

# Responsible Rider Charter



Poole Harbour is an exceptionally special place and we're passionate about everyone getting the chance to experience the waters in a safe and enjoyable way.

By becoming one of our Versa Docks or Fuel customers you agree to adhere to our 'Responsible Rider Charter'. This includes:

## 1) Observe and obeying the Salterns Marina rules:

- max speed 3 knots with consideration of wake
- Throttle is not required whilst transiting through the Marina
- Set music/speakers to a low volume
- Keep to the right hand side of all channels
- Give way to manoeuvring boats
- No fuelling on Versa Docks - only at the Fuel Berth
- Keep a low speed until clear of the Marina entrance and your approach to it.

## 2) Always check the weather for information on riding conditions before heading out

## 3) Ensure you have enough fuel

## 4) Use a VHF or communication device

## 6) Ensure your watercraft is insured and registered and that you have paid your Poole Harbour dues

## 7) Always wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD)

## 8) Always have a tether cord attached to your PFD or wrist (wrist strap required) and keep it free from the handlebars.

## 9) Do not ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol

## 10) Follow the Poole Harbour Commissioners (PHC) Bylaws and Environmental Code of Conduct (below) and stay out of restricted zones in Brownsea Island, Poole Quay & Holes Bay

## Ride it by the rules...



Poole Harbour Commissioners

These are the important byelaws which affect recreational users:

All vessels shall conform to the orders and directions of the Harbour Master.

- (a) Every vessel shall be navigated with care and caution and at such speed and in such manner as not to endanger the lives or cause injury or be a nuisance to persons or endanger the safety of or cause damage to other vessels, moorings, buoys, beacons or other property.
- (aa) Vessels shall not be navigated at a speed exceeding 10 knots through the water.
- (b) Vessels shall not be navigated at speed exceeding 6 knots in the Little Channel, between the Quays and in Holes Bay.
- (bb) No person shall engage in board sailing within the Middle Ship Channel or within the Haven Channel without the Harbour Master's written consent. Persons intending to cross these channels shall do so by the shortest possible route and so as not cause an obstruction to other vessels navigating in the channel
- (c) Persons or vessels engaged in fishing with nets, lines, or trawls shall not obstruct with their vessels or gear any channel or fairway used by vessels
- (d) Vessels may not wilfully be permitted to drift in a fairway for the purpose of fishing or any other purpose
- (e) No person shall engage in water skiing, ascending by towed kite or parachute, or use a jet ski or hovercraft except with the written permission of the Harbour Master

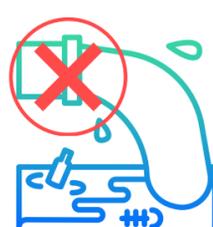
## CHAIN FERRY BYELAW

Priority between chain ferry and other vessels. All vessels navigating in the Harbour which are not subject to compulsory pilotage shall give way to the chain ferry



## ENVIRONMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- The foreshores of the southern side of the Harbour and the islands in the Harbour are considered private property. Unauthorised landing is prohibited. Permission should be sought from the owner before proceeding.
- Birds need space in which to feed, roost and, in some cases nest on the foreshores and saltmarshes. Care should be taken not to disturb them, and all children and dogs must be kept under control in these areas.
- Do not go near birds that are feeding or roosting and avoid disturbing birds that are swimming or feeding in the water.
- Under no circumstances dispose of rubbish, plastic, oily waste or any other noxious substance in the water or on the foreshore. The impact this can have to such a delicate environment can be extreme and such acts are punishable under harbour bylaws.
- Please be considerate and keep all noise levels to a bare minimum



Play it safe

Be responsible

Keep it green