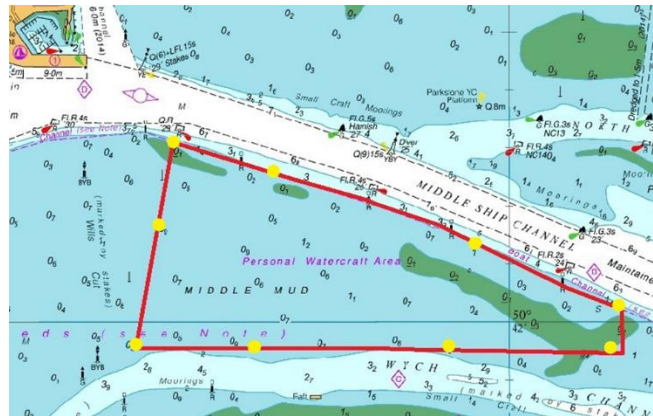


### Personal Watercraft

**MARINERS ARE ADVISED** that restrictions are in force relating to Personal Watercraft (PWCs) including “Jet Skis”, E-Foils and other powered PWCs within Poole Harbour.

**The Designated PWC Area** to the North of Brownsea Island lies within the area marked by yellow buoys. (See chartlet to the right). PWCs are exempt from the 10 knot speed limit within this area (other vessels are not) but remain bound by the obligation to set a safe speed based on weather conditions and level of other users of this shared area which can include vulnerable sailing dinghies, rowing boats and paddlecraft. PWCs in use outside of this designated area must adhere to the speed limit in force. See other [current LNTMs](#) for speed limits in force within the harbour as well as off Studland and Sandbanks beaches.



**All PWC users must register for a Poole PWC Permit** via the [website](#), the Harbour Office or Poole Quay Boat Haven or be in breach of Byelaw 2(e) – a prosecutable offence with fines of up to £1,000 plus costs. Byelaw 2(e) defines a PWC as follows: “*designed to carry a person or persons standing, kneeling, sitting or prone upon the craft and which craft is propelled by a jet engine the master of which craft steers it with or without a rudder at the stern by means of a handlebar operated linkage system and/or by altering the relationship between the body weight of the person or persons carried on the craft and the craft itself.*” The following permit conditions apply (transgression may result in the withdrawal and/or prosecution):

- PWC permit must be carried at all times.
- All PWCs must be Datatag registered by the current owner with the registration number clearly displayed
- PWCs are not permitted in the quiet area to the south of Brownsea Island.
- PWCs must not linger in navigation channels and may only be used between sunrise and sunset.
- PWCs are not permitted to tow any object or person unless for the purposes of saving life at sea.
- PWCs must not have any attachment to the propulsion system e.g. flyboarding etc.
- All persons **must** be covered by appropriate insurance to cover third party risks as a minimum.
- Persons under 16 years of age are not permitted to operate a PWCs unless holding a RYA PWC certificate.

**PWC users are reminded that CCTV, radar, telephone and VHF Channels are recorded 24-7.**

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Watersport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft. LNTM 27 of 2020 is hereby replaced by this notice.

**HARRY GREGORY**  
**HARBOUR MASTER**

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