

Poole Harbour Speed Limits

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that the winter relaxation of the 10-knot speed limit applying within the Wareham, North and Middle Ship Channels up to the Bell Buoy will be withdrawn as usual at 00:01hrs on the 1st April 2026.

At this time, and in accordance with Poole Harbour byelaw 2(aa), a speed restriction of 10 knots through the water will once again be in force covering throughout the harbour's waters and to 1400 metres seaward of South Haven Point. This excludes the areas covered by Byelaw 2(b) where a 6 knot through the water year-round speed limit applies in the Little Channel, Backwater Channel and Holes Bay. Please also observe the Quiet Areas, shown on the chartlet, where a 6 knot speed limit through the water applies.

Mariners are also reminded of byelaw 2(a):

“Within the limits of Poole Harbour, every vessel shall be navigated with care and caution and at such speed and in such 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** which may require you to navigate at a speed less than the posted limit when navigating against the tidal flow and/or when close to harbour users, wildlife or property more vulnerable to wash.

Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF Channels 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.

LNTM 50 of 2025 is hereby cancelled.

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