

OTAGO

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Regulatory Authorities:

1. Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) Navigation Safety Bylaw 2017. In process
2. Otago Regional Council (ORC) Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2019
3. Central Otago District Council. Lake Dunstan

District Councils: Queenstown/Lakes, Central Otago (District Plan 2008), Clutha, (District Plan 1998, speed upliftings restricted discretionary), Dunedin City

CLUTHA RIVER, QLDC

Section	Uplifting	Description	Launching	Comments
Lake Wanaka Outlet to Albert Town Bridge	Yes 1 May to 30 Nov between hours of 10am and 6pm	Class 1. 4km		
Albert Town to Red Bridge QLDC Boundary	Yes	Class 1. 16km Occasion rocks Gradient: 0.5m/km	Ramp at Albert Town Bridge	

CLUTHA RIVER, OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL (ORC)

QLDC Boundary to Lake Dunstan	Yes	Class 1. 69km River and lake Gradient: Red Bridge to Lake Dunstan (32km) 2.5m/km	Lowburn, Cromwell, Clyde Dam	
Fruitgrowers Rd Bridge, Clyde to Roxburgh Dam	Yes	Class 1. 41km Rocks, shallows, lake Gradient: Similar to above	Alexandra Boat Club ramp, Roxburgh Dam ramp	
Roxburgh Dam to Millers Flat	Yes	Class 1. 25km Easy boating Gradient: 1.2m/km	No easy launching. Possible behind Golf Course	DANGER: Hydro controlled
Millers Flat to Clydevale	Yes	Class 2. 59km Rocky Gradient: 1.2m/km	Off beach below Beaumont Bridge; concrete ramp on true right above Clydevale Bridge	DANGER: Hydro controlled BEWARE: rocky shelves in gorge below Beaumont

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Clydevale to Balclutha Rail Bridge	Yes	Class 1. 25km Some shallows/shingle Gradient: < 1m/km	Clydevale as above; Balclutha true right below Main Road	NOTE: Low wire 2km below Clydevale Bridge between true left bank and island
Balclutha to sea, Matai Branch. (True left)	Yes	Class 1. 28km Gradient: < 1m/km	Balclutha as above; Kaitangata beside Miners Union Hall - difficult	
Balclutha to sea. Koau Branch. (True right)	Yes	Class 1. 18km Gradient: < 1m/km		

DART RIVER, QLDC

Lake Wakatipu to Dredge Flat (National Park boundary)	Yes	Class 2. 38km Braided Gradient: 3.4m/km	Lake Wakatipu	MUST REPORT TO DART RIVER JET OFFICE FIRST
Rockburn Stream from Dart Confluence	Yes	Short section depending on flow. Runs into chasm. Worth a look	As above	

HAWEA RIVER, QLDC

Clutha River to Hawea Dam	No	Class 2. 14km Boulders, swift Gradient: 4.3m/km	Clutha River	Hydro controlled
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HUNTER RIVER, QLDC

Lake Hawea to Ferguson Creek	1/11 to 12/12 inclusive. 19/3 to 30/4	Class 2. 32km Braided, shingle, boulders Gradient: 5.25m/km	Lake Hawea neck	Entry from lake can be tricky. NOTE: Lake can be treacherous if wind changes
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KAWERAU RIVER, QLDC

Lake Wakatipu to Arrow River Confluence. (excluding area marked with yellow buoys adjacent to Zoological Gardens)	Yes	<p>Class 1. 14km Easy boating Gradient: 0.7m/km</p> <p>TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF LAGAROSIPHON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Boating in buoyed off areas on both sides of the river, approx. 10 metres out from the shore. <p>All upstream vessels to stop & switch their engine off before re-entry to the Lake</p>	Lake Wakatipu	Note rules re Kawerau Fall dam below
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Kawerau Fall Dam rules:

The area below the "Down" gate and above the "Up" gate are not to be used as stop or rest areas
 Give way to all vessels exiting the Shotover River and exercise extreme care in this area
 Vessels proceeding downstream must navigate the second arch of the control gates from the south side
 Vessels proceeding upstream must navigate the sixth arch of the control gates from the south side

Arrow Junction to Nevis Bluff	No	<p>Class 3. 10km Chutes, rapids, rocks, gorgy Gradient: Not relevant as extreme rapids have easy water between them</p>	Lake Wakatipua	
Nevis Bluff to Roaring Meg	No	<p>Class 4. 15km Gradient: Not relevant as extreme rapids have easy water between them</p>		
Roaring Meg to QLDC Boundary	No	<p>Class 3. 2.5km Rapids, rocks Gradient: Not relevant as rapids have easy water between them</p>	Lake Dunstan	A classic Class 3 big water run

KAWERAU RIVER, ORC

QLDC Boundary to Lake Dunstan. (3.5km above Goldfields Mining Centre)	No	<p>Class 2. 3.5km Easy rapids, gorgy</p>	Lake Dunstan	Notify operator of Goldfields Jet
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MAKARORA

Blue Pools to National Park Boundary	No	Class 2. 1.5km Shingle braided, rocks Gradient: 2.5m/km	As below	
National Park boundary to Young River	No	Class 2. 4.5km Shingle, braided, rocks Gradient: 2.5m/km	As below	
Lake Wanaka to Confluence of Young River	Yes	Class 1. 14km Shingle, braided Gradient: 2m/km	Lake Wanaka	Notify Wilkin River Jet Operator

