

Water sports safety information

Personal and boat safety

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



Weather and sea condition

- Check weather forecast and sea conditions before you go to sea



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
- first aid kit
- some simple tools
- bucket/bilge pump
- fire extinguisher
- waterproof torch
- oars
- towline



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)

Rules and regulations



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 4 knots. Do not cause wash or wake. Look well astern to check the effect of your wake!



Traffic light signals

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.



For prices and online payments

weymouth-harbour.co.uk/harbourpermits/



Contact Information

Telephone numbers:

Weymouth Harbour

01305 838423

VHF Channel 12

Solent Coastguard

02392 552100

Police

01305 222222

Emergency

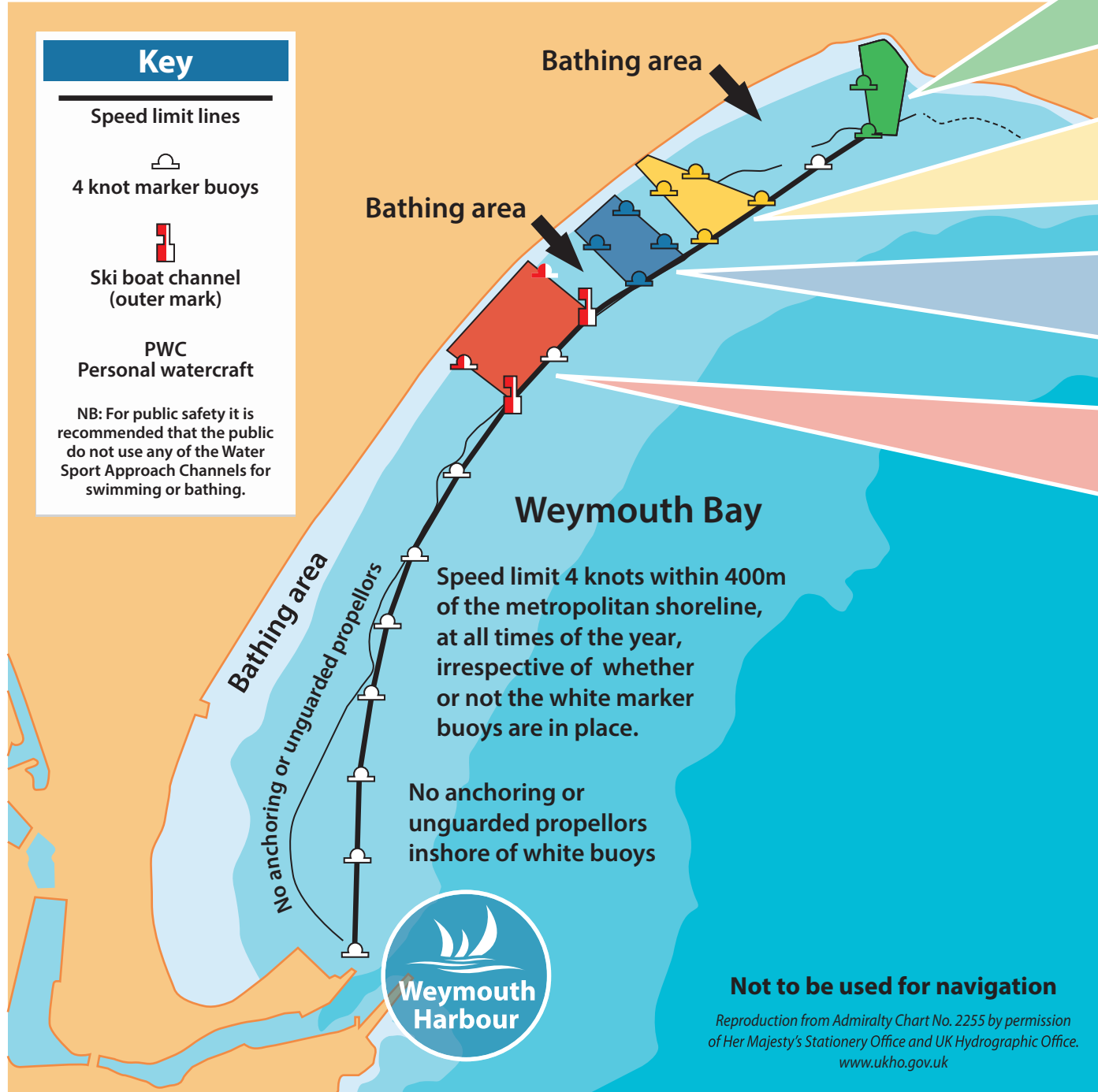
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Weymouth Harbour



Weymouth Bay Water Sports Zones



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. Propellers and anchors could seriously injure bathers, therefore, common sense and good seamanship dictate that navigation and mooring in bathing areas should always be avoided.
- General Directions 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
- Launching of personal watercraft in Weymouth Harbour Statutory Area is restricted to Weymouth Harbour slipway. Launching of personal watercraft elsewhere is prohibited.