

THE MAIN WHARF AT THE PORTOBELLO MARINE LABORATORY AND AQUARIUM

The main wharf, (including fixed and floating components), was built and is owned by the University of Otago for the purposes of teaching, research and to house the sea water system.

The following set of procedures is to ensure the safe and appropriate use and long-term preservation of, the wharf structure.

1. The floating wharf is designed for vessels that are up to a maximum length of eight meters.
2. Vessels over eight meters must come alongside and secure to the Main Wharf.
3. When necessary, vessels over eight meters in length, may disembark onto the floating wharf, but must remain secured to the main wharf.
4. Vessels using either wharf to disembark passengers are responsible for providing their own access equipment.
5. During West or North West winds, over 10 knots, there is no access to the floating wharf.
6. During East, North East or South West winds, over 25 knots, there is no access to the floating wharf.

Note: Ebb tides hold a vessel off the wharf. Flood tides push a vessel against the wharf.

8. Wharf access / use is at the vessel owner's risk.

Any damage to property owned by the University of Otago must be reported to the Manager of the Portobello Marine Laboratory, phone: 479-5810.