

# On-the-water Survey

29 March 2017

## Summary

- Data collected between 1 December 2016 and February 2017
- 1505 surveys conducted by council and MNZ staff
- Data returned covering 8 council areas
- A high level of compliance was noted during the campaign

## Breakdown of vessel type

- 64% Powerboat
- 10% Jetski
- 9% Kayak
- 6% Dinghy
- 5% Paddleboard
- 5% Yacht
- 2% Other

## Demographics

- 85% of vessels had a male skipper
- 11% of vessels had a female skipper
- Most common male age ranges were 31-40, 41-50 and 51-60 (20% each)
- Most common female age range was 21-30 (40% of all female skippers)

## Who's using what?

- Male: primarily powerboat users (69% of males)
- Female: primarily paddle craft (52% of females)
- Females were the recorded user of 43% of all paddle craft

## PFD carriage on vessels

- 96% of vessels were carrying enough PFDs for all those on board
- Most regions had around this percentage
- Jetskis (99%) and powerboats (98%) vessels were the highest rate of PFDs
- Stand-up paddleboards (72%) and kayaks (90%) were the lowest



## PFD use when lawfully required

- 93% of vessel occupants were compliant when required to wear PFDs
- Most regions had around this percentage
- Jetskis (98%) and yachts (97%) were the highest when lawfully required
- SUPs (80%) and kayaks (90%) were the lowest

## Other behaviour

- 46% of those required to did not display a dive flag (102 vessels supporting divers)
- 90% of vessels had some form of communication equipment
- However of those, only 85% had waterproof communications equipment



## Outcomes

- 82% no offences detected
- 15% verbally warned (at the time of the survey)
- 3% notice of breach (where issued at the time of the survey)
- 46% were given education material (nearly 700 skippers!)