

Safe Bathing and No Wake Areas



Information for Powered Pleasure Craft Users



Ports Division, Department of Infrastructure

Introduction

This booklet has been compiled by the Ports Division, Department of Infrastructure, to promote responsible use of personal and fast powered water craft within Isle of Man waters.



The aim is to assist users of power driven vessels, including jet-skis, in achieving full enjoyment from their craft whilst at the same time ensuring that those people using the Island's main bathing beaches are not endangered.

The main bathing beaches have been identified as:

Douglas
Castletown and Derbyhaven
Port St Mary and Bay Ny Carrickey
Port Erin
Peel
Ramsey
Laxey

Safe Bathing Areas

Adjacent to the main bathing beaches, Safe Bathing Areas have been created and can be identified from the maps on the following pages.

Within the Safe Bathing Areas, bathers, and particularly children, will be able to swim and play near the waters edge safely. Jet-skis and other fast craft are excluded from these areas except in an emergency, or as part of an authorised training course or to launch and recover at slow speed. Use of this area for training can only be authorised by the Ports Division, Department of Infrastructure.

No Wake Zones

Also shown on the maps for each harbour are the No Wake Zones. All craft are subject to the direction of the local Ports staff and all vessels should proceed at a safe and reasonable speed within these areas. As a guide, this speed should produce no appreciable wake behind the vessel. Vessels may launch from the various slipways in these areas and proceed out to sea.

There are a significant number of other beaches around the Island's coast also accessible to bathers and powered craft and it is advised that users of fast craft, including jet-skis, act in a responsible and competent manner at all times.

HARBOUR INFORMATION

Anyone observing a vessel operating in a reckless or dangerous manner in one of these areas should report the incident to the Isle of Man Marine Operations Centre immediately (01624 686628).

Tide Tables

Before launching, boat owners are advised to consult the local forecast and tide tables to ensure the safety of their vessel and crew. Tide tables/tidal information can be purchased from your local chandlers or obtained from one of the harbour offices around the Island or by speaking to the Marine Operations Centre. The tide and flapgate times for the Isle of Man can be downloaded from the following site:

UKHO: <http://goo.gl/eqgN2q>

Registration of Pleasure Craft and Slipway Dues

Under the Harbours Act 2010 it is a requirement for all vessels, including jet-skis, to be registered with the Harbours Section of the Ports Division, Department of Infrastructure. Furthermore, all vessels, including jet-

skis, which use a harbour slipway are required to pay Annual and Slipway Dues.

All dues can be paid at any harbour office or at the Marine Operations Centre which is based at the Sea Terminal Building, Douglas.

Contact details for all harbour offices and the IOM Marine Operations Centre can be found on the back page of this booklet.

Coastal Safety

The Ports Division, Department of Infrastructure has produced an online document called the Coastal Code as a reference guide for the coast. Documents can be downloaded from the following sites:

Rules: <http://goo.gl/3Uy0QC>

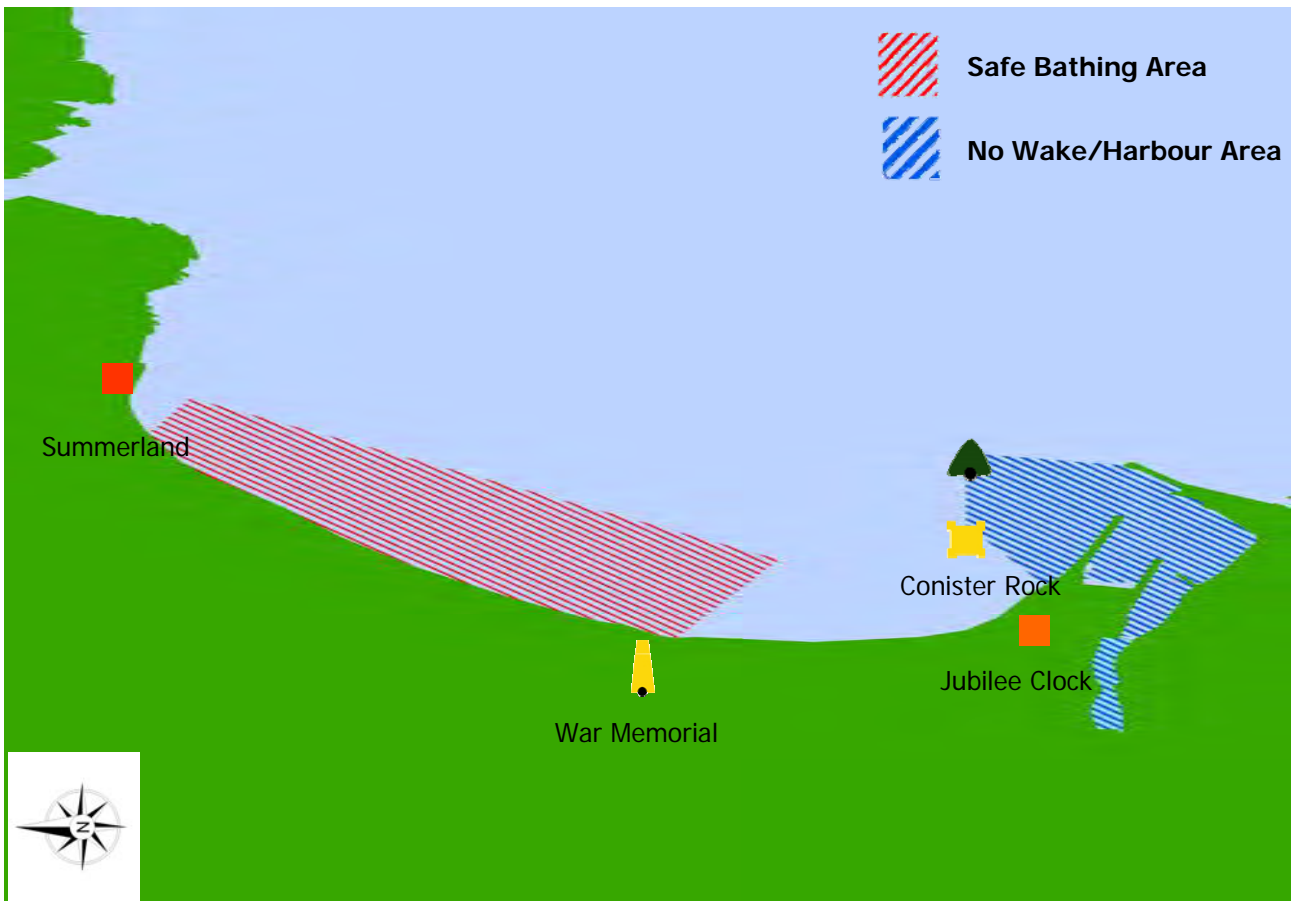
Maps: <http://goo.gl/eSFRMt>

RNLI : <http://rnli.org/safety>

Reference Maps

The maps in this booklet are provided as reference material only and should not be used for navigation. Authorised nautical charts should be used for all marine and coastal navigation.

Douglas Harbour & Bay



Douglas Harbour is the island's main commercial harbour, handling ferries, coasters and fishing vessels. The marina was built for leisure craft in 2001 and the harbour also accommodates cruise ships. Harbour users should always ensure that they contact the Marine Operations Centre by phone or VHF radio before entering the harbour area.

Safe Bathing Area

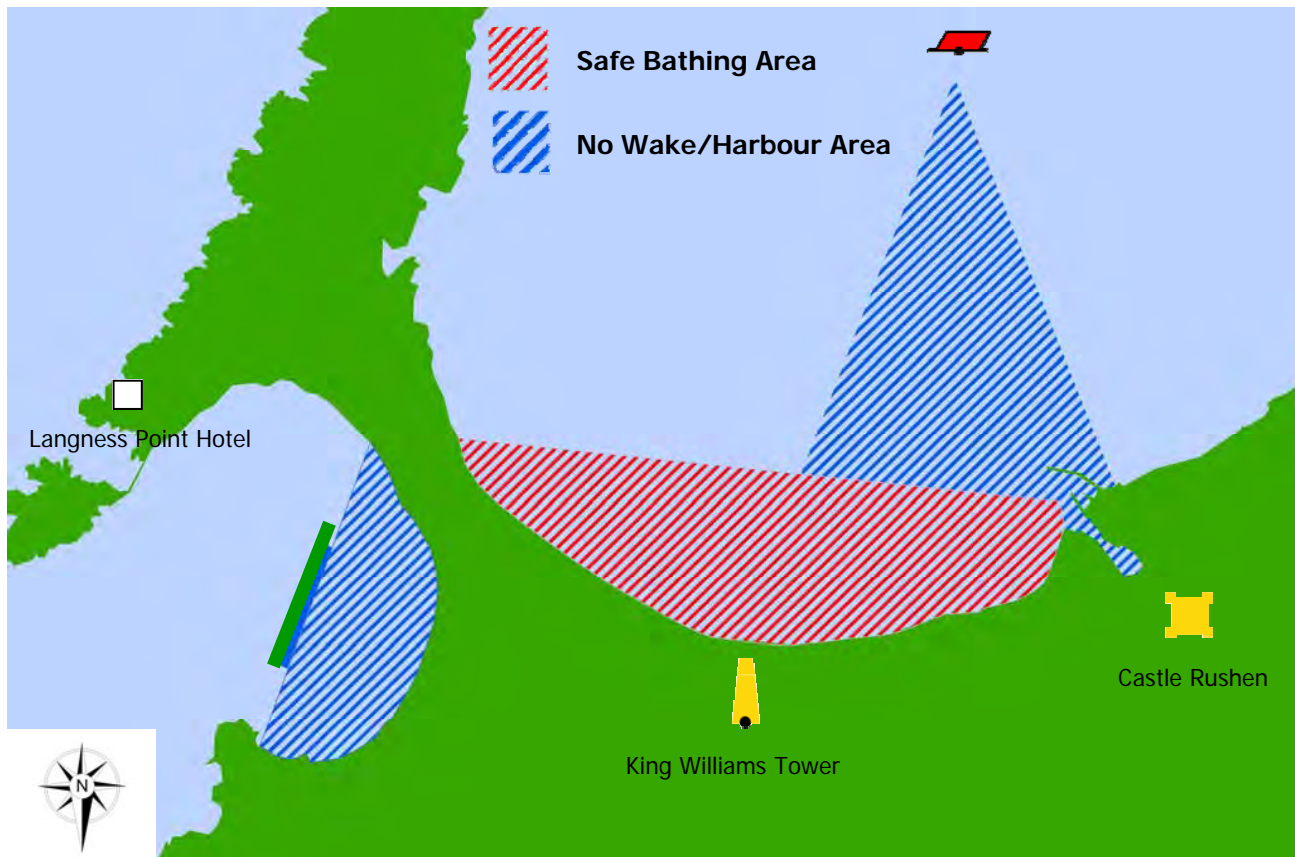
The Safe Bathing Area is bound seaward by a line joining the Jubilee Clock and Summerland. The northern and southern limits are lines extending seaward intersecting the seaward boundary at right angles; the northern limit extends out from the bottom of Summer Hill and the southern limit from the War Memorial.

No Wake Zone

The No Wake Zone for Douglas is bound by a line joining the seaward end of the breakwater to No 1 Green Buoy to the Tower of Refuge to the Conister Jetty and includes the outer and inner harbour.



Castletown Harbour & Derbyhaven Bay



Castletown is the Ancient Capital of Mann, and is primarily a leisure harbour. The inner harbour is used for many events, including the world famous tin bath championships. Derbyhaven is a very peaceful harbour, with space for over 30 vessels.

Safe Bathing Area - Castletown Bay

The Safe Bathing Area is north of a line extending eastwards from the Castletown Harbour starboard end beacon to the tower of the hotel on Langness.

No Wake Zones

The No Wake Zone for Castletown is bound by a line joining King William's College Tower and the Bell Buoy and a line joining Castle Rushen Keep and the Bell Buoy and includes the harbour.

For Derbyhaven, the No Wake Zone is to the west of the line of the breakwater extending to the shore on both sides of the bay



Port St Mary Harbour & Bay Ny Carrickey



Port St Mary Yacht Club is very active, and the harbour and bay are used extensively for sailing training and educational purposes.

Safe Bathing Area 1 - Chapel Bay, Port St Mary

The Safe Bathing Area in this bay is bound by a line across the narrowest part of the entrance to the bay.

Safe Bathing Area 2 - Bay Ny Carrickey

This area is bound within a line joining Gansey Point, the daymark on the Carthure Rocks and a point 150 metres west of the slipway adjacent to the Shore Hotel. The eastern boundary is marked by a line of yellow buoys.

No Wake Zone

The No Wake Zone for Port St Mary is north west of a line from the seaward end of the Alfred Pier to the daymark on the Carthure Rocks.



Port Erin Harbour



Port Erin is unique in the Isle of Man in having a dedicated diving area, as shown on the map above. The bay is also popular with open water swimmers, with floating piers in use all year round.

Safe Bathing Area

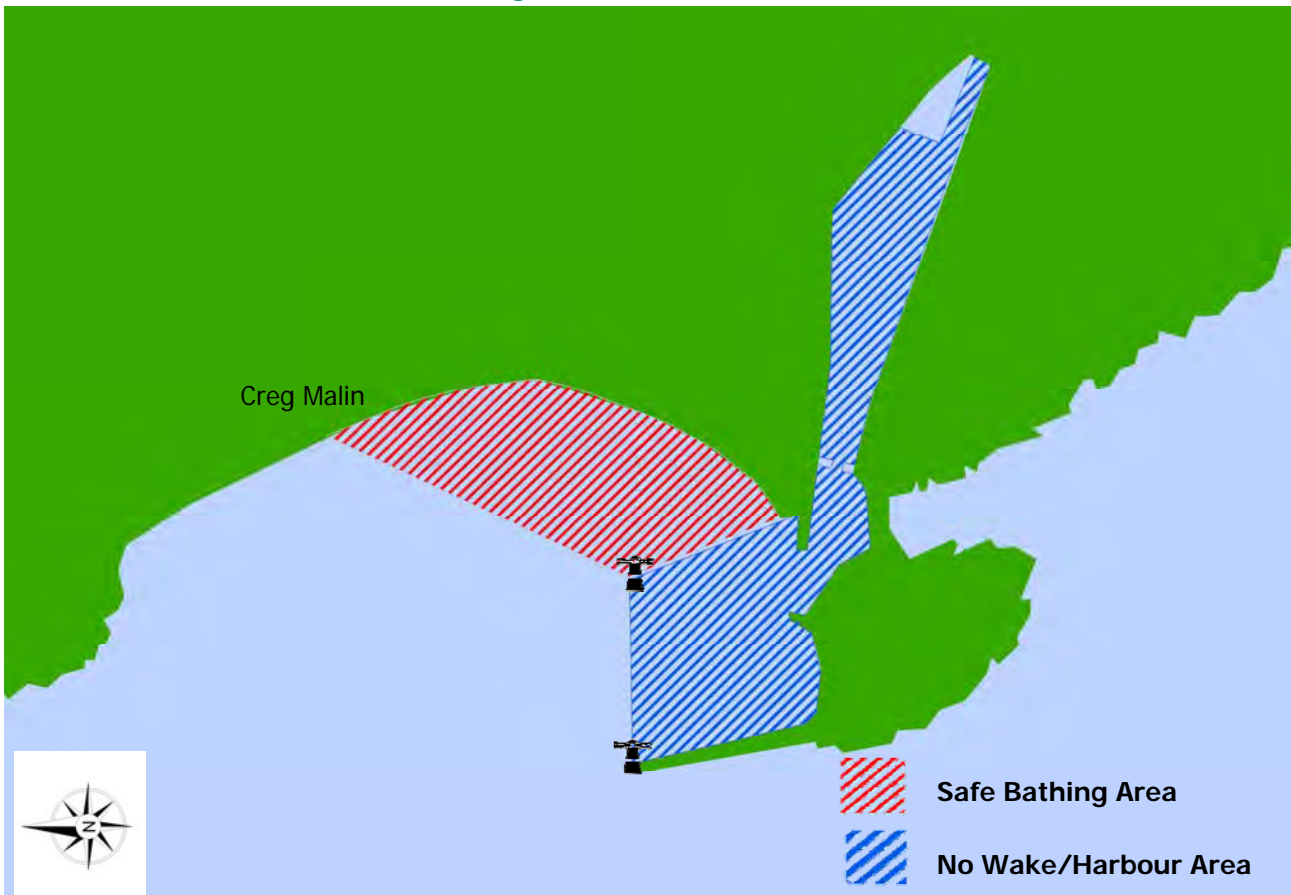
The Safe Bathing Area is shoreward of a line joining the Harbour Slip, the Yellow Buoy and the dome on Collinson House.

No Wake Zone

The No Wake Zone for Port Erin is bound by the line of the old breakwater to the Green Buoy, and a line from that buoy to the Yellow Buoy off the Raglan Pier to the end of the Harbour Slipway.



Peel Bay, Harbour & Marina



Peel Harbour is used extensively by fishing vessels and pleasure craft, and the marina can cater for 120 vessels of up to 24m length. There are also many leisure activities undertaken in the bay throughout the year, including the famous Viking Longboat races.

Safe Bathing Area

The Safe Bathing Area is enclosed by the line of the groyne and a line joining the end of the groyne to the Creg Malin Hotel.

No Wake Zone

The No Wake Zone for Peel is bound by a line from the outer end of the breakwater and the outer end of the groyne, and includes the harbour and marina.



Ramsey Harbour & Bay



Ramsey Harbour is a commercial harbour handling freight vessels, coasters and fishing vessels, as well as being a major leisure harbour.

Bathing is not advised on the beaches of Mooragh Promenade to the north of the harbour entrance.

Safe Bathing Area

The Safe Bathing Area is bound by a line from the seaward end of the south pier to the seaward end of Queen's Pier to Gob Ny Rona.

No Wake Zone

The No Wake Zone for Ramsey is bounded by a line joining the seaward ends of the north and south piers and includes the harbour.



Laxey Harbour



An area with a rich mining history, Laxey is on the north east coast of the island. The harbour is mainly used for leisure purposes, where there is space for 45 vessels, with two boat parks.

Safe Bathing Area

The Safe Bathing Area is bound by a line from the end of the outer breakwater to Gob-y-Rheynn.

No Wake Zone

The No Wake Zone for Laxey is bound by a line from the seaward end of the breakwaters and includes the harbour.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Marine Operations Centre Isle Of Man Coastguard

The Sea Terminal Building
Douglas
IM1 2RF
01624 686628
E-mail: coastguard@gov.im
E-mail: control@gov.im

www.gov.im/harbours
www.gov.im/coastguard
www.gov.im/weather

The Welcome Centre (Tourist Information)

The Sea Terminal
Douglas
IM1 2RG
Tel: 01624 686801 / 686766
E-mail: tourism@gov.im

www.visitisleofman.com

Useful Links

For Wildlife information:
Manx Whale & Dolphin Watch: www.mwdw.net
Manx Basking Shark Watch:
www.manxbaskingsharkwatch.com
Manx Birdlife: www.manxbirdatlas.org.uk
Manx Wildlife Trust: www.manxwt.org.uk

For maritime safety information:
RNLI: www.rnli.org.uk

For bus and rail information:
www.bus.im
www.rail.im
01624 662525

Harbour Offices (all start 01624)

IOM Marine Operations Centre	686628
Douglas Harbour Office:	687543
Southern Harbour Offices:	823549
Peel Harbour Office:	842338
Ramsey/Laxey Harbour Office:	812245

Weather Forecast

Recorded Weather	0900 6243300
Shipping Forecast	0900 6243322

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Useful Numbers (all start 01624)

Police	631212
Accident & Emergency	650040
Manx Emergency Doctor Service (MEDS)	650355
Emergency Dentist	642612
IOM Steam Packet Co	661661
IOM Airport	821600
Manx National Heritage	648000
Wild Life Park	897323
National Sports Centre	688588
Villa Marina & Gaiety Theatre	600555