

SAFETY IN THE HARBOUR...



Whether experienced around the water or a novice, the sea can still catch you out. Please follow our safety at sea tips, as well as any activity specific advice from governing bodies, to ensure you enjoy your time in our beautiful harbour.



Always wear a properly fitted and serviced lifejacket or floatation device. And for PWC, an impact vest.



Always carry a means of communication with you like a mobile phone or VHF radio.



Check the equipment that you are using has been serviced, is fully operational and if applicable, has adequate lifesaving equipment onboard and has been freshly fuelled.



Make sure someone ashore knows of your plans, particularly the time you plan to return.



TOP TIP

We always recommend that you attend training for your chosen activity from an approved training provider.



Always check the weather forecast and tide times before heading out.



We have designated zones for watersports, as well as quiet areas in Poole Harbour. View our Harbour Chartlet in the download area of our website to get to know the harbour and to plan your trip.



Keep to the speed limits and be particularly aware of the wash you are creating. This can easily cause injury or damage boats or property.



Look out for large ferries and commercial ships. They are limited in their manoeuvrability, so keep well clear and make your intentions known.



TOP TIP

If you have a VHF radio, maintain a listening watch on Channel 14. This is the harbour operations channel. You should not communicate on this channel unless it is for safety reasons, but you will be able to follow and anticipate the movement of other shipping.



PHC support the correct use of Kill cords wherever applicable, for information of how to use these effectively please visit the RYA website.



Register your craft with the RYA SafeTrx app. This will monitor your journey and can alert emergency contacts should you fail to arrive on time. All craft whether kayak or motor yacht can, and should be registered.



REMEMBER IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999 FOR THE COASTGUARD OR CONTACT 'POOLE HARBOUR CONTROL' ON CHANNEL 14

