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YOUR GUIDE TO PICTON MARINA

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We are pleased to welcome
you to Picton Marina.

Picton Marina is part of Marlborough Sounds Marinas, and is one of three marinas owned by Port Marlborough NZ.

Picton Marina is in the heart of the beautiful cruising grounds of the Marlborough Sounds and Marlborough's famous wine growing region.

This guide covers what you need to know during your stay at Picton Marina. However, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly team if there is anything else you need.

We hope you enjoy your stay with us.

Mark Woodmore
Picton Marina Manager

Contact Us

Our marina service centre is located close to the coat hanger bridge and Jetty 6. From the centre of Picton it is a short walk via the coat hanger bridge or off Waikawa Road if you travel by car.

The marina service centre is open 7 days a week between 7.30am and 5.00pm in Summer and 8am to 4.30pm in the Winter months. You can reach us by email: picton@msmarinas.co.nz or phone +64 3 520 3390.

Website: www.marlboroughmarinas.co.nz/picton/



Marina Specifications

Picton Marina can accommodate vessels of up to 50m. Berthage for larger vessels can be arranged through Port Marlborough's Operations Team.

- 206 berths plus berthage on town wharves and in close vicinity to the ferry terminal
- 27 Boat Sheds
- 2 Visitor's Jetties

The depth within the marina and the wharves varies from 2m – 7m MLWS.



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Bathrooms/Showers

Showers and toilets are located opposite the marina service centre and near the launching ramp in Picton Marina. Showers operate on a coin-based system, so ensure you have some \$2 coins on hand. Please remember to carry your security access card to enter these facilities.

Biosecurity Rules

The Marlborough Sounds is a special area, globally renowned for its scenic beauty and biodiversity. To protect the marine environment of the Sounds, Marlborough Sounds Marinas requires that you have a clean hull, free of pests.

If you have travelled from either Tauranga (or north of Tauranga), Lyttleton Harbour, or from overseas, we require proof that your vessel has been either antifouled within the last six months, or had a "lift and waterblast" within the last month. Proof of this could be an invoice from a boatyard. This is a requirement to prevent the spread of invasive marine pests known to already be in these locations mentioned above.

Note: In water diving / cleaning inspections of hulls is no longer accepted as proof of clean hull compliance within the Marlborough Sounds Region

[Marine-Biosecurity-Rules-Sept2021-booklet.pdf](https://marinebiosecurity.co.nz/Marine-Biosecurity-Rules-Sept2021-booklet.pdf) (marinebiosecurity.co.nz)



Dock Cargo Access

There are some options available. Please discuss your requirements with the marina marina service centre.

Dock Carts

Dock carts are available on stands located close to each jetty entrance and are free to use. For the convenience of others, please return them to the stand after you have finished with them. Please do not remove dock carts from Picton Marina. Removal of dock carts from the marina is considered an offence.

Electricity

Electricity supply of 16A, 32A and 63A is available at Picton Marina. Please discuss your electricity requirements with the marina service centre at the time of booking your berth. Electricity is metered and consumption charged accordingly.

If you wish to connect to shore power and leave your vessel unattended, you will require an EWoF (Electrical Warrant of Fitness) or International Electrical Warrant Certificate. Picton Marina expects all connections to conform with the standards as described on our website to provide your berth with power.



Environment

In 2024, Picton, Waikawa and Havelock Marina achieved the International Clean Marina accreditation and are committed to preserving the natural beauty of the Marlborough Sounds. Our focus on sustainability ensures our practices throughout our operations prioritise the Kaitiakitanga, or environmental stewardship of our location – where we live, work and play – in the beautiful Marlborough Sounds.

Please follow the link below for further information and handy tips on how to protect our environment.

<https://marlboroughmarinas.co.nz/environmental-responsibilities/>

Fuel Jetty

The fuel jetty is located at the end of Jetty 2 and can accommodate vessels of up to 35m. Diesel and Unleaded are available.

