Water sports safety information

Help us to provide the opportunity for craft-users to enjoy themselves without risking the safety and enjoyment of others by following these guidelines

Check list



Check weather forecast and sea conditions



Make a passage plan and inform someone ashore of your plans

Take life jackets for everyone on board fitted with a location light



Take the following emergency equipment:

- VHF radio
- Spare fuel
- Life jacket
- Fire bucket
- Anchor
- Radar reflector
- Horn
- Oars Towline

• First aid kit

Some simple tools

Bucket/Bilge pump

• Fire extinguisher

Waterproof torch

Personal items to take:

- Food and drink Sun cream
- Spare warm clothes
- Wear a kill cord if available



See further guidance in Notices to Mariners Weymouth Harbour (weymouth-harbour.co.uk)



Water sports participants

Please observe the recreational zones indicated on the chart overleaf

Water sports permits

A permit is required for Personal Water Crafts (Jet Skis), waterskiing, wakeboarding and the towing of donuts, etc.

Ski boats

Boats must have at least a driver and one other person as a designated lookout for the skier.

Speed limit

Within the inner and outer harbours, the speed limit is "Dead Slow". Do not cause wash or wake. Look well astern to check the effect of your wake!

Traffic light signals

000 Traffic light signals are applicable to all vessels, regardless of size.

Rowing ferries

Small rowing ferries frequently cross the harbour. Keep a good lookout at slow speed and give them a wide berth.



Prices and Online Payments (weymouth-harbour.co.uk)



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Weymouth Bay Water Sports Zones

Bathing Area

Key

Speed limit lines

ഹ 4 knot marker buoys

Ski boat channel (outer mark)

PWC Personal watercraft

NB: For public safety it is recommended that the public do not use any of the Water Sport Approach Channels for swimming or bathing.

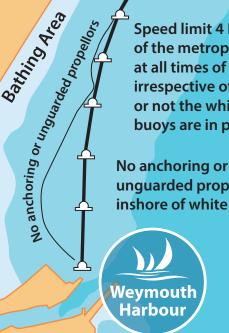
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Bathing Area

Weymouth Bay

Speed limit 4 Knots within 400m of the metropolitan shoreline, at all times of the year, irrespective of whether or not the white marker buoys are in place.

No anchoring or unguarded propellors inshore of white buoys



Not to be used for navigation

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Non Motorised Vessel Area

This area is designated for the use of non motorised vessels. No other vessels should enter this area at any time

Sailboard or Kitesurf Approach

This channel is for sailboard only. No other vessels should enter this lane at any time.

Anchoring Zone

This zone is dedicated for anchoring vessels. When proceeding to this zone, please keep to the 4 knot limit.

Ski Boat and PWC Approach

This channel is only for vessels to gain access to the beach. Please keep to the 4 knot limit. Any powered aquaplaning or water ski activities should be kept seaward side of the white 4 knot buoys.

Weymouth Bay Safety Instructions

- All power driven vessels with unguarded propellers should keep to seaward of the white buoys across Weymouth Bay except in the above zones.
- Do not enter and/or attempt to anchor in the bathing areas shown on the map. Propellors and anchors could seriously injure bathers, therefore, common sense and good seamanship dictate that navigation and mooring in bathing areas should always be avoided.
- Harbour byelaws require water ski boats to have at least two people in the boat whilst engaged in skiing, thus allowing one person to act as lookout astern.
- A motorised water sports permit is required for any powered aquaplaning activity in Weymouth Bay. Permits can be obtained online at: www.weymouth-harbour.co.uk/PricesandOnlinePayment
- Launching of personal watercraft in Weymouth Harbour Statutory Area is restricted to Weymouth Harbour slipway. Launching of personal watercraft elsewhere is prohibited.