

BYELAWS: SEASIDE PLEASURE BOATS

THE HAYLING ISLAND OFF-SHORE BYELAWS

Byelaws for the prevention of danger obstruction or annoyance to persons bathing in the sea or using the seashore, made by the Urban District Council of Havant and Waterloo in pursuance of section 76 of the Public Health Act, 1961.

1. These byelaws shall apply to the seashore of Hayling Island and the waters of Hayling Bay and of the approaches to Chichester and Langstone Harbours situate below the high water mark of ordinary spring tides and within the following limits:-

- (i) the southern limit of Chichester Harbour for the purposes of the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act 1971, that is an imaginary straight line drawn on a bearing of 84° from the beacon at the seaward end of the groyne which lies immediately to the south-east of the black and white tripod leading mark beacon at Eastoke Point, Hayling Island.
- (ii) the county boundary of the administrative counties of Hampshire and West Sussex from the point where it intersects (i) above southwards to its southernmost point
- (iii) an imaginary straight line running due south from the southernmost point of (ii) above
- (iv) an imaginary line at a distance of 500 yards to seaward from the low water mark of ordinary spring tides and from the southern limit of Chichester Harbour mentioned in (ii) above
- (v) the north-eastern limit of the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth as defined in the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth (Amendment) Order 1970, namely an imaginary straight line drawn on a bearing 120° from a point on the high water mark at Eastney Point situated due south of the south-eastern corner of Fort Cumberland.
- (vi) the southern limit of Langstone Harbour for the purpose of the Pier and Harbour Order (Langstone Harbour) Confirmation Act 1962, namely an imaginary straight line drawn on a bearing of 86° from the point on the high water mark at Eastney Point mentioned in (V) above.

2. In these byelaws:-

“approach corridor” means the area lying between an imaginary straight line bearing 190° from a point in the centre of the carriageway of Alexandra Avenue at its junction with Sea Front and a second straight line parallel to and 100 yards to the west of the first line.

“bearing” means a bearing reckoned clockwise from true north

“Council” means the Urban District Council of Havant and Waterloo

“master” means the person who whether as owner or otherwise, has for the time being the charge or control of a pleasure boat and includes a person who being present in the boat is entitled to give orders to the person having charge or control.

3. No person being the master of a pleasure boat shall during the months of April to September inclusive cause or suffer such vessel to exceed a speed of ten knots through the water. Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person taking part in a regatta or similar event organised by the Council or with their written consent nor to a boat leaving or approaching the shore within the approach corridor.
4. No person, being the master of a pleasure boat, shall cause or suffer such vessel to be driven or sailed in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons.
5. Any person offending against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Twenty pounds.

Given under the Common Seal of the Urban District Council of Havant and Waterloo this First day of November 1972.

THE COMMON SEAL of the URBAN)
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HAVANT)
AND WATERLOO was hereunto)
Affixed in the presence of:-)

Clerk of the Council

The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing byelaws and fixed the date on which they are to come into operation as the first day of March 1973.

(K P WITNEY)
An Assistant Under Secretary of State

Home Office
WHITEHALL

16 January 1973

A copy of The Hayling Island Off-Shore Byelaws Chart available on request from
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