

In an emergency contact the Coastguard on **999** or VHF channel 16. All incidents within the Port of Plymouth, including any PWC acting irresponsibly, should be reported to Longroom on **VHF channel 14** or on **01752 663225**.

Safety on the Sea Personal Watercraft Guidance

www.rnli.org.uk

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea

www.rya.org.uk

Details of Slipways

www.qhm.mod.uk/plymouth/leisure/access-points

Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)

www.mcga.gov.uk

Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum (TECF)

www.plymouth-mpa.uk/

Queens Harbour Master Plymouth

www.qhm.mod.uk/plymouth

Cattewater Harbour Commissioners

www.plymouthport.org.uk

Personal Watercraft Partnership

<https://pwp.org.uk>



PERSONAL WATERCRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT

Plymouth Sound and Tamar Estuaries

Plymouth Sound and the Tamar Estuaries provide the perfect base for exploring some of Britain's most attractive coasts and estuaries. Personal Watercraft (PWC), in common with all water users, have a duty to look out for others, and to ensure they are operated in a safe and responsible manner.

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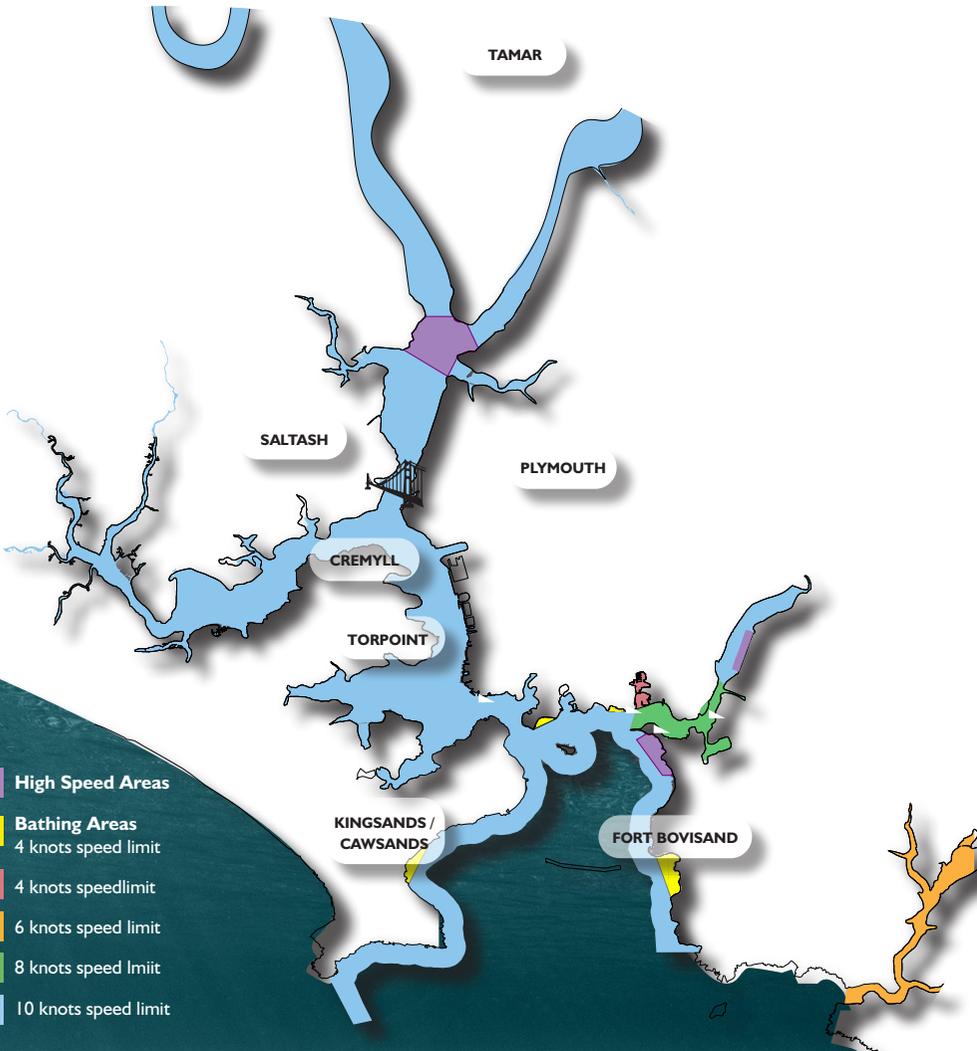


IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINER (LNTM) 21/22 REGISTER YOUR PWC BEFORE GOING AFLOAT WITHIN THE DOCK YARD PORT OF PLYMOUTH
plymouthport.org.uk/leisure/watercraft-registration



Comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020 check ghm.mod.uk/plymouth

- Comply with speed limits outlined below, these are for your, and other water users safety, as well as protecting the marine environment.
- Look out for dive marks, buoys and swimmers, if you do encounter them pass at slow speed leaving as much clearance as possible.
- Always wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid.
- Be aware of high and low water times.
- Know the collision regulations.
- Have the relevant insurance cover.
- Always use your kill cord - this will cut the engine if you fall off your PWC.
- It is recommended that children under 16 do not operate a PWC.
- Do not operate at high speed in close proximity to other craft, or conduct wake jumping.



Protecting the environment and Safety

Plymouth has some of the most environmentally protected waterways in Europe, home to a large number of protected species.

By complying with port legislation such as speed limits, you are helping to preserve the environment.

Plymouth has designated high speed areas and bathing areas to separate differing water users, PWCs should keep clear of the bathing areas, but if you have to enter do so at slow speed, whilst keeping an extra good lookout.

Please ensure you are familiar with the locations before going afloat, and use them respectfully.

All of the waterways are covered by CCTV and surveillance for your safety. It may be used for enforcement purposes when required.

Key Equipment Needed

ON YOUR PWC

- First aid kit
- Full tank of petrol and oil
- VHF radio and/or mobile phone in waterproof case
- Small fire extinguisher
- Flare pack
- Rope
- Small anchor
- Torch
- Toolkit

Where to use your PWC

All recreational craft users are advised to keep well clear of the main channels around the Port of Plymouth.

The Queens Harbour Master has designated high speed areas specifically for waterskiing, jet skiing, and power boating, shown on the map.

PWCs must also comply with the local speed limits outside of the high speed areas, as shown on the (map) chart. There is no speed limit 400m from shore, although the craft must still operate with care and caution.

The Ministry of Defence Police, and the Statutory Harbour Authorities in Plymouth have the powers to enforce and prosecute if necessary anyone who infringes speed limits, operates the PWC without care and caution, or is operated under the influence of alcohol or drugs, within the Port of Plymouth.

A Guide for small craft available to download from plymouth.gov.uk/tecf

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- Suitable clothing - wet/dry suit
- Buoyancy aid or life jacket
- Goggles or sunglasses
- Kill cord
- Foot protection
- Gloves
- Whistle