Larger vessels must first contact Port Marlborough to book Waitohi Wharf for bunkering before contacting one of the following approved fuel suppliers:

- Fern Energy www.fernenergy.co.nz
- NPD www.npd.co.nz
- RD Petroleum www.rdp.co.nz

Grey/Blackwater Disposal

The marinas are no discharge zones. We ask that no poisonous, dangerous, or offensive substances are discharged into the water. Pump-out facilities are located at the fuel jetty at Picton Marina. Please contact us if you require any assistance with pumping out.

Please see our guide here for pumping out holding tanks at our marina facilities: <https://marlboroughmarinas.co.nz/marinas/pumping-out-your-holding-tanks/>

Haul Out, Vessel Maintenance & Contractors

The boatyard at Waikawa Marine Centre is the closest haul-out facility with a 35T travel lift. There is also a variety of marine service operators and boat chandleries available at Waikawa Marina precinct. Please refer to Marlborough Sounds Marinas website for more information:

[Waikawa Marine Centre - Marlborough Marinas](#)

If you would like to carry out any maintenance on your vessel while you are berthed, please check the [marina rules & regulations](#) or contact the marina service centre for further clarification.

To maintain health & safety compliance, any contractors working on your vessel will need to be inducted and registered with Marlborough Sounds Marinas. A list of registered contractors is available in the [service directory](#).

Laundry

Washing machine and driers are located opposite the marina service centre and operate on \$2-coins. Ensure you bring your own washing powder. Additional laundromats are located in Picton township (24 Auckland Street and 81 High Street).

LPG Refill

LPG refills are available at service stations in Picton township:

- G.A.S, 52 Kent Street
- Z Garage (Swap-a-bottle only),
101 High Street

Navigation Safety Bylaw & Pilotage Information

There are two passages for entry to Picton - Queen Charlotte Sound and Tory Channel. Vessels over 350 GRT must use the Queen Charlotte Sound entry (Northern Entrance). Queen Charlotte Sound is a compulsory pilotage area as defined in NZ Maritime Rule Part 90. Please refer to Port Marlborough's website for further information: [Port Information - Port Marlborough](#)

Vessels must be navigated in compliance with the Navigation Safety Bylaws, Harbourmaster Direction and Maritime Rules.

The latest copy of the bylaws and other local rules can be downloaded from the [Marlborough District Council website](#)



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Parking

Berth holders are entitled to one parking permit. This permit allows you to park your car in the dedicated car parks close to the jetty entrances. The car parks are line marked in yellow and clearly labelled with "Berth Holder Parking".

Public parking for cars and car-trailer combinations are available by 'Pay by Plate'. The parking machine is located close to the launching ramp or pay by downloading the App 'PayMyPark'.

Please refer to our website for further information:

www.marlboroughmarinas.co.nz/trailer-boats-and-parking-in-the-marinas/



Quarantine Berths

Vessels arriving in New Zealand must meet strict biosecurity requirements to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases to our country. Most recreational vessels will need a full biosecurity clearance, which involves an inspection of the vessel by a Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) officer. A full clearance allows you to sail freely in New Zealand waters and remain in the country for an extended time (more than 20 days).

Your first place of arrival in New Zealand must be a port or marina that has been approved to receive yachts and other recreational vessels from overseas. These are called 'places of first arrival' (POFAs). Picton Marina, Waikawa Marina and Port Marlborough are certified POFAs and can offer customs clearance for prearranged vessels.

Picton Marina offers customs clearance for vessels up to 50 metres in length. Port Marlborough can offer customs clearance for vessels over 50 metres. To clear with customs and MPI, you will first need to make a booking in advance with customs and MPI directly, then check the availability of the quarantine berth as early as possible with us.

Charges for these services apply. For more information about the process and how to notify customs and MPI of your arrival, please visit the [MPI website](#)

Recreational Facilities at the marina

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club

www.qcyc.org.nz

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club was established in 1936 and is an active club for people of all ages to sail centreboard boats and socialise.

