinate entry into and departure from the Ferry Basin between ferry movements. There must be written agreement between both parties prior to manoeuvring but bunker vessels should not be unduly disadvantaged in this regard.
- 7) Should a large vessel need to start propulsion equipment or thrusters in an emergency, the vessel must endeavour to warn other basin users by making an all stations call on VHF ch.12 and/or one long blast on the vessels whistle.
- 8) Ferries must operate at a safe speed in compliance with Maritime Rule Part 91 and the Navigation Bylaw. They must not create wake within the ferry basin.
- 9) Except in an emergency, lifeboats and rescue boats are only permitted to be lowered to the water between the hours of 09:30 to 15:00 with permission of Harbour Control. Lifeboats and rescue boats are not permitted to be taken away from ships side without express permission of the Harbourmaster.
- 10) Masters of all vessels should be mindful of the effects of wash from tugs.
- 11) Ferries and other small vessels should be correctly made fast with suitable mooring lines and must not be reliant on their propulsion to maintain position alongside.
- 12) Ferry and other small vessels' gangways should be manned at all times when passengers are embarking or disembarking.