

FORTH PORTS PLC

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NOTICE TO MARINERS FIRTH OF FORTH

PORTOBELLO WATERCRAFT EXCLUSION ZONE

Lothian and Borders Police and City of Edinburgh Council have implemented a “Water Craft Exclusion Zone” in the vicinity of Portobello Beach in order to provide an area for safe swimming.

The “Water Craft Exclusion Zone” will be within the following Area:

On the shore side: From the groyne south of John Street to the point south of Marlborough Street marked by the “Cake Stand” and Water Fountain. The Zone will extend approx 250 metres to seaward and run parallel to the sea wall, roughly following the 2 metre depth contour line.

The seaward perimeter of the zone will be marked by high visibility yellow floats placed at regular intervals.

Water craft must not enter the zone marked by the floats.

Power craft are to stay at least 250 metres away from the shore between Seafield and the east end of Portobello beach at Joppa, except for access and egress, which must be undertaken at minimum speed.

Attention is drawn to the Forth Ports Byelaws and General Directions, specifically Byelaws 32 and 65 (see attached).

Byelaws can be viewed on the Forth Ports website:
<http://www.forthports.co.uk/ports/marine/legislation/>

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Status of previously published notices:

No 7 of 1998 remains in force

No 13 of 1999 remains in force

No 1 of 2000 remains in force

Nos 3 and 8 of 2002 remain in force

No 12 of 2003 remains in force

Nos 13 and 19 of 2004 remain in force

Nos 11 and 14 of 2005 remain in force

Nos 6, 14, 25 and 26 of 2006 remain in force

Nos 15, 17, 18 and 19 of 2007 remain in force

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Chief Harbour Master

Extract from the:

**FORTH PORTS AUTHORITY
FORTH BYELAWS**

32. Water ski-ing and aqua-planing.

(a) No person or persons shall engage in water skiing or aqua-planing except with the permission of the Harbourmaster and only in such areas as he may designate after consultation with local authorities and in accordance with such reasonable conditions as he may impose.

(b) A vessel towing a person water ski-ing shall have on board a lifebuoy or other sufficient form of life preserver and two persons able to take charge of the vessel and to give such assistance as may be reasonable required during towing.

(c) An internal combustion engine in a vessel used in connection with water ski-ing and aqua-planing shall be fitted with a silencer expansion chamber or other contrivance suitable and sufficient for reducing so far as may be reasonable the noise caused by the escape of exhaust gases from the engine.

65. No person navigating the Forth or using the docks and harbours of the Authority shall:-

- (a) use any obscene or offensive language to the annoyance of any person; or,
- (b) behave in a riotous, disorderly, indecent or offensive manner.