Walking & mountain bike tracks in Victoria Domain

Victoria Domain provides excellent views over Picton Harbour from the top of the ridge and a number of walking tracks, beach access and mountain bike trails.

Shelley Beach and Bobs Bay

Shelley Beach is located close to the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club and is a good spot for a swim and picnic. Bobs Bay is located past Shelley Beach and can be reached by walking the 'Lower Track' of Victoria Domain.



Recycling & Waste Facilities

Our marinas are accredited with the International Clean Marina certification, and we appreciate your efforts on managing waste.

Recycling and Waste facilities are located opposite Jetty 7 and on the Northern side of the Car & Trailer Parking (next to the trailer boat washdown area). Please note that these facilities are for rubbish generated on vessels only and not for household waste.

Please use the bins provided and do not leave rubbish in trolleys, on the docks or on fingers. There is to be no dumping of large items of unwanted hardware in the bins. Please contact the marina service centre to discuss disposal of large items or hazardous waste.

Security

Picton Marina provides secure berthing for your vessel. We have a comprehensive CCTV network on site that is monitored 24/7. The marina is also regularly patrolled by Port Services during the hours of darkness. Pier access is via security access cards that are issued to each vessel.

Please do not jam the gate open and leave it unattended – this puts the security of all vessels on your pier at risk.

Security Access Card

Security Access Cards for access to jetties are issued by the marina service centre. A charge applies to lost or unreturned cards.

Tender Berthage for Vessels at Anchor

For anchored vessels requiring access to marina's services and facilities, we recommend booking a casual berth for your tender at Picton Marina for the duration of your stay in the Marlborough Sounds. This allows full access to the marina's services and facilities anytime you need it for e.g. passenger pick up/drop off, collection of supplies etc.

Transportation & Airports

Rental car companies are located at the Interislander Ferry Terminal (at the bottom of Auckland Street).

[Kiwi Holiday Tours](#) is a local shuttle taxi service that offers day tours, personalised tours with lots to see in Marlborough.

Blenheim is the regional airport and is a 30-minute drive from Picton (35km).

The smaller Picton airport is located 5km from Picton town and offers a variety of scenic and short-haul flights:

www.soundsair.com

Water

Potable water is available on each berth.



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Appendix 1: The Marlborough Sounds - Information

Discover the rich maritime history and eco experiences of the Marlborough Sounds, where 1500km of winding coastline is home to secluded bays, historic sites, marine reserves, and protected island sanctuaries, with an array of native birds and other species. Marlborough is also New Zealand's most globally renowned, iconic and largest winegrowing region, with abundant fresh seafood sought by the world's finest chefs.

Cruise or kayak your way through the Sounds, home to dolphins, whales, seals and seabirds. Walk or cycle over bush clad ridgelines of the 72km Queen Charlotte Track.

Join a guided winery tour or hire a bike for a self-guided tour and choose from more than 30 cellar doors, tasting award-winning wines along the way. Indulge in a leisurely lunch at a vineyard restaurant, and pair your wine with local produce to create the ultimate match made in Marlborough.

Don't miss a visit to the internationally acclaimed Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, with its theatrical displays of WWI and WWII aircraft and memorabilia.

For further information on the Marlborough Sounds and region visit: ["See & Do | Marlborough NZ"](#)

Fresh fish is what the Marlborough Sounds are famous for, so why not catch your own? Learn about fishing rules here: [Challenger area fishing rules | NZ Government](#)

Appendix 2: Map and Facilities of Picton Township





Appendix 3: Emergency Procedures

Medical, fire and oil spills are the most common emergencies in a marina. There are signs on every jetty on what to do in an emergency. Please follow these steps:

FIRE On Vessels

- Call fire and emergency services on 111
- Please evacuate the jetty & warn other people on the jetties of the danger
- Inform the Marina Manager on 03 520 3390

Equipment such as fire extinguishers and hose reels are available on the jetties. Please familiarise yourself with what fire equipment there is around you. In case of a fire event, please carefully assess the situation. The fire equipment can be used at your own risk.