MANUHERIKIA RIVER

Falls Dam to SH85 Bridge at Becks	August/September when flow at Ophir gauge is between 10-45 cumecs	Class 3. 20 km Gradient: 8 m/km Gorgy, rocks, willows, shingle	Omakau bridge	Needs high flow
Becks Bridge to Omakau Bridge	August/September when flow at Ophir gauge is between 10-45 cumecs	Class 3. 20 km Gradient: 9 m/km Gorgy. Shingle, trees, rock shelves.	Omakau bridge	Needs high flow
Omakau Bridge to Rail Trail bridge near Chatto Creek	August/September when flow at Ophir gauge is between 10-45 cumecs	Class 3 .14 km. Gradient: 2.1 m/km Shingle, narrow, willows, rocks		
Chatto Creek to Clutha River	August/September when flow at Ophir gauge is between 10-45 cumecs	Class 2. 15 km Gradient: 2.7 m/km Shallow, shingle, willows, rocks		

MATUKITUKI RIVER

West Branch. Lake Wanaka. Confluence of East Branch (Cameron's Flat) to Raspberry Flat Car Park	Yes	Class 2. 8km Boulders, shingle Gradient: 3.75m/km	Lake Wanaka, Glendhu Bay or west Wanaka Bridge	
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East Branch. Confluence (Camerons Flat) to Mt Aspiring National Park Boundary	Yes	Class 2. 5km Shingle, chutes, boulders Gradient: 7m/km	As above	Needs above average flows Notify operator of Wanaka River Journeys
Cameron Flat to Lake Wanaka	Yes	Class 1. 32km Shingle, braided Gradient: 1.5m/km	As above	Watch for passive recreation during summer months

REES RIVER, QLDC

Muddy Creek to Invincible Creek	30 Oct to 1 May	Class 4. 4km Falls, rapids, rocks Gradient: 15m/km	Lake Wakatipu	
Invincible Creek to Cockburns Bush	30 Oct to 1 May	Class 3. 3km Rocks, rapids Gradient: 6.7m/km	Lake Wakatipu	
Cockburns Bush to Dart River/Lake Wakatipu	30 Oct to 1 May	Class 2. 11km Braided Gradient: 5.3m/km	Lake Wakatipu	

SHOTOVER RIVER, QLDC

Sheil Burn to Skippers Bridge	No	Class 3. 21km Rocks, rapids, shingle, gorgy Gradient: 4.3m/km	As below	
100m above Skippers Bridge to Deep Creek	Yes	Class 2. 7km Shingle, gorgy Gradient: 2.9m/km	Under bridge at Deep Creek	
Deep Creek to Oxenbridge Tunnel	No	Class 4. 12km Gorgy, rapids, rocks, shingle Gradient: 5.4m/km		
Oxenbridge Tunnel to Tuckers Beach	Yes, provided Shotover Jet permission obtained	Class 2. 7km Gorgy, rocks, shingle Gradient: 5m/km	Kawerau River or Tuckers Beach	Subject to QLDC Bylaw. Contact Shotover Jet (027 412 2982) to obtain permission and a permit.

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Tuckers Beach to Kawerau River	Yes	Class 1. 6km Shallows, shingle, braided Gradient: 2.75m/km	As above	

TAIERI RIVER, ORC

Above Hyde	No	Class 4.		Unlikely to be boated at any time
Hyde Gravel Pit to Pukerangi Road Bridge	Yes - Aug to Sept Flow >20 cumecs Waiapiata gauge	Class 2. 49km Willows, rocks Gradient: 1.8m/km	Middlemarch Bridge	
Pukerangi Gorge to Rock Gardens	No	Class 4. 40km Rocks, rapids, chutes Gradient: 3.5m/km		
Rock Gardens to Outram Glen Bridge	Yes	Class 3. 6km Shallows, rapids, rocks Gradient: 1.7m/km	Outram Bridge	
Outram to Confluence of Waipori River	Yes - 15 July to 15 Aug Flow >30 cumecs at Outram gauge	Class 1. 27km Shingle, mud, shallows Gradient: 0.4m/km	Otago Branch ramp, Henley	Speed limit actively enforced
Waipori Confluence to 200m upstream of mouth bridge.	No	Class 1. 10km Meandering, tidal Gradient: 0.4m/km	As above; south side of river below Taeri Ferry Bridge	

WAIPORI RIVER

Source to SH 1 Bridge at Titri	No			
SH1 bridge to Riverside Rd	Yes	Class 1. 10 km Tidal	Lake Wakatipu	Excludes tributaries and Taeri River upstream of confluence.

WILKIN RIVER, QLDC

Kerin Forks to Makarora River	Yes	Class 2. 14km Shingle, boulders Gradient: 1.5m/km	As per Makarora River	Notify Commercial Operator at Makarora
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YOUNG RIVER, QLDC

Ram Flat area to Makarora River	No	Class 3. 5km Rocks, logs, shallows Gradient: 3m/km	As per Makarora River	
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