

## Wellington Regional Council

### Harbourmaster's Direction 2/2026

#### Concern about seaworthiness – *Southern Maid*

I, **GRANT NALDER**, Wellington Regional Harbourmaster, issue the following Direction pursuant to section 33F(1)(c) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 on the grounds that the Direction is necessary for the purpose of ensuring maritime safety.

#### Background

This vessel is currently moored alongside another vessel outside a boatshed on Paremata Road. The vessel is not operational and appears to need a pump constantly available to keep it afloat. The date of the last slipping is unknown. Overall vessel condition is unknown but does appear to be poor.

#### Application

This Direction applies to the wooden launch known as *Southern Maid* currently moored in the Pauatahanui Inlet.

#### Direction

The vessel must be removed from the water and either made seaworthy and operational before relaunching or disposed off. The vessel must either be out of the water by 25 May 2026 or a confirmed plan in place to have it removed soon after.

Failure to comply may result in the vessel being seized and removed with costs recovered from the owner.

**Dated** 22 April 2026



**N G Nalder**  
**Regional Harbourmaster**  
**Wellington Regional Council**