

PORT NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 03 OF 2025

Langstone Harbour Water Skiers Association (LHWSA) – High Speed Towing in Langstone Harbour

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that water skiing and the towing of inflatables is permitted in Langstone Harbour between sunrise and sunset from 1 April to 31 October, only within an area covering the southern and central parts of the Langstone Channel to the east of Sword Point and marked by YELLOW spherical buoys in the following positions:

1(S)	50° 48.19'N	01° 01.31'W
2(SW)	50° 48.48'N	01° 01.61'W
3(E)	50° 48.75'N	01° 00.07'W
4(W)	50° 48.96'N	01° 00.37'W
5(NE)	50° 49.26'N	00° 59.73'W
6(NW)	50° 49.21'N	01° 00.21'W

Please note: updated positions as per Chart BA3418, Ed 13.

Water skiing and the towing of inflatables may only be carried out under Licence issued by the Langstone Harbour Board. Permission to tow at high-speed in this area does not confer the exclusive use of these waters – the area remains open to all users.

Licences will only be issued for vessels operated by members of the Langstone Harbour Water Skiers Association (LHWSA) and covered by Third Party Insurance. Licences are issued in the form of an adhesive plaque bearing a large number against a white background. Vessels may not engage in high-speed towing of any sort unless the licence number is attached to the towing vessel.



The towing circuit is anti-clockwise at all times, mid-channel being the dividing line for the circuit. The Harbour speed limit of 10 knots applies to all areas of the Harbour and may only be exceeded in the designated Water Ski Area by licensed vessels actually towing skiers or inflatables.

Following a trial over the 2024 season, **the towing of inflatables has been approved within an area bounded by the South and Southwest buoys extending north east along the area to the LHWSA raft.** The towing of inflatables may only be carried out by Licenced members of the Langstone Harbour Water Skiers Association (LHWSA).

Vessels CONSTRAINED BY THEIR DRAFT may also use the Water Ski area. These vessels are confined to the deep-water channel and have priority over other vessels. The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and Langstone Harbour Byelaws must be observed at all times.

Using or landing on the Binnesses, Long Island, or the Admiralty Raft is not permitted. (See also Port Notice to Mariners 4/24 - Long Island Closed to Visitors for Protection of Breeding Birds.)

Cancel previous standing Local Notice to Mariners 11 of 2019 (Waterskiing in Langstone Harbour).

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.

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