



Use of Boat Ramps and Boat Moorings

Terms and Conditions

Introduction

Council managed foreshores and boat facilities are provided to the public for recreational and commercial purposes, and it is the responsibility of all users to ensure that they utilise these facilities in the appropriate way, without interference to others.

Council's By-law No. 3 Local Government Land 2024 sets out several prohibited activities and activities requiring permission on the foreshore which includes, adjacent land as well as the built boat facilities thereon or otherwise built on local government land (boat ramps, jetties, landings and mooring pontoons).

Council's By-law is in addition to existing state and federal laws and regulations which cover issues such as:

- public behaviour
- noise
- littering
- correct storage and disposal of rubbish, garbage, waste and wastewater
- boat registration and licensing
- boat safety including compulsory wearing of life jackets
- navigation
- marine parks
- carrying and storage of explosives
- recreational and commercial fishing
- interference with marine mammals
- biosecurity
- quarantine restrictions
- other unlawful activities

Users of Council facilities are required to comply with the By-law as well as all signage and reasonable directions of authorised persons with respect to their use of any foreshore, local government land or boat facility thereon.

'Boat' for the purposes of the by-law includes a vessel, raft, pontoon or personal watercraft (with motor of greater than eight horsepower) but does not include a paddleboard, canoe (eg dragon boat) or kayak, surf board, wind surf board or water skis.

The Council has designated foreshore areas in addition to where boat ramps are located for the launching and landing of boats.

The Christmas Cove boat facility is not a marina and there is no connected water or power, nor any public toilets. These moorings are not available for residential purposes.

Under the By-law permits and/or tickets are required to use certain boat facilities for the launching, landing, loading/unloading of passengers and for mooring of boats.

Conditions for use of boat ramps where permissions or tickets required:

1. A person must not use a boat ramp to launch or retrieve a boat without first having purchased a ticket or an annual permit.
2. A person launching or retrieving a boat from a boat ramp must provide their ticket or permit to an Authorised Officer upon request. If a ticket or permit is not produced, an Authorised Officer may issue an expiation notice to that person.
3. No commercial refuelling is permitted unless with the prior written authorisation of the Council.

Additional conditions for use of Christmas Cove boat facilities including moorings/ berths/ pontoons where permissions or tickets required:

By-law 3 operates such that:

- A person must not use certain boat mooring facilities without first having purchased a ticket or permit or lease and where a ticket/permit or lease is purchased the person must comply with the conditions stated either thereon or on signage at the mooring facility; and
- A person must not moor a boat at any place within Christmas Cove other than at the boat moorings designated and clearly marked as such by the Council.

The following conditions apply to persons mooring boats in Christmas Cove:

1. Fishing other than light tackle fishing (ie 2kg max, no tracer or similar strengthened line) is not permitted in Christmas Cove.
2. Feeding fish, birds or wildlife is not permitted in Christmas Cove.
3. No vehicles or bicycles are to be driven/ridden on the mooring pontoons.
4. Children under the age of 14 years shall be in the care and control of a responsible adult at all times.
5. Boats must enter and leave under engine power (where engine is fitted).
6. Users must moor in the allocated or ticketed mooring/berth.
7. Users must ensure that all rigging and sails are secure to prevent 'slatting' and 'howling' or other noise or disturbance.
8. Users must not physically alter any boat mooring or pontoons.
9. Users must ensure that any boat moored is kept in seaworthy condition to the satisfaction of the Council. If, in the opinion of Council, a boat is allowed to be or deemed to be in an unsightly, dilapidated or unseaworthy condition, Council may require the removal of the boat at the operator's or owner's cost.
10. Users must keep moorings, pontoons and walkways clear at all times (i.e. no dinghies, bicycles or other gear to be left unattended).
11. Users must not swim or dive in Christmas Cove or adjacent to a boat mooring except for a valid purpose relating to the maintenance or safe passage of a boat.

12. Users must not discharge anything (i.e. solid, liquid or gas), including treated greywater, into the waters of Christmas Cove.
13. Except in an emergency, users moored at Christmas Cove must not, without the written permission of Council (which may or may not be granted):
 - a) Moor a boat other than a recreational boat;
 - b) Moor at the Short Pontoon or Long Pontoon;
 - c) Allow any portion of the boat to extend beyond the boundaries of the mooring;
 - d) Refuel a boat via a commercial fuel-tanker. Note: refueling is permitted at Christmas Cove using AS/NZS 2906:2001 approved fuel containers and taking full measures to prevent any spillage or overflow entering the Christmas Cove waters;
 - e) Effect major repairs, external painting works and fitting and refitting, etc., of any boat;
 - f) Allow tradespeople to provide services or undertake work or repairs on a boat;
 - g) Spend, or allow another person to spend a continuous period of 72 hours or more on the boat whilst the same occupies the mooring (Christmas Cove is not a residential facility);
 - h) Operate a generator;
 - i) Subject to any other laws, keep any animal on a moored boat.

More information:

Kangaroo Island Council By-law No. 3 Local Government Land By-Law 2024

<https://www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au/Council/publications-and-documents/bylaws>

Kangaroo Island biosecurity/quarantine restrictions

<https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ki/plants-and-animals/Biosecurity>

Maine pests

<https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ki/coast-and-marine/marine-pests>

South Australian boating safety handbook

https://www.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/11701/SA_boating_handbook_Sept_2018_WEB.pdf

EPA code of practice –vessel and facility management

https://www.epa.sa.gov.au/files/47792_vessels.pdf

South Australian Recreational Fishing Limits

https://pir.sa.gov.au/fishing/recreational_fishing

SA Fishing app for recreational fishers

<https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing/recfishingapp>

Respecting marine mammals

https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/kangaroo_island/news/marine/ki-respect_marine_mammals-a4-2019.pdf

Kangaroo Island marine parks

<https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ki/parks-and-places/marine-parks>