

Attachment E – ORC Navigation Safety Bylaw 2020 vessel identification provisions¹

Vessels to be identified

(1) No person shall navigate a Vessel unless it displays an identifying name or number displayed above the waterline on each side of the vessel.

(2) The identifying name or number shall:

- (a) consist of letters of the Roman alphabet or numbers that are not the vessel's brand, make or model; and*
- (b) be unique to that vessel; and*
- (c) unless complying with the requirements of an organisation listed in subclause 15(2)(a), be a minimum height of 90 millimetres and be readable to the naked eye by day from a distance of at least 50 metres.*

(3) The identifying name or number referred to in subclause 15(1) shall be:

- (a) a registration or identification approved by and conforming to the requirements of:
 - (i) Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) or an equivalent foreign authority (e.g. a MNZ number or vessel's registered name); or*
 - (ii) A sporting body as may be approved from time to time by the Harbourmaster and listed on the Council's website; or**
- (b) the vessel's radio call sign; or*
- (c) for any trailer borne vessel without a registration or identification listed in subclauses (a) or (b), the registration number of its trailer; or*
- (d) for non-trailer borne vessels, an identifying name or number otherwise complying with the requirements of subclause 15(1); or*
- (e) for sail vessels the identifying name or number may be the vessel's sail number.*

(4) Other vessels under 6m length shall be marked with the current owner's name and contact details somewhere on the vessel.

(5) Subject to subclause (4), subclauses (1), (2) and (3) do not apply to:

- (a) non-powered vessels of six metres or less in length;*
- (b) paddle craft;*
- (c) vessels powered solely by oars;*
- (d) a vessel which is temporarily being operated on Otago waters and which displays markings which meet an identification requirement within the Navigation Safety Bylaws of the region in which the vessel normally operates.*

¹ Section 15

https://www.orc.govt.nz/media/9185/orc-navigation-safety-bylaw_forweb_2020-09-23.pdf

Explanatory note: For the sake of clarity, 'trailer borne vessel' refers to a vessel transported on a road-going trailer that is, or is required to be, registered. It does not include vessels stored on/launched from haul-out trailers – such vessels fall into the 'non-trailer borne vessel' category