

HOLYHEAD – LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 01/2025

Harbour Master’s Annual Summary of Byelaws, Harbour Regulations, and General Information.

Issued 1st January 2025
Expires 31st December 2025

All previous Local Notice to Mariners are hereby cancelled. The following LNTM have been issued and can be found on the Port website (note new address www.holyheadportauthority.co.uk):

LNTM 01/2025 Summary of Byelaws, Harbour Regulations, and General Information.
LNTM 02/2025 Guidelines & Safety Advice for Leisure Users
LNTM 03/2025 Commercial and Leisure Diving Operations
LNTM 04/2025 New Harbour – Isolated danger Mark
LNTM 05/2024 Preliminary Notice - Asmund Wreck – Navigation Marks
LNTM 06/2025 Terminal 5 Turning and Berth Line Fenders
LNTM 07/2025 Terminal 3 and 5 Works in Progress

All previous Marine Safety & Information Circulars are hereby cancelled. The following MSIC have been issued and can be found on the Port website:

MISC 01/2025 Personal Water Craft (Jet Skis) Voluntary Speed Restrictions
MISC 02/2025 Swinging Moorings

The following extracts are taken from the Port’s byelaws, a full set of which can be found on the website:

Vessel means ‘any ship, boat, raft or craft of every class or description howsoever navigated, propelled or moved’.

This definition is deemed to include watercraft, including personal water craft (jet skis), as defined under Statutory Instrument 2023 No.35 The Merchant Shipping (Watercraft) Order 2023.

Speed Limits.

(i) No vessel shall enter, pass through or manoeuvre within the Inner Harbour at a higher rate of speed than is necessary to keep her under proper control.

(ii) No vessel shall proceed at a speed exceeding 8 knots through the water when navigating or manoeuvring within the harbour south of a line drawn from the landing stage on the west side of Salt Island to the slip at the southern end of the Breakwater.

Mariners' attention is also drawn to MISC 01/2025.

Vessels not to be made fast to Navigation Buoys: No vessel to be made fast or lie to any buoys or beacons marking the channels or shoals of the Harbour.

Inner Harbour: No vessel shall, except with permission, enter or leave the Inner Harbour.

Precautionary Area, TSS: A Precautionary Area is established within the inbound and outbound lanes at the entrance to the Harbour. Small vessels should not impede the progress of large vessels within the fairways.

Events, boat races, regattas etc, The organizer of any race, regatta or marine event should give at least 7 days notice in writing to the Harbourmaster for approval.

Obstruction to fairways and berths: Anchoring and the laying down of, buoys, tackle, nets or pots is not permitted within the fairways. Obstructions which may cause a danger to navigation are liable to be removed without notice.

Collisions, groundings, injuries and sinkings: These matters and damage to navigational buoys or beacons are to be reported immediately to the Harbourmaster.

Moorings No mooring buoy or tackle, for the purpose of establishing a mooring, shall be laid down, within the Harbour, without written consent of the Harbourmaster.

Anchoring Anchoring is not permitted in the Outer Harbour or fairways without permission. Anchoring is subject to the payment of Harbour Dues.

Harbour users are also advised to consult the 'Directions, Guidelines and Procedures Manual' which can be found on the Port website and is periodically reviewed and updated. A new edition will be released shortly.

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