

HOLYHEAD LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 9/2009

MARINERS ENGAGED IN LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Mariners and all persons, using the foreshores and breakwater, should exercise caution during and after the arrival and departure of ferries when large unexpected waves may be encountered.

GENERAL

Mariners are advised to maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 14 (Holyhead Port Control), for shipping movements and navigational warnings.

SWIMMING

Strong currents are found near the breakwater end. Support craft for swimmers should report there whereabouts to Port Control and other port users on VHF channel 14.

SAILING BOATS

Within the fairways or in the vicinity of the traffic separation scheme, sailing vessels should ensure they allow for wind and tide so that they will keep well clear of, and that the clearance will be evident to, approaching ferries and commercial shipping. Within the limits of, and at the entrance to, the harbour, sailing vessels should give way to ferries and other large vessels. This also applies to sailing boats when racing.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPEEDBOATS AND WATER SKIING

The use of the above is prohibited in the New Harbour unless complying with the Harbour speed limits.

These speeds may be exceeded to the east of the Outer Harbour fairway.

Users of the above must ensure they do not create excessive wash. They should at all times navigate in a manner that shows consideration to other harbour users.

CANOES AND WINDSURFERS

Mariners are advised that the above may use the New Harbour and the area of the Outer Harbour to the East of the Fairway. They are advised against crossing the Fairways but if they have to should avoid impeding commercial vessels.

DIVING

Mariners engaged in providing support craft for sports diving should ensure these activities are undertaken clear of the fairways and that other users, Port Control and the Coast Guard are adequately warned of their whereabouts and when entering or leaving the water.

Commercial diving (for gain or favour) is not allowed without a permit.

NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY

Mariners are advised to comply with the contents of the following:

LNTM 6 / 2009: NAVIGATIONAL REGULATIONS

LNTM 11 / 2009: SAFETY ADVICE FOR LEISURE USERS

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Holyhead.