

University of Otago (UoO) Marine Facilities Costings and Booking Information

With Effect from 1 March 2025

To lodge a cruise plan and book a vessel, please visit: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/marinescience/bookings/>

Contacts and Information

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University of Otago Large Vessels

Vessel	Description	Primary areas of Operation	Occupancy (includes crew & skipper and is activity dependent)
<i>RV Polaris II</i>	21m vessel capable of working inshore and offshore and can transit to New Zealand's outer islands. Equipped to support a wide range of marine biological, oceanographic, geological and geophysical activities including diving. See notes regarding Tender Vessel use below under equipment.	NZ Coastal Waters and to Offshore Limits	Enclosed and Inshore: 42 Offshore and Overnight: 14

University of Otago Small Vessels

Vessel	Description	Primary areas of Operation	Occupancy (includes crew & skipper and is activity dependent)
<i>RV Tūhura</i>	6.5 m aluminum powerboat. Can support restricted oceanographic work, limited bottom sampling, trawling and diving.	Coastal Otago and Inland South Island Waterways	Max 6 persons
<i>RV Naiad</i> (subject to availability)	6.3m rigid-hulled inflatable based in Stewart Island. Requires a parallel booking of the Stewart Island Field Station. Access to the Island is via the public ferry from Bluff. Can support restricted oceanographic work, limited bottom sampling, trawling and diving.	Stewart Island	Max 6 persons
<i>Moki</i>	4.8m aluminum powerboat for use close inshore and in harbours. Can be trailered to other locations. Can support water sampling, fish collection & diving (two divers max).	Otago, can be trailered to other locations (book towing vehicle)	Max 4 persons

PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT NOTES:

Enclosed waters are places like harbours and estuaries. Inshore waters are within 22.2 km of the coast. Offshore waters are within the 200-mile limit.

Many activities require MFish and/or DoC permits, Ethics and Resource Consents, Mātaītai or Taiapure permissions. The Department of Marine Science holds some permits/consents but it is the user's responsibility to ensure their activities comply with legal and University requirements.

Fieldwork plans must be completed and submitted at least two weeks prior to departure. Failure to submit a plan by this deadline may mean a booking cannot be approved in time – and the boat will not leave the wharf.

For the current vessel rates, please see the Vessel Rates Cards available to download on the website.

University of Otago Field Stations

Field Station	Description	Getting there	Staff Rates	Student Rates
<i>Taupuni Moana o Rakiura</i> , Oban, Stewart Island	12-berth field station in the township of Oban with wet and dry workroom space. Overflow accommodation and additional workroom space is available nearby for larger classes. The Station is within walking distance of the Ferry terminal.	Book ferry to/from Bluff with Real Journeys using University purchase order – ask for University discount. Book vehicle from Dunedin to Bluff, parking is available at Bluff. NB Marine Science users contact marine.science@otago.ac.nz	Minimum fee \$100 \$40 per person per day	Minimum fee \$100 \$25 per student per day
Deep Cove, Doubtful Sound	Field wet workroom that can support 4-5 people. Accommodation can be arranged in the Deep Cove Hostel (maximum of 49 people), which also has additional workroom space for larger classes	Depending on numbers, book ferry and bus across Manapouri to Deep Cove with Real Journeys using University purchase order – ask for University discount. If required, book MS truck for transit from West Arm to Deep Cove. NB Marine Science users contact marine.science@otago.ac.nz	Available from Deep Cove Hostel (bobhughesnz@gmail.com)	Available from Deep Cove Hostel (bobhughesnz@gmail.com)

University of Otago Equipment and Additional Items

University of Otago Equipment and Additional Items	Non- Marine Science Users	Marine Science Staff & Students
Relief Skipper, if required	\$500/day	\$500/day
Marine technician to operate specialised equipment	\$300/day	NIL
Hilux Utes and Mitsubishi Outlander Hilux Utes and Outlander are based in Dunedin. Must be booked using Marine Science field booking system (www.otago.ac.nz/msfrp)	\$0.79/km	\$0.79/km
Isuzu and Nissan 4WD trucks Isuzu truck is based in Dunedin, Nissan truck is based at West Arm, Fiordland. Must be booked using Marine Science field booking system (www.otago.ac.nz/msfrp)	\$1.00/km	\$1.00/km
Tender Vessel if used independently as work vessel from <i>RV Polaris II</i> (free as transport with <i>Polaris II</i> hire)	\$30/hour	\$30/hour
Food (user must budget to feed the vessel's skipper and crew)	Supplied by user	Supplied by user
Satellite phone (broadband/data are responsibility of user to arrange)	US\$1.80/min	US\$1.80/min
CTD	\$80/day	NIL
Rosette Water Sampler	\$80/day	NIL
Piston corer (Piston Liner)	\$50/day Core Liner \$175 each	\$NIL/day Core Liner \$175 each
Box corer	\$15/day	NIL
Grab samplers	\$15/day	NIL
On-board Clean Lab	\$50/day	\$50/day
Boomer / Chirp: contact Department of Geology	Contact Geology	Contact Geology
Multi Beam System (MBES): contact School of Surveying	Contact Surveying	Contact Surveying