

**Wellington Regional Council****Harbourmaster's Direction 2/2025****Exclusion Zone around *USS Blue Ridge***

**To: Vessels on Wellington Harbour**

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**

The US warship *USS Blue Ridge* will be visiting Wellington. Arriving 16 May 2025. This exclusion zone is to allow them safe and unobstructed passage and berthage while in Wellington. The ship is expected to leave 22 May.

**Application**

- This direction applies within Wellington harbour limits as shown on chart NZ4633 for the entire time the vessel is within those limits.
- While the *USS Blue Ridge* underway, the exclusion zone extends 200 meters in all directions from the ship.
- When berthed the exclusion zone extends 100 metres from the vessel on the water.
- There may be lit buoys and a floating barrier around the vessel when berthed, these will be inside the exclusion zone and do not mark its boundary.

**Direction**

No vessels are to navigate in the area(s) except for those specifically approved by the Harbourmaster. These include Centreport vessels and commercial vessels over 500GRT that are normally berthed at the Rail Ferry Terminals or Aotea Quay. The zone may be patrolled and enforced by Police, and Defence force, Centreport and Harbourmaster vessels.

**DATED** at Wellington this 14 day of May 2025.



**Grant Nalder**  
**Regional Harbourmaster**  
**Wellington Regional Council**