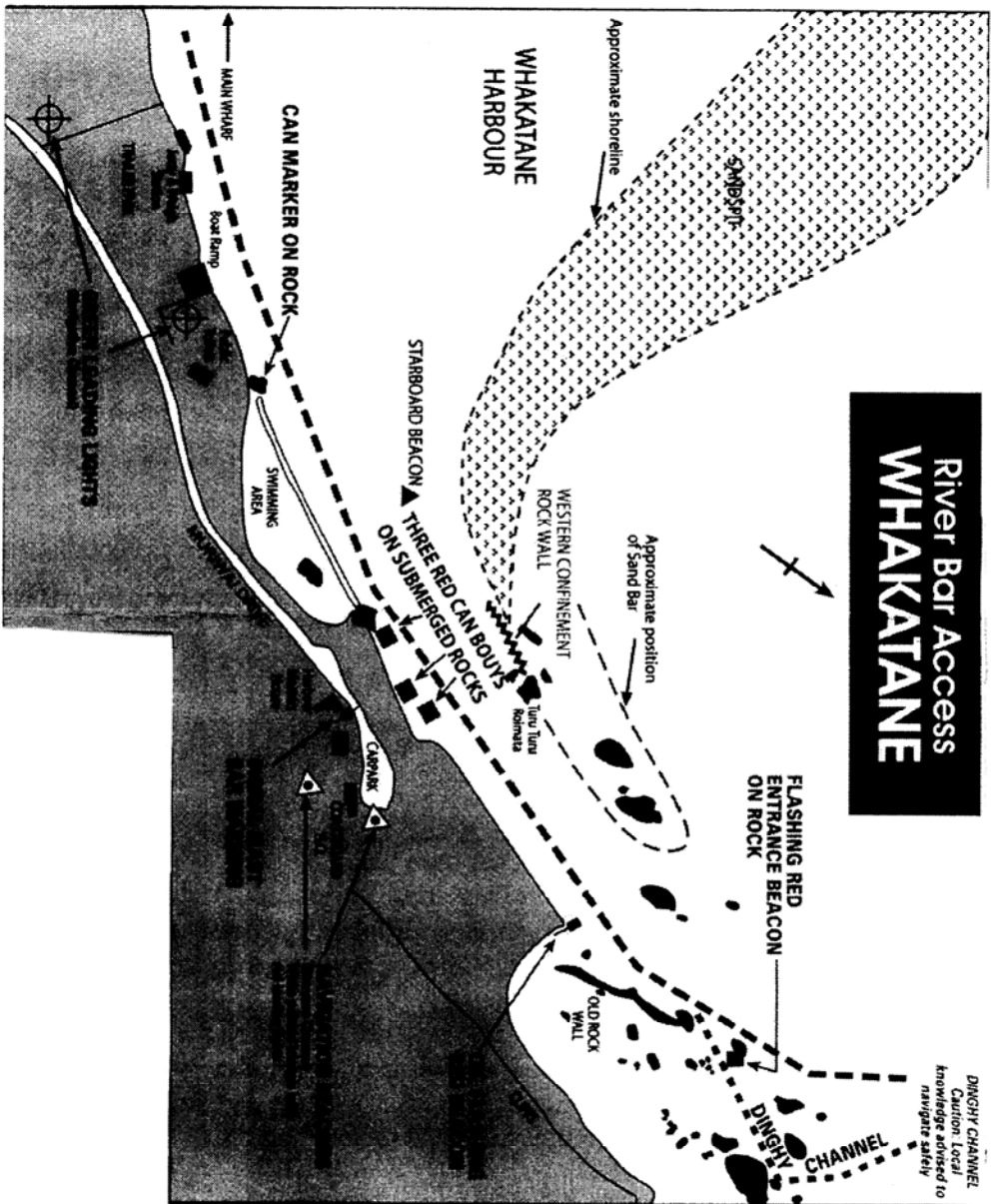


River Bar Access WHAKATANE



- Hints on Crossing the Bar

1. If the RED BALL is flying stay at home.
2. Wear a life jacket AT ALL TIMES.
3. Use sufficient speed to cross waves.
Do not power through them.
4. NEVER turn on the bar. Avoid broaching.
5. Give way to vessels committed to the bar.
6. TAKE YOUR TIME and study the sea pattern.
Pick the smallest waves to cross on.
7. When entering, always stay on the back of the wave selected. NEVER climb on top or surf on the face of a wave.
8. Use the guide markers at all times.
9. Tell someone where you are going and what time you intend on returning.
10. HAVE YOU FILLED IN A TWO MINUTE FORM?