

Designated Bathing and No Wake Areas



Information for Powered Pleasure Craft Users



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Introduction

This booklet has been compiled by Isle of Man Harbours Division, Department of Infrastructure, to promote responsible use of personal and fast powered water craft within Isle of Man Waters.



The aim is to assist users of power driven vessels, including jet-skis, in achieving full enjoyment from their craft whilst at the same time ensuring that those people using the Island's main bathing beaches are not endangered.

The main bathing beaches have been identified as:

Douglas
Castletown and Derbyhaven
Port St Mary and Bay Ny Carrickey
Port Erin
Peel
Ramsey
Laxey

Adjacent to the main bathing beaches Designated Bathing Areas have been created and can be identified from the maps on the following pages.

Within the Designated Bathing Areas, bathers, and particularly children, will be able to swim and play near the waters edge safely. Jet-skis and other fast craft are excluded from these areas except in an emergency, or as part of an authorised training course or to launch and recover at slow speed. Use of this area for training can only be authorised by the Harbours Division, Department of Infrastructure.

Also shown on the maps are HARBOUR/ NO WAKE AREAS. All craft are subject to the direction of the local Harbour Staff and all vessels should proceed at a safe and reasonable speed within these areas. The safe and reasonable speed is determined as 'Dead Slow'. Vessels may launch from the various slipways in the Harbour Areas and proceed out to sea.

There are a significant number of other beaches around the Island's coast also accessible to bathers and powered craft and it is advised that users of fast craft including jet-skis act in a responsible and competent manner at all times.

HARBOURS INFORMATION

Designated Bathing Areas

Power driven small vessels, including jet-skis, are not normally permitted within these areas, which are for bathing only. For guidance, a Designated Bathing Area is defined as, 'an area where powered craft would not normally enter unless involved in launching and recovery operations, and then must proceed with caution'. Anyone observing a vessel operating in a reckless or dangerous manner in one of these areas should report the incident to the Isle of Man Marine Operations Centre immediately (01624 686628).

No Wake Zones

Power driven small vessels, including jet-skis, may use these areas for launching and access as necessary, and must proceed at a safe and reasonable speed - "Dead Slow". As a guide, this should produce no appreciable wake behind the vessel.

Coastal Safety

The Harbours Division, Department of Infrastructure has produced an online document called the Coastal Code as a reference guide for the coast. The document can be downloaded from the following site:

Rules: <http://goo.gl/3Uy0QC>

Maps: <http://goo.gl/eSFRMt>

RNLI Sea Safety Guide: <http://goo.gl/ZoCw2f>

HARBOURS INFORMATION CONT.

Registration of Pleasure Craft and Slipway Dues

Under the Harbours (IOM) Act 2010 it is a requirement for all vessels, including Jet-skis, to be registered with the Harbours Division, Department of Infrastructure. All vessels, including jet-skis, which use a harbour are required to pay Annual Harbour dues or if trailer launched, Annual Slipway Dues.

All dues are payable at any harbour office, via on line services at www.gov.im or at the Marine Operations Centre which is based at the Sea Terminal Building, Douglas.

Contact details for all harbour offices and the IOM Marine Operations Centre can be found on the back page of this booklet

Tide Tables

