



Vessel Registration Terms and Conditions

- A Dinghy is defined as; a single or multi hulled vessel to a maximum of 3 metres and once registered can be stored at any Council managed foreshore reserve.
- A kayak/canoe is defined as a single dulated vessel to a maximum of 3 metres and once registered only able to be stored at Dutchman's Beach, Nelson Bay and Tanilba Park, Forster Park and Peace Pack, Tanilba Bay.
- Unauthorised Vessels are all other water vessels that do NOT fit the definitions above. These include but are not limited to medium/large trailable vessel, trailer sailer, catamaran, sailboard, jetski, surfboard, work punt, pontoon sailboat (fitted with mast) rowing skull or inflatable boat.
- Each application will be assessed individually and the applicable fee paid.
- Permits remain the property of Port Stephens Council at all times.
- Permits are valid for a 12 month (from 1 July – 30 June inclusive or part thereof) or a 6 month period (from 1 January – 30 June inclusive or part thereof) each year.
- Lost or damaged Permits must be reported as soon as possible.
- You must give Council immediate notice of any damage, defect or deterioration affecting the vessel storage area.
- The Vessel Permit must be firmly affixed to the outside of the dinghy or water craft in such a manner as to be clearly visible at all times. Any dinghy/kayak/canoe or water craft not displaying a current valid permit in this manner, (even though a permit may have been issued) may be impounded by Council and/or an infringement may be issued.
- Any Vessels without a Permit sticker or which are derelict, awaiting repair, abandoned or inappropriately stored may be removed and impounded by Council Rangers in accordance with the *Impounding Act 1993*.
- Permits must not be transferred, on-sold to another person or duplicated. If Permits are used in contravention to the conditions of issue or fraudulently the Council may withdraw the permit.
- You agree to store your Vessel at a rack or foreshore by securely affixing the Vessel to a least one (1) fixed point which does not impede pedestrian access. For example chain and padlock around dinghy rack rails or foreshore timber barriers.

- Council accepts no liability or responsibility for loss, damage or theft of the Vessel stored which you agree is stored entirely at your own risk.
- To the maximum extent permitted by law, Council excludes all liability to you for loss or damage of any kind (however caused, including negligence) and in accepting these terms and conditions you agree to indemnify Council as outlined in the Foreshore Vessel Storage Registration Application for Permit you have completed.
- Council reserves the right to terminate the Permit at any time and for any reason, including if any of the relevant conditions are breached.
- Any Vessels that are stored in foreshore areas without Council authorisation will be removed.