

**Auckland Regional Council**  
**Harbourmaster's Direction 2-06**  
**Quarantine Anchorage**

**Foreword**

The Motuihe Quarantine anchorage lies within the pilotage area of the Port of Auckland. Access to this anchorage is gained via the restricted waters of the Motuihe Channel. In the event of a vessel arriving with a suspected infection aboard it would be unadvisable to embark a pilot and risk further infection. This leaves the vessel unable to gain access to the Quarantine anchorage. This Direction makes provision for the safety of navigation in the circumstances described.

**1) Preamble**

These directions are issued under section 650C(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1974. They:

- a. Define the "Quarantine Anchorage" for vessels requiring a pilot.
- b. Allow such vessels to enter into the pilotage area without a pilot embarked.

**2) Definitions**

"Anchor" includes the use of a drogue, sea anchor or any device whose purpose is to assist the vessel to remain in position or restrict drift.

"Auckland Region" means area of control of the Auckland Regional Council, but excludes those areas administered by Rodney District Council Harbourmaster.

"Licensed pilot" means a person holding a current pilotage licence for the Waitemata harbour issued under maritime rule 90.

"Pilotage area" means that area defined in Maritime Rule 90 as pilotage area for Auckland.

"Pilot exempt master" means a master holding a current pilotage exemption certificate for the Waitemata harbour issued under Maritime Rule 90.

"Vessel" has the same meaning as a "ship" in the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

**3) Application**

- 1) This direction applies to all vessels.

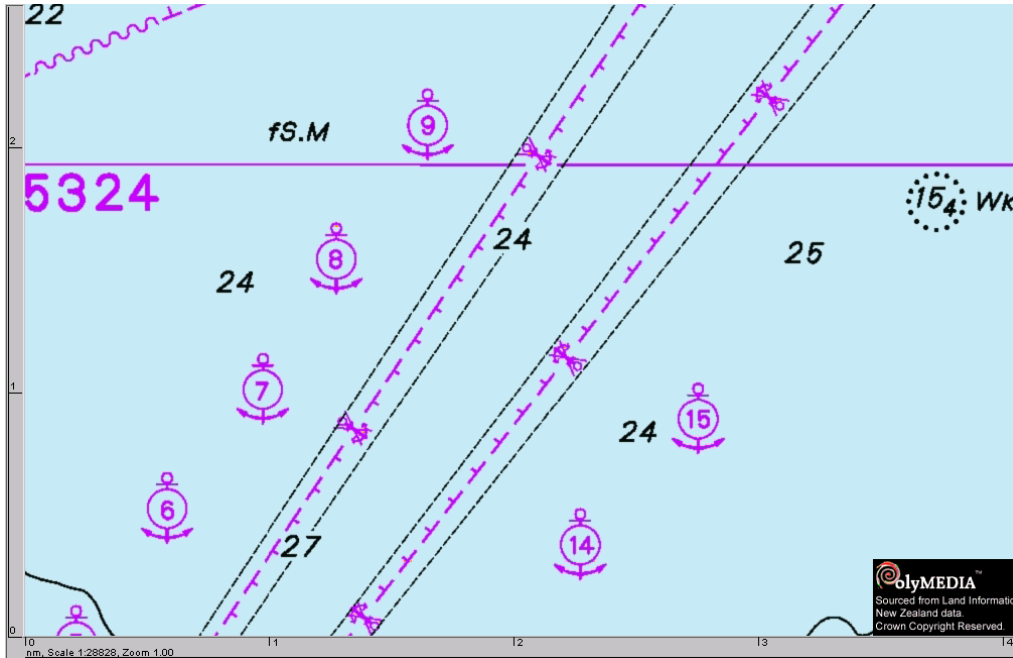
**4) Variation**

The Harbourmaster may, upon written application, vary the rules in this direction for a vessel. This will be done on a case-by-case basis, and only where the overall harbour safety standards can be maintained.

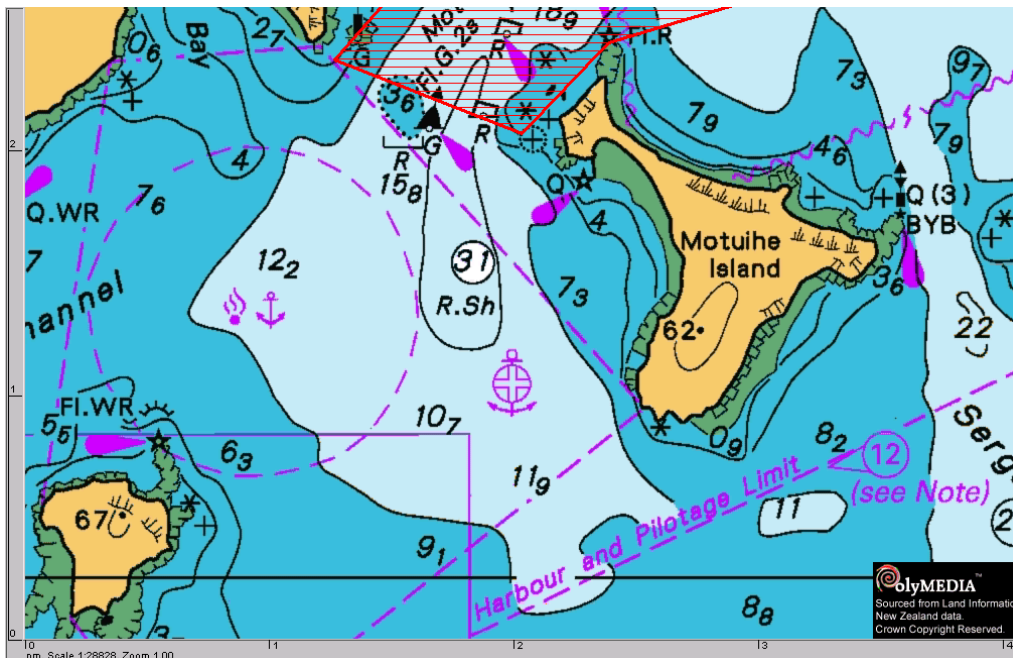
## 5) Location

The Quarantine Anchorages are;

Anchorage No.9	Lt. 36 40.8'S	Lg. 174 52.6'E
Anchorage No.15	Lt. 36 42.0'S	Lg. 174 53.9'E



Motuihe anchorage	Lt. 36 49.2'S	Lg. 174 55.7'E
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## **6) Purpose**

To allow un-obstructed safe passage to all vessels to and from a Quarantine Anchorage.

## **7) Conduct of all vessels**

All vessels requiring a Quarantine anchorage must contact Harbour Control on VHF channel 12 prior to entering the pilotage area.

A vessel that requires the services of a licensed pilot must use only anchorages No.9 or No.15 as described in paragraph 5 above.

A vessel under the command of a pilot exempt master, whose exemption allows them to navigate that vessel within the Auckland Pilotage area may use either anchorage No.9, No. 15 or the Motuihe quarantine anchorage, unless directed otherwise by the Harbourmaster.

## **8) Liability**

Auckland Regional Council shall not, in any case, be responsible for any loss arising from the negligence of the master or crew of any vessel using the lane.

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