

## **PORT OF SUNDERLAND**

### **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

#### **ENGLAND NORTH EAST COAST**

#### **USE OF PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (PWC) - HARBOUR MASTER'S DIRECTIONS**

##### **Ref. No. 03 of 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that In exercise of powers conferred upon me as Harbour Master of the Port of Sunderland under Section 83(a) of the Sunderland Corporation Act 1972, Section 52 of the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 and all other enabling powers, I hereby make the following Directions to all users of Personal Water Craft (PWC) as defined later in this Notice:

- 1) Subject to paragraph 2 (below) PWC shall not be used in the waters of the River or the Docks unless launched at or being recovered to Potato Garth slipway (Sunderland Marina) or Hylton slipway (Claxheugh Riverside).
- 2) Notwithstanding paragraph 1 (above) PWC shall not at any time be used, moored or launched within 200 metres of the prevailing tide line in the seaward limits of the Port, which extend between Souter Point in the north and Ryhope Dene in the south; or within 200 metres of the prevailing tide line at Harbour Beach, which is situated within the Outer Harbour between Roker Pier and Old North Pier.
- 3) All PWC used in the River or the Docks shall be operated at a speed of no more than 6 knots through the water.
- 4) No PWC shall be used in a manner which endangers the safety of any other person or vessel, or is likely to cause damage to property whether fixed or floating, or cause damage to the banks of the harbour.
- 5) These provisions shall not apply to any PWC used for search and rescue or policing purposes.

It is a criminal offence under section 53 of the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 to fail to comply with directions of the Harbour Master.

For the purposes of this Notice, a “Personal Water Craft” means a craft or vessel used for floating or aquaplaning on or being submerged in water, primarily intended for sport or leisure use, fitted with a motor or internal combustion engine powering a water jet pump as the primary means of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing or kneeling on or in the craft or vessel and includes craft known as jet skis, jet bikes and water scooters.

The expressions “the Docks”, “the River” and “the Port” shall for the purpose of this Notice have the respective meanings given in section 3(2) of the Sunderland Corporation Act.

Publication of this Notice has been brought about due to frequent complaints relating to misuse of personal water craft within the waters of the Port of Sunderland.

The Port of Sunderland Byelaws, 1978 continue to apply with offenders also being liable to prosecution under this legislation.

This Notice cancels Notice to Mariners No. 2 of 2020, dated 20/08/2020.

***CAPTAIN A K ULLAH,  
Harbour Master***

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*Dated the 29th day of March, 2021*