

Terms and Conditions for Operating a Personal Watercraft in Poole Harbour

The following conditions will apply:

1. All PWs must be Data Tag registered by the current owner. The registration number must be clearly displayed on the Craft.
2. PWs are exempt from the speed limit in the designated PW area to the North of Brownsea Island. Please refer to attached chart.
3. All PWs must have a valid permit. This is equivalent of Harbour Dues and signifies the Harbour Master's written permission to use the Harbour, therefore complying with Bylaw 2 (e) below.
4. PWs are not permitted in the quiet area to the South of Brownsea Island. They must not linger in the Harbour Entrance or Main Shipping Channels.
5. Inflatables must not be towed by a PW within the Harbour Limits.
6. All persons using a PW in Poole Harbour Must be covered by appropriate PW insurance to cover third party risks as a minimum.
7. The PW permit must be carried at all times.
8. The use of PWs is permitted only from sunrise to sunset.
9. Transgression of these Terms and Conditions may result in the withdrawal of the permit and prosecution.

All operators must agree the following declaration:

'I will not permit any person less than 16 years of age to operate my PW unless that person is in possession of a recognised and appropriate RYA certificate and is covered by appropriate Insurance. I understand the Harbour Master's directions set out above and agree to abide by them'

**It is recommended that All in charge of a PW should be in possession of a
Recognised and appropriate RYA certificate.**

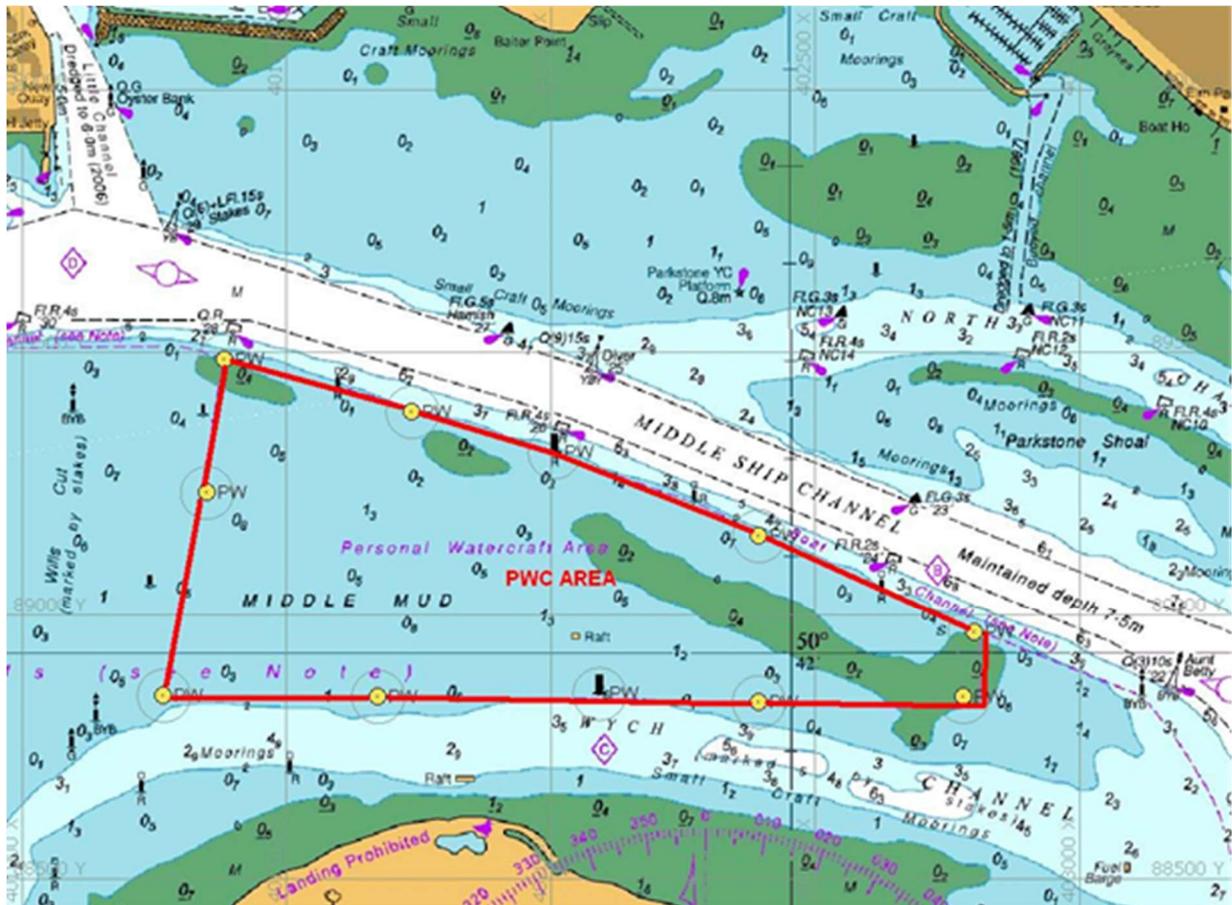
Please note:

1. Serious offences will lead to prosecution under Poole Harbour Bylaws for which the maximum fine is £1,000 plus costs. Copies of the Bylaws are available on the PHC website
2. The speed limit within the Harbour is 10 knots, and within the Little Channel and Holes Bay it is 6 knots. There is a speed limit of 5 knots within 200m of Poole and Studland Beaches.
3. There is 24 hour CCTV coverage of the Harbour and PW area.

Bylaw 2 (e)

'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'.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT AREA IN POOLE HARBOUR



Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, telephone and VHF channels are recorded.

Captain B P Murphy
Harbour Master