MEDICAL

- Call fire and emergency services on 111
- Automatic External Defibrillators are available outside the Picton marina service centre. You can also download the AED Locations app. This app provides the location of AED nearby
- Please inform the Marina Manager on 03 520 3390

OIL SPILLS

- We are trained to deal with this type of emergencies. Please call the Marina Manager on 03 520 3390

Additional marine spill kit equipment is installed across the marina. Those are available in yellow bins. Please make sure you inform the marina service centre if you use some of this equipment.

[Click here](#) to view a map with the location of all emergency equipment at Picton Marina.

Appendix 4:

Marina Rules and Regulations

Port Marlborough New Zealand Limited (**Marlborough Sounds Marinas**) operates the Picton, Havelock and Waikawa marinas (each a **Marina**). These Rules and Regulations will apply to any person who holds a berthing licence or otherwise uses the Marina. By accessing the Marina, you are deemed to have accepted and are bound by these Rules and Regulations. If you do not agree to these Rules and Regulations, then you must immediately leave and remove your vessel and property from the Marina.



Standards and Practices

You must at all times observe the standards and practices to be expected of a competent, reliable and considerate user of the Marina.



Berths

Berths may only be occupied by a vessel registered with and approved by Marlborough Sounds Marinas.



Tying Up

All vessels must be properly and safely secured. You must ensure no part of any vessel overhangs a jetty or walkway.



Residing

Residing on board a vessel within the Marina is not permitted (unless written permission granted by Marina Manager) 'Residing' or 'living on board' means staying on the Vessel overnight for more than 7 days in a one-month period.



Jetties/Fingers

Jetties and fingers must be kept clear. Dinghies may not be left on fingers or jetties. Please do not modify fingers / jetties without prior approval of Marlborough Sounds Marinas.



Fenders

You must use approved fendering systems. Fenders may be purchased from the Marina Service Centre.



Visitors Berth

Picton and Havelock marinas maintain a visitors' berth for small vessels. It is available on a first in, first served basis. Fees are advised on signage onsite.



Pollution and Rubbish

Discharge of any effluent, rubbish or other pollutant into Marina waters is prohibited. In the event of such a discharge, you must take all reasonable action to rectify the discharge and immediately notify the Marina Manager. Effluent and rubbish must be disposed of in the receptacles provided.



Re-fuelling

Re-fuelling at the berth is prohibited. All re-fuelling needs to be carried out at the fuel jetty using the dispensers provided.



Waste Oil & Recycling Stations

Waste oil must be disposed of in the waste oil containers at our recycling stations. These are located in:

Picton - at the trailer boat wash-down.

Havelock - Between boatshed 31 and 32.

Waikawa - Beside the eastern and western sides of the ablution blocks.

No dumping of domestic or back refuse is permitted in the marinas



Bilge Water

To prevent bilge oil spills, you must make sure that your vessel and engine are well-maintained. If you have an automatic bilge pump, you must keep the bilge clear of oil or fit a filter.



Dangerous Goods

Dangerous goods (including petrol and other flammable liquids or materials) must not be stored in the Marina (including in any boatshed, compound or on board any vessel unless held in safe on-board fuel tanks in quantities reasonably required for the vessel's engines).



Power Connections

All leads and appliances connected to a Marina power outlet must comply with all relevant regulations and all vessels connecting to shore power must have a current electrical warrant of fitness.



Safe Repair

All vessels must be kept in a good and safe state of repair.



Painting/Sanding/Welding/Grinding

Painting, sanding, welding and grinding on board a vessel in the Marina is prohibited at all times.



Trades People

All contractors working within the Marina must be registered with and approved by Marlborough Sounds Marinas.



Signs

Signs relating to the use of the Marina and directions issued by Marlborough Sounds Marinas and its employees must be observed at all times.

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