



Clearance procedures for yachts and pleasure craft

Biosecurity New Zealand is responsible for ensuring unwanted pests, diseases and other organisms are prevented from entering New Zealand.

You must arrive at one of New Zealand's approved places of first arrival, where a biosecurity inspector will inspect and clear your vessel and passengers for entry into New Zealand.

Once inside New Zealand waters (12 nautical miles from the coast) please ensure all rubbish is contained in sealed containers or plastic bags. A biosecurity inspector will direct the disposal of all your rubbish on arrival.

As soon as possible, you must notify Maritime NZ Radio on 4125 kHz or 6215Khz or VHF Ch 16 of your expected arrival time (ETA). On contact, ask the radio operator to notify New Zealand border agencies of your ETA and intended port of entry.

The main entry ports are:

- Opua Marine Park, Opua
- Marsden Cove Marina, Whangarei
- Viaduct Harbour Marina, Auckland
- Westhaven Marina, Auckland

Infringement notices can be issued to commercial and recreational vessel operators that don't meet their biosecurity obligations under the Biosecurity Act 1995.

- Failure by an operator to provide notice of a vessel's arrival in New Zealand.
- Failure by an operator to respond to an official request to declare what has been done to comply with risk management requirements (eg. biofouling rules). The penalties are \$400 for an individual. Biosecurity New Zealand is also able to prosecute.

- Vessel Works Marine Precinct, Tauranga
- Port of Marlborough, Picton
- Lyttelton Port of Christchurch, Lyttelton.

Documentation required:

- **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** – Every person entering New Zealand must complete a personal declaration. Any quarantine risk item must be declared.
- **Master's Declaration** – The vessel Master must complete a declaration of all risk items aboard; If you surrender, or treat, all prohibited goods you will receive a full biosecurity clearance to cruise New Zealand waters. If this option is not taken, the vessel will remain at the designated berth under biosecurity control.

Risk items that are either restricted or prohibited entry may include:

- » **FOODSTUFFS** including meat, fruit, vegetables, eggs, dairy products, honey and stored products.
- » **RUBBISH** – particularly food waste.
- » **PLANTS** – Live plants and some plant products
- » **CITES** (endangered species items), e.g. clam and conch shells, coral, turtle shells and ivory.
- » **LIVE ANIMALS** – Some exemptions may be granted for keeping an animal on board where prior application has been made to Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the person in charge has agreed to comply with conditions set. Non-compliant dogs and cats will have to be secured at anchor pending MPI decision.
- » **HITCHHIKING PESTS** – Any known contamination with hitchhiker organisms (termites, ants, moth egg masses and spiders).

For more information on entry requirements visit: www.biosecurity.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/vessels/arrival-process-steps/yachts-and-other-recreational-vessels