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POOLE HARBOUR SPEED LIMITS

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that, in accordance with Poole Harbour byelaw 2(aa) and in line with previous years, the 10-knot speed limit will be relaxed within parts of the Main Shipping Channels effective from 00:01hrs on the 1st of October 2024 through to 23.59hrs on the 31st of March 2025.

Please see overleaf for a diagram showing the specific areas of the Middle Ship Channel, North Channel and Wareham Channel where this relaxation applies.

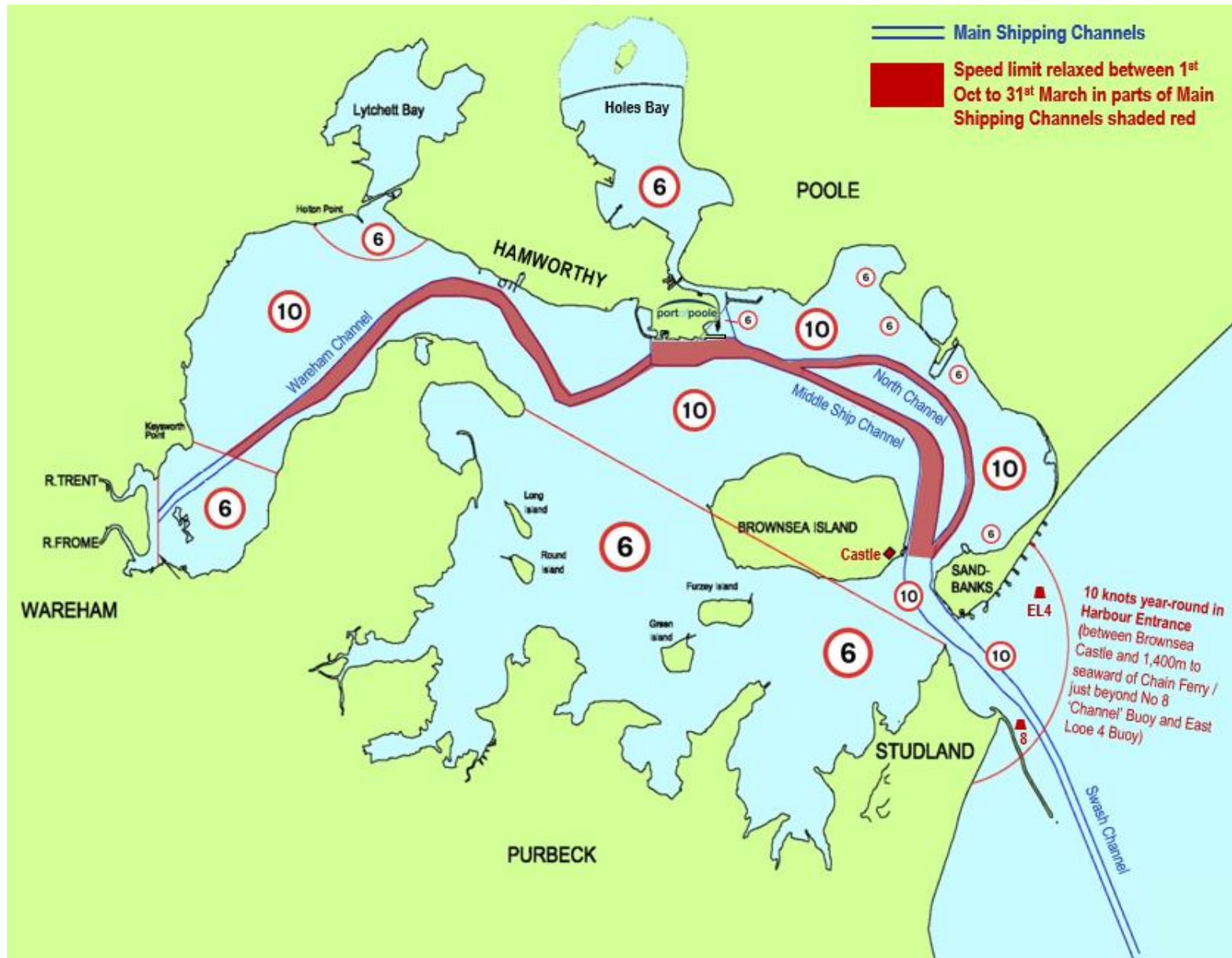
Mariners are reminded that:

- **The 10-knot speed limit is not relaxed within the Harbour Entrance (Brownsea Castle / Bell Buoy to 1,400 metres to sea from the Chain Ferry which includes the East Looe) or in all other areas**
- Various 6-knot speed limits are also not relaxed. These include the Little Channel, Bridges Basin, Holes Bay, Rockley Channel, marina approach channels, the Quiet Area to the west and south of Brownsea Island, and the Wareham Channel upstream of the charted Waterski Area marked by yellow buoys.
- In all areas, *“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”*. This includes **WATCHING YOUR WASH.**
- Users of Personal Watercraft (such as Jet Skis and E-Foils) are only exempt from the 10-knot speed limits when within the charted PWC Area marked by yellow buoys to the North of Brownsea Island. This applies year-round as per [Standing Notice 27 of 2020](#).
- **Speeding and excessive wash offences are taken very seriously and may result in prosecution under Byelaws 2(a) and 2(b) even in the winter months. Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF are recorded 24/7.**

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Water Sport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft. Notice 11 of 2024 is cancelled when this notice comes into force.

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HARBOUR MASTER

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A detailed chartlet showing the location of all main channel buoys and designated zones is available at www.phc.co.uk/environment/the-harbour/map