

RELEVANT BYELAWS

2a Within the limits of Poole Harbour every vessel shall be navigated with care and caution and at such speed and in such a manner as not to endanger the lives of or cause injury or be a nuisance to persons or endanger the safety of or cause damage to other vessels, moorings, buoys, beacons or other property.

2aa Without prejudice to Byelaws 2(a) and 2(b) within the limits of Poole Harbour which for the purposes of this Byelaw No. 2(aa) only shall be deemed to extend at the seaward approaches to Poole Harbour to an area within or to the West of an area taken as a radius of 1400 metres from South Haven Point (position 50 degrees 40.78° North 01 degrees 56.91° West the Master of any power-driven vessel or other water craft shall not, subject to the requirements of maintaining adequate steerage way and control, suffer or cause such vessel to be navigated or driven in the Harbour at a speed exceeding ten knots through the water, unless the consent in writing of the Harbour Master has previously been obtained provided that this byelaw shall not apply:-

- I. To any vessel on any occasion when such vessel is being used for Rescue Operations, Fire Fighting, Police or Harbour Control duties in circumstances where such speed limit would be likely to hinder the use of the vessel for the purposes for which it was being used on that occasion, or
- II. Within the Wareham Channel, Middle Ship Channel and North Channel seawards of an imaginary line drawn due North and South

through the confluence of the Rivers Frome and Piddle or Trent to an imaginary line taken from Bell Buoy (No. 20) to Brownsea Buoy (No. 44) during the period 1st October to 31st March in each year.

- 2b** Every vessel when navigating in Little Channel (from Stakes Buoy to Poole Quay), between the quays and in Holes Bay shall proceed at a speed not exceeding six knots through the water.
- 2bb** Within the limits of Poole Harbour no person, unless the consent in writing of the Harbour Master has previously been obtained, shall engage or take part in boardsailing within the Middle Ship Channel between in the West a line taken from Stakes Buoy (No. 55) to Buoy No. 60 and in the East a line taken from Buoy No. 46 and to Buoy No. 43 or within the Havens Entrance between in the North a line taken from North Haven Beacon to Brownsea Buoy (No. 42) and in the East from a line taken from Buoy No. 13 to Buoy No. 14. Persons boardsailing intending to navigate across Middle Ship Channel or intending to navigate through the Havens Entrance aforesaid shall do so only by the shortest possible route and not so as to cause obstruction to other vessels which can navigate only within the Middle Ship Channel and/or the Havens Entrance. In this byelaw the term 'boardsailing' means the navigation or propulsion of a sailboard: 'sailboard' means a raft with a sail or sails, designed to be operated by a person or persons standing upright thereon.
- 2c** Persons or vessels engaged in fishing with nets, lines or trawls shall not obstruct with their vessels or gear any channel or fairway used by vessels.

- 2d* Vessels may not willfully be permitted to drift in a fairway for the purpose of fishing or any other purpose.
- 2e* Within the limits of Poole Harbour no person shall engage or take part in water skiing, ascending by towed kite or parachute or the use of a jet ski or hovercraft except with the written permission of the Harbour Master either specifically or generally, and only in such areas as have been designated and in accordance with such reasonable conditions and subject to such directions as may be imposed or given.

Chain Ferry Byelaw

1. All vessels navigating in the harbour which are not subject to compulsory pilotage shall give way to the chain ferry.
2. The chain ferry shall give way to vessels subject to compulsory pilotage proceeding in or out through the harbour entrance.