

ADVISORY NOTES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME REGULATIONS FOR USE IN CROWDED WATERS

1. Two power boats meeting head on shall alter course to 'Starboard'.
2. Two power boats crossing; the vessel which has the other on her Starboard side shall give way.
3. Powered boats and other vessels; the powered boat shall give way to any boat or vessel which is not mechanically propelled.
4. The vessel with right of way shall keep her speed and course.
5. Vessels overtaking shall keep well clear of the overtaken vessel.
6. Vessels in narrow channels: Every powered boat shall, when it is safe and practicable, keep to that side of the channel that lies on her Starboard side.
7. Powered boats when launching from a slipway must proceed directly to sea at low speed – no warming up is permitted (this also applies to launching from the beach).
8. Special circumstances: In obeying and interpreting the rules, due regard shall be given to all dangers of navigation and collision, and to any special circumstances which may render departure from the above rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.

SOUND SIGNALS

1 short blast -altering course to starboard
 2 short blasts altering course to port
 3 short blasts -going astern
 starboard -right (GREEN)
 port -left (RED)

The above are notes only – it is the duty of the person in charge of any vessel to observe all statutory regulations and the Rules of the Sea.

LIGHTS

Red To Red - Go Ahead
 Green To Green - Should Never Be Seen

SAILING CRAFT

When two sailing vessels are approaching each other :

- When each has the wind on a different side, the one which has the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way.
- When both have the wind on the same side, the windward vessel shall keep clear of the leeward vessel.

Beach Safety

Small Craft Users

Rules & Regulations



NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

BEACH SAFETY

First Aid Station
 139 Central Promenade
 Cleethorpes
 DN35 8SE

Tel: 01472 323356

Fax: 01472 323355

Duty Officer(After Hours): 07730014297

Pier / Wonderland / Brighton Street Launch

Directorate of

Environmental

Services

The launching of watercraft from Cleethorpes slipways is under control by the following organisation.

North East Lincolnshire Council
Neighbourhood Operational Services
Beach Safety Team
First Aid Station
Central Promenade
Cleethorpes
DN35 8SE

It is preferred that all craft avoid launching from Brighton Street whenever possible, to ensure the slipway is kept clear for RNLI emergency use.

All Boats fishing must abide by the Sea Fisheries Regulations set out in the North Eastern Sea Fisheries Byelaws.

RULES FOR THE LAUNCHING OF VESSELS

Rules for the launching of vessels and the operation of said vessels from the controlled slipways in Cleethorpes.

- N.B.** Vessels are those which are capable of supporting one or more persons on water and having a mechanical device capable of giving propulsion.
- OR,** Any vessel capable of supporting one or more persons on water that is greater in size than a topper dinghy, windsurfer board or small inflatable, including jet ski.

ALL VESSELS MUST BE COVERED BY PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR AT LEAST £ 2m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

14. Persons using the vessel launching facilities at any of the locations do so at their own risk. The authority will accept no liability for claims, proceedings, damages, charges and costs howsoever caused, whether in relation to property, the death of or injury caused to any persons, whether directly or indirectly as a result of or in connection with the boat launching facilities insofar as the same results from the negligence of the Council, its employees or agents.
15. These conditions may be suspended, varied or withdrawn at any time. Any permit issued may be withdrawn or cancelled forthwith should the person to whom it is issued be in breach of any of the conditions set out in this document.

GENERAL SEA SAFETY ADVICE

The RNLI lifeboat crew based at Brighton Slipway is frequently on hand to offer sea safety advice, publications are also available on request. Call Freephone 0800 3280600 for free RNLI SEA CHECK or visit www.rnli.org.uk

VHF RADIO TELEPHONY

To owners of small Vessels/Craft equipped with VHF Transmitting and Receiving apparatus for use on the International Maritime Band Frequencies.

Calls to HUMBER COASTGUARD = Channel 16 - please note that after the initial call you may be requested to switch to channel 67 for routine traffic.

MAYDAY calls **MUST** also be made on channel 16.

Mobile Telephones

Vessels without VHF radios dial 999 and ask for the COASTGUARD

ALL EMERGENCIES

RING 999 ASK FOR THE COASTGUARD OR RELEVANT SERVICE

GOING TO SEA

11. All vessels shall proceed directly out to sea, no more than 8 knots down the buoyed channels until well clear of the bathers. A sharp look out for persons bathing, paddling or using the sea must be kept at all times, and in particular when approaching the beach. The vessel should approach with only sufficient speed to maintain steerage. Extreme caution should be displayed at all times, with a readiness to take avoiding action should the circumstances warrant it. Except when launching or approaching the beach via authorised launching channels, NO PERSONS IN CHARGE OF OR HAVING CONTROL MAY ALLOW THE VESSEL TO ENTER THE PUBLIC SAFETY ZONE, (UNLESS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY) WHICH EXTENDS SEAWARDS FROM THE TIDE EDGE FOR 200 METRES ON ALL BEACHES, AS IDENTIFIED BY THE SAFETY BUOYS.

12. All vessels when towing a water skier must have two occupants, one to act as a helmsman and forward out look, the other to watch the skier.

WARNING: Should notification be received from H.M. Coastguard that conditions are likely to become dangerous, the Duty Officer reserves the right to refuse all launching.

13. Any dangerous incidents or occurrences **must** be reported to the Beach Safety Team or Duty Officer.

PRIOR TO LAUNCHING

1. Day launch Vessels may only be launched from the Slipways at Cleethorpes with the permission of the Duty Officer, who shall have complete discretion as to whether any vessel may or may not be launched.

NO vessel will be allowed to launch if:

- If a valid certificate of insurance cannot be produced for visual inspection.
- The launch fee or permit has not been paid.
- Proof of identification cannot be given.
- Sufficient identification marks are not present on craft.
- If it is considered to be unsuitable for sea usage.
- If it is not equipped with the mandatory safety aids.
- If the weather conditions are deemed unsuitable.
- If an excessive number of passengers are to be carried.
- If the person in charge appears to be incapable of operating the vessel.
- If the trailer carrying the vessel is no longer, because of deterioration, capable of transporting the vessel in a safe manner.
- If the person in charge has been previously in breach of the launch conditions of by-laws relating to Water Safety.

The person in charge of the vessel shall grant the Duty Officer, or any other authorised official, all reasonable facilities to inspect the vessel and any equipment therein.

THE DECISION OF THE BEACH SAFETY DUTY OFFICER WILL BE REGARDED AS FINAL

2. Notwithstanding the authority of the Duty Officer to prevent launching, it is stressed that the personal responsibility for ensuring the vessel is sea worthy, has the required safety equipment on board and is not overloaded with excess passengers, lies with the person in charge of the vessel. Due regard must be given to all advice from the Duty Officer of potential or actual hazards to mariners (exclusion areas, etc.), and weather forecasts.
3. All yearly permit holders must clearly identify their vessels with the identification mark allocated by launch control. The mark should have number(s) at least 15 to 20 cm s in height and be positioned high on both sides of the bow. The allocated mark must also be painted on the trailer just aft of the ball joint. Other slipway users must have some form of identification on their vessels and trailers that allows the Duty Officer to readily identify ownership of either trailer or vessel.
4. Mandatory Safety Equipment is required on all vessels:
 - Life-jackets meeting British Standard Specification for each person on board. Buoyancy aids to SSBNF approval may be worn when operating at a minimum distance from the tide edge and not intending to cruise in deep waters. Whilst on board children **must** wear life-jackets.
 - Suitable anchor attached to a chain and a minimum length of 25 fathoms (150 feet) of rope. (Or suitable tow rope for jetskis).
 - Flares, hand held type; at least two of which must be within the expiry date shown. Miniflares are acceptable, but we strongly advise that hand held type are available on the vessel.
 - Compass - fixed or hand held.
 - Bailer - if vessel not equipped with self bailer.
 - Whistle on lanyard - preferably on each life-jacket.
 - Fire extinguisher.
 - Paddles or spare engine (Boats).

5. No vessels shall be launched or used on controlled slipways, beaches and sea unless there is in force, in relation to the vessel, an Insurance Policy covering third party risks. Either unlimited in amount, or with a minimum fixed sum to be advised on booking fees each season, per accident by the major marine insurance companies.
6. The vessel when in use must be in charge of a competent person, with adequate insurance cover who shall at all times operate the vessel in a careful and prudent manner and not cause any nuisance or danger to any person or vessel. Due regard must be given to the Rules of Navigation at Sea, the local by-laws governing speed restrictions and local "Warning to Mariners" notices.
7. The person in charge of any vessel, who intends to operate beyond visual range of the Observers at Cleethorpes, must notify the Coastguard of their intended route and estimated time of return.

ALL DAY LAUNCH VESSELS MUST RETURN TO THE SLIPWAYS **BEFORE 1700HRS**. Failure to do so may incur an additional charge, as an after-hours call out.

8. Save in exceptional cases, ALL vessels MUST return to the site they launched from. Should it be necessary to beach or seek shelter elsewhere, H.M. Coastguard (999) MUST BE NOTIFIED of the whereabouts of the vessel and crew.
10. Motor vehicles are not allowed on the slipways, promenades or beaches in the authority except the craft-towing vehicle. It shall be a condition of consent that the instructions of the Duty Officer are complied with.

