

**WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
WEYMOUTH HARBOUR**

**Notice to Mariners No 05/16**

**WEYMOUTH MAIN BEACH RNLI RED/YELLOW FLAGGED ZONE**

1. International standardization of beach safety flags can be expected to greatly increase the safety of swimmers by reducing confusion. Weymouth Main Beach RNLI Lifeguards will operate a Red/Yellow flagged zone as a safe swimming area that is protected by lifeguards.
  2. From 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> September (or as given by the RNLI lifeguard operational dates), during the hours 1000 – 1800, the lifeguards may use the flags to define the safe bathing area, which is in force when the flags are deployed. The most likely area to be used is between the King's Statue and the Town Clock. The zone is between the two red/yellow flags on the beach, perpendicular to the beach line out to a distance of 200m and within any associated laid marker buoys. An inshore rescue boat launch and recovery channel of 10 – 20m will apply on the southern boundary of the area.
  3. When the flagged zone is in force the following apply:
    - No craft (including pedaloos, paddle boards (or variation of e.g. inflatable stand up paddle boards) and inflatable kayaks) are allowed within the zone except to carry out RNLI patrols or rescues.
    - The RNLI Lifeguards will patrol the zone and escort any craft clear.
    - No hire stations are allowed on the beach in the zone.
    - Beach watercraft operators may only transit through the area with specific permission from both the Beach Office and RNLI Senior Lifeguard.
  4. The above arrangements are in addition to those covered in NTM 09/13 (Weymouth Bay Water Activities).
- NB. Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

Keith Howorth  
Harbour Master

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016