



## Russell Boating Club – Slipway Rules

### General

The vessel haul-out facility (Slipway) is owned and operated by Russell Boating Club Inc. It is available for use by Club members only. Questions and inquiries should be made to our slip master, Barry Newland at: [slip@russellboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:slip@russellboatingclub.org.nz) ph 021 0247 9779.

The club's Health and Safety Officer is Fletcher Sunde. Ph 021 871 918

1. Bookings are essential. To make a booking complete the [online Slipway Registration Agreement](#). Bookings are limited to no more than 7 days duration unless prior approval is given by the Slip Master. If for any reason a booking is canceled by the club, the Vessel owner will be advised by phone and/or email as soon as possible.
2. The haul-out can only be undertaken by the Slip Master or his approved designee. At all times, please follow the directions of the Slip Master.
3. Hauling out and re-launching is restricted to Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 5.30pm, unless prior agreement is obtained from the slip master. Slipway movements are booked around the high, slack water time. For staff, vessel and cradle safety reasons, a late arrival may force the Slip Master to postpone the haul-out until the next available time.
4. Only vessels with a displacement of less than seven metric tonnes and are no more than 13.5 meters in length shall use the slipway.
5. The vessel owner is responsible for supplying a hauling plan – where the vessel should be supported etc.
6. It is not mandatory for vessels to have insurance cover to use this slipway, however, please be aware that the club's insurer has the right to attempt to recover any loss that is covered under the club's policy that is caused by a negligent third-party. For this reason, the club strongly recommends that owners have at least third-party cover to the value of \$5,000,000.
7. Vessel owners must undergo a site induction and complete the online site induction questionnaire prior to their vessel being slipped. The site induction will be carried out by the slip-master, or a person approved by the slip-master.

### Vessel Owner Responsibilities

8. The vessel owner must always comply with the club Slipway Rules. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the slip-master immediately ceasing all work on the Vessel until a satisfactory solution is found. The club reserves the right to deny the use of the slipway to any person who breaches the slipway rules.
9. The vessel owner agrees to indemnify the Club from all costs incurred by the Club directly resulting from a breach of these rules by anyone working on their vessel whilst using the slipway.
10. The vessel owner takes full responsibility for the vessel and although all care will be taken by the club, the entire process is at the owner's risk. Neither the club nor any representative of the club is responsible, or liable for, any damage to the vessel while using the facilities.
11. No adjustments or modifications of any sort can be made to the cradle other than by the slip-master.
12. Use only the provided ladder to access the vessel while on the slipway. Gangplanks cannot be erected between the vessel and the clubhouse walkway structure.
13. The slipmaster may request that a person remain on board the vessel when it is being hauled out or re-launched to enable adjustments to be made to the securing lines.

14. Work in the vessel haul out facility shall be carried out in a safe and professional manner and in compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. In particular the vessel owner/crew will:
  - a. Follow the instructions of the haul out operator while the vessel is being moved on and off the slipway. All vessel movements should be slow when entering and exiting the cradle to avoid damage to both vessel and cradle. The cradle can be dislodged or damaged if shunted with force.
  - b. Take care in the haul out area to avoid slips, falls and trips.
  - c. Appropriate personal protective equipment must be worn when working on the vessel. This includes appropriate footwear, ie, no jandals, 'crocs' or bare feet.
  - d. Only use Club electricity for power tools, etc. when tide is below wash-down collection drain (excludes use for deck/interior maintenance if activity does not result in discharge of contaminants).
  - e. Report any injury or near miss to the slip-master. If treatment is required, the accident must be reported immediately.
15. If there are any concerns with the hauling of the vessel, or if there is additional information that could affect the haul out operation, you are to notify the Slip Master immediately.

## Vessel Maintenance Rules

16. Using the Club facilities for vessel maintenance activities must not result in any discharge to the coastal marine area. The following vessel maintenance activities are **prohibited** on the slipway:
  - a. The discharge of bilge material containing oil from vessels, including from the flushing of oil contaminated bilges;
  - b. The disposal of paint thinners, oils and other similar hazardous substances into the wash-down collection system; and
  - c. The cleaning of hulls of vessels that have arrived from Auckland or overseas and that have not been cleaned elsewhere in NZ prior to their arrival.
17. Haul out users are responsible for cleaning the facility. Users must ensure that sanding, painting and other debris does not spread or blow beyond the haul out pad. The haul out area must be left tidy and secure overnight with all tools, materials and debris cleared away. Brooms, hoses, cleaning tools and groundsheets to be provided by the user.
18. Any work on vessel hulls while on the slipway, that is likely to result in a discharge to the coastal marine area shall only occur when the tide is below the marked line on the piling immediately seaward of the wash down water collection drain.
  - a. Prior to commencing work, all seawater must be pumped out of the wash down water collection sump and all debris cleaned from the slipway;
  - b. Prior to each incoming tide and after hull maintenance activities have been carried out, all solid materials, including macro marine growth that has been removed from the vessel, or generated from the cleaning of the slipway, shall be collected by the owner in an approved container for later disposal by the owner;
  - c. Prior to the incoming tide and after collecting all solid materials from the slipway, including macro marine growth, the vessel owner shall wash down the slipway into the collection system. All collected debris must then be placed in an approved container for later disposal by the club. Contaminated liquids that have accumulated in the sump shall then be pumped out and into the club's land-based collection system.
19. Cleaning of vessel hulls on the slipway using water blasting equipment, scraping or electric sanders (with local collection device attached) shall only occur when protective screening is in place around the vessel being worked on. Drop cloths shall also be placed under vessel hulls when they are being scraped, sanded or painted.
20. Electric Sanders must have an attached vacuum collection system.
21. Spray painting is not allowed on the slipway.

## Contractors

22. It is the vessel owners responsible to ensure that any contractors working on their vessel understand and abide by these rules. The Club has absolute discretion to refuse access by tradespeople but will not unreasonably do so.