



KING'S HARBOUR MASTER PLYMOUTH

LNTM No 021/22

PLNTM 021 Personal Water Craft Registration Scheme Information

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 021/22

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION SCHEME – INFORMATION

1. This Notice is issued for information pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020 and promulgated by the Queen's Harbour Master Plymouth on behalf of the Port of Plymouth Harbour Authorities Liaison Committee (HALC).

2. Following an increase in use of Personal Watercraft (PWC) and concerns raised by other water users a registration scheme is being introduced for all PWC navigating within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth. The registration is free, and the application can be made via this link:

[Port of Plymouth Personal Watercraft Registration](#)

3. Operators of PWCs will be required to confirm they hold suitable insurance cover for their vessel and are encouraged to have them data tagged. Applications will be dealt with as quickly as possible. On completion a registration sticker will be issued; this is to be displayed on the PWC.



4. Before venturing afloat PWC users should ensure that they are fully aware of Rules and Regulations that are in place for the safety of all water users. Particular attention is drawn to the speed limit of 10 knots throughout the Port*

reducing to 8 knots within the Cattewater and 4 knots in Sutton Channel and designated Bathing Areas. PWC should avoid the designated bathing areas.

*except when in a designated high-speed area, or > 400m from the shore.

The PWC Code of Conduct provides advice and useful information:

[Personal Watercraft Code of Conduct](#)

5. There are several designated High-Speed Areas (See Code of Conduct); within which speed is unrestricted, but PWC users should note the requirements of Rules 5 and 6 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS), namely to keep a good lookout and proceed at a safe speed. PWC do not have exclusive use of these areas. PWC operators remain responsible for their own safety and that of other water users and they are to ensure they remain a safe distance from other craft and people in the water at all times.

1st January 2022

Saturday 01 Jan 2022