

MV Rena Advisory Notice

to

Recreational Boaties

in the

Bay of Plenty

Due to the increased risk of hitting marine debris at sea in the Bay of Plenty, we would like you to seriously consider the following points:

- **Any debris at sea is a potential hazard to recreational vessels (not just containers)**
- **Do you actually need to go out?**
- **Travel at a “safe speed” at all times ***
- **Maintain a “proper lookout” at all times ***
- **Be off the water during the hours of darkness**

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Harbourmaster has directed that all vessels must stay at least 200 metres clear of all containers from the Rena, as well as any salvage vessel working on the response or any other vessel assisting with the Rena response.

These temporary exclusion zones are in addition to the ongoing exclusion zone which is an area of sea within three nautical miles of the Astrolabe Reef and any part of the Rena.

The additional temporary exclusion zones direction is issued to keep vessels away from areas that are known to contain navigational safety hazards such as containers from the Rena. These temporary zones around the containers will follow the hazards which are constantly moving with the changing currents and weather conditions.

The on-water situation is dynamic and remains hazardous please check:

www.boprc.govt.nz and/or www.maritimenz.govt.nz

If you need to be on the water, we advise that all vessels should proceed at safe speed, keep a good lookout and travel through the area in daylight only. The debris field is extensive; its movement is unpredictable and could extend further as the situation evolves.

Skippers are also reminded to take extra care around any anchored containers. These areas may contain unlit buoys, ropes, chains and anchors, so they should keep well clear.

If you see any oil in the water, please notify Maritime New Zealand immediately by calling 0800 645 774. If you see containers in the water, or oiled wildlife, please call 0800 333 771.

Anyone found in the exclusion zones without the express permission of the Harbourmaster could face prosecution.

* Please refer to Maritime Rule Part 91: Navigation Safety for the legal definition.

