



**SHELLY PARK
CRUISING CLUB**

Moorings and Mooring Maintenance

Purpose: To outline safe procedures and member responsibilities for checking, maintaining, and using moorings at Shelly Park Cruising Club.

Do's

- Notify the Harbourmaster and SPCC Moorings Officer of any mooring adjustments or if moving to a new position.
- Ensure your vessel has third party insurance and is clearly identified.
- Use anti-chafe gear on lines passing through fairleads or cleats.

Mooring responsibilities – change of ownership

- Each vessel owner is responsible for the condition and safety of their mooring.
- Moorings in the Auckland area are administered by the Harbourmaster as part of Auckland Transport. An annual fee is levied for this service.
- Sale of moorings requires the completion of a change of ownership form, <https://at.govt.nz/media/1983039/certificate-of-transfer-mooring-20-21.pdf> payment of a transfer fee, and approval by the Harbourmasters that the new vessel is suitable for the existing mooring specifications.
- SPCC members are encouraged if possible to sell to a member or incoming member as we do not know how to contact the non-member owner at short notice or in an emergency.

- Any changes to moorings or swing radius must be approved by the Harbourmaster or SPCC Mooring Officer

Routine Inspections

- Visually inspect ropes, anti-chafe piping for cracks, chains, shackles, and buoys every 3–6 months.
- Look for signs of corrosion, wear, or damaged fittings.
- Divers or professional services may be engaged for underwater inspections
- The Harbourmaster sends out reminders for mooring maintenance every 3 years.
- Most insurers require 2 to 3 yearly inspection by a professional and certificate of inspection provided by the mooring service provider
- Most boat owners use one or other of the two companies listed

Don't's

- Don't leave mooring maintenance for extended periods.
- Don't tie up to moorings not assigned to you.
- Don't allow excessive swing or over-length rope that could impact neighbouring vessels.
- **Don't use the mooring barge if you have not had training in its use.**

Safe Mooring Use

- Always approach moorings slowly and from downwind or downstream.
- Use gloves when handling mooring lines to avoid rope burn or cuts.
- Tie off using proper cleat hitches; avoid knots that can jam under load.
- Keep a spare line and knife handy in case of tangled or damaged mooring lines.
- Inform the SPCC Mooring Officer or Club Captain immediately if a mooring breaks free or is suspected of being unsafe, has changed position or the buoy is sinking
- Operation of the mooring barge requires three people trained in its use

Useful contact details

Harbourmasters Office 24 hour line 09 3620397 Website:

<https://at.govt.nz/boating-marine/moorings>, email: moorings@at.govt.nz

SPCC Moorings Officer – Mike Empsom 09 5358506, mempson@xtra.co.nz

Club Captain – Lyndon Chambers 021 674 159

Mooring Service Providers

Hauraki Marine Service Ph 0274 962 041 or haurakimarineservices@gmail.com

Tidal Engineering 024 528 4441. Or tidal@xtra.co.nz

SPCC notifies members when the 3 year inspections are going to take place to make the most efficient use of the mooring service providers

Remember: Mooring safety protects not just your vessel, but others in the area. Regular maintenance is cheaper than emergency salvage.