



# BALEX RAMP REVIEWS

**BALEX**  
AUTOMATIC BOAT LOADER

## Royal Billy Point - Pauanui

### Overview

The setting for this ramp is one of the most idyllic of any in New Zealand – almost like a tropical island. Sitting on the edge of the Pauanui estate on the eastern shores of Tairua harbour, this ramp is the closest to Slipper island, Shoe Island and a little further offshore, the Alderman islands. To get to open water boaties must negotiate the Tairua bar which should be done with caution and lifejackets on. Two hours either side of low water should be avoided, unless the conditions are perfect.

Powerloading is prohibited on this two-lane ramp, any transgressions could incur a \$200 fine. The ramp is well maintained, but there is quite a walk along the jetty to get to the loading pontoon. The area is subject to at times strong harbour tidal flows.

If entering the nearby Pauanui waterways, there is a three knot – no wake speed restriction.

### Parking

There is limited trailer and vehicle parking and this is an extremely busy ramp over the main holiday periods and summer weekends. Be prepared at times to wait and to walk.

### Facilities:

The facilities are basic with toilets in the vicinity. The coastguard have their rescue vessel housed beside the ramp and should be given launching priority in an emergency situation.