



FERRY ROAD, HAYLING ISLAND, HANTS, PO11 0DG

NOTES FOR WATER SKIERS 1 APRIL TO 31 OCTOBER

The Board has produced these notes for your benefit and guidance, please read them carefully.

Water skiing in Langstone Harbour other than in accordance with these rules is likely to be a criminal offence and can result in prosecution with a substantial fine.

Water skiing is allowed in Langstone Harbour from 1 April to 31 October in the water ski area shown on the attached plan. The limits of the water ski zone are marked with YELLOW spherical buoys. Skiing is not allowed outside this area and the islands and nature reserve are out of bounds; landing on them is not allowed. The ski area is available to all craft in the harbour therefore ski boats are to observe strictly the Rules and Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.

The Langstone Harbour Water Skiers Association has been formed to assist water skiers and the Board in the control of this sport in the harbour. It is a requirement of the Board that all licensed water skiers should comply with the requirements of the licence and also be members of the Langstone Harbour Water Skiers' Association.

The Membership Secretary is Graeme Hughes 53 Murray Road, WATERLOOVILLE PO8 9JQ. Tel: 023 9242 1142 / 07767 250542 or contact the Chairman: Simon Baldry, 20 Granville Close, HAVANT PO9 2TR Tel: 023 9234 3512 / 07973 727958.

The seasonal ski licence and serial number will be printed on one sheet of adhesive polythene and is to be placed on the port side of the windscreen of the boat so that it can easily be seen from outboard.

The Harbour Master operates a patrol launch within harbour limits for the main purpose of byelaw enforcement. Failure to observe the speed limit or to display a current harbour plaque may lead to prosecution. An adhesive harbour plaque is supplied as evidence that harbour dues have been paid. This plaque must be prominently displayed on the vessel for which it was issued. Vessels not displaying an appropriate plaque will be deemed not to have paid harbour dues.

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General notes

- 1 No vessel capable of being used for water skiing will be issued with a ski licence and allowed to use the harbour ski area unless -
 - a) It is covered by insurance for third party risks to the value of at least £2,000,000 and the Harbour Board sees a current insurance certificate.
 - b) It has a name clearly visible from outboard and the name and address of the Owner or master of the vessel is given and noted.
- 2 The speed limit of 10 knots is applicable throughout the harbour.
- 3 The 10-knot speed limit also applies in the ski area unless the boat is actually towing a skier.
- 4 There must be two people in the ski boat whilst towing a skier, one driving, and the other as lookout for the skier.
- 5 The ski course within the ski area shall always be ANTICLOCKWISE, the dividing line being mid-channel.
- 6 The designated area shall not be used for any sport involving high speed other than water skiing.
- 7 Skiing is only allowed after SUNRISE until SUNSET.
- 8 All rafts other than the Ski Association's own are out of bounds and are not to be used for any purpose.
- 9 Trailers or vehicles may not be left on the foreshore.
- 10 The Harbour Board may order the withdrawal of any licence and the forfeiture of any fees.

Powers of the Harbour Master

The Harbour Master is authorised by the Harbour Board to refuse a licence for any vessel for use as a ski boat that is not covered by current insurance to the value of at least £2,000,000.

The Harbour Master should endeavour to apprehend any vessel exceeding the speed limit or skiing without a proper ski licence registration and take full particulars of anyone breaking the rules and report the facts to the Harbour Board. In cases where, in his opinion, the manner in which the vessel is being used is such as to constitute a threat or danger to other users, he is empowered to request that the vessel be removed from the harbour. Upon any such incidents being reported to the Harbour Board, the Harbour Board may resolve that the offending vessel shall be banned from water skiing. Where possible, a written notice of report will be handed to the driver of the reported vessel in order that he or she may make such representations as he or she wishes to the Harbour Board.

The Harbour Master may enlist the aid of the Police force to assist him in the execution of his duty, or call upon the duty Safety Wardens for their assistance.

Safety Wardens and safety boats

The Association will provide these at weekends and Bank Holidays. Patrol hours are between 09:00 and 17:00 hours. If you have indicated you are willing to do a ski patrol, please ensure you report for that duty.

Vessels being used by Safety Wardens shall bear a blue flag bearing the initials L.H.B. The flag must be collected from the Harbour Office before the vessel is launched. The driver of the vessel shall carry and show, on demand, an Authority Card enabling him or her to act in that capacity on behalf of the Harbour Master. The vessel shall not be used for water skiing whilst on duty as a safety boat.

Wardens on duty in vessels wearing the flag shall have the power to stop vessels observed breaking the rules, to ask for the name and address of the driver and details of the vessel, registration number, etc. They will inform the offender that the incident will be reported to the Harbour Master and that he will take such steps as are necessary. They may call the Harbour Master and hold the offending craft until the Harbour Master comes to the scene. They may pass information to the Harbour Master, reporting any incident asking for a given boat to be intercepted by the Harbour Master.

They shall keep an Incident Log and hand it in to the Association Committee (copy to Harbour Master) at the end of their patrol. All incidents should be dated, times and full details of the incident written down, particularly the speed of the vessel concerned, stating how much speed was assessed, also recording the name of participant, witnesses and other relevant facts. Where incidents concern Association Members, the Committee are to decide what action they intend to take with the Member and report that decision to the Harbour Master, who will include the information in his report to the Board.

Please refer to Langstone Harbour Board's full terms and conditions as detailed in the Annual Schedule of Charges, Dues & Fees a copy of which is available at the harbour office or on the website –

www.langstoneharbour.org.uk/boating/Charges

We regret that there will be a charge for the replacement of any lost, mislaid or stolen plaques. If you sell your current vessel during the year and intend to purchase a replacement please remove the HC plaque and we can then issue you with a replacement free of charge – providing that the length of the new vessel falls into the same charging category as the old vessel.

If the plaque is not returned you will need to pay the full HC fee for the new vessel.

To use a slipway into the harbour you MUST pay the slipway charge.

Harbour Manager

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