

Weiti Boating Club Policy 03/10/11

HARDSTAND RUN-OFF CONTROL

PLEASE READ AND ACT ON THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE WASHING OFF

Auckland Council has asked the club to take interim measures to contain wash down run off. The measures discussed below are work in progress and under development. Please make every effort to use what is available at the time in a productive manner.

The items available to contain run-off are: 100mm diameter sock (black) and 200mm diameter sock (blues mesh, 4 at 3 metres each). The intention is to surround the down hill side of each vessel being cleaned or low pressure water blasted using a combination of small sock and large sock. Carpet strips can also be used.

The hose and socks are essentially dams that pond and slow the water, thus allowing the sediment to settle on to the concrete. They are not filter devices. Please treat the large and small socks with care, and refrain from dragging them around on the concrete or snagging them against the cradles.

Short lengths of large diameter socks were purchased so that they can be carried and arranged by three persons; please ask for help to move them. These socks should be overlapped to create a continuous barrier. They can be compacted and settled into place over the cracks by pushing down on the top.

Place the small diameter sock on the inside (boat side) of the large socks. The small sock should be laid with the seam horizontal and parallel with the ground, and facing inward toward the boat.

The residue that collects in the dams must be collected, bagged and put in the rubbish after the water has drained and evaporated away. The residue can be collected by first using a broom and shovel, followed by the wet-vac vacuum cleaner. The wet-vac must be emptied and the residue cleaned from the holding chamber before the wet-vac is put away. It is counter productive to hose any residue away because this defeats the catchment exercise.

Please consider the use of the socks and wet-vac as the first of many interim measures. Ultimately a fully compliant hardstand filtration system is the answer (but this comes at great cost).

It is critically important for the club that all members and their helpers make every effort to stop runoff, residue and dust from reaching the river.

You are all intelligent and practical people; please apply your best efforts and skills to mitigating the problem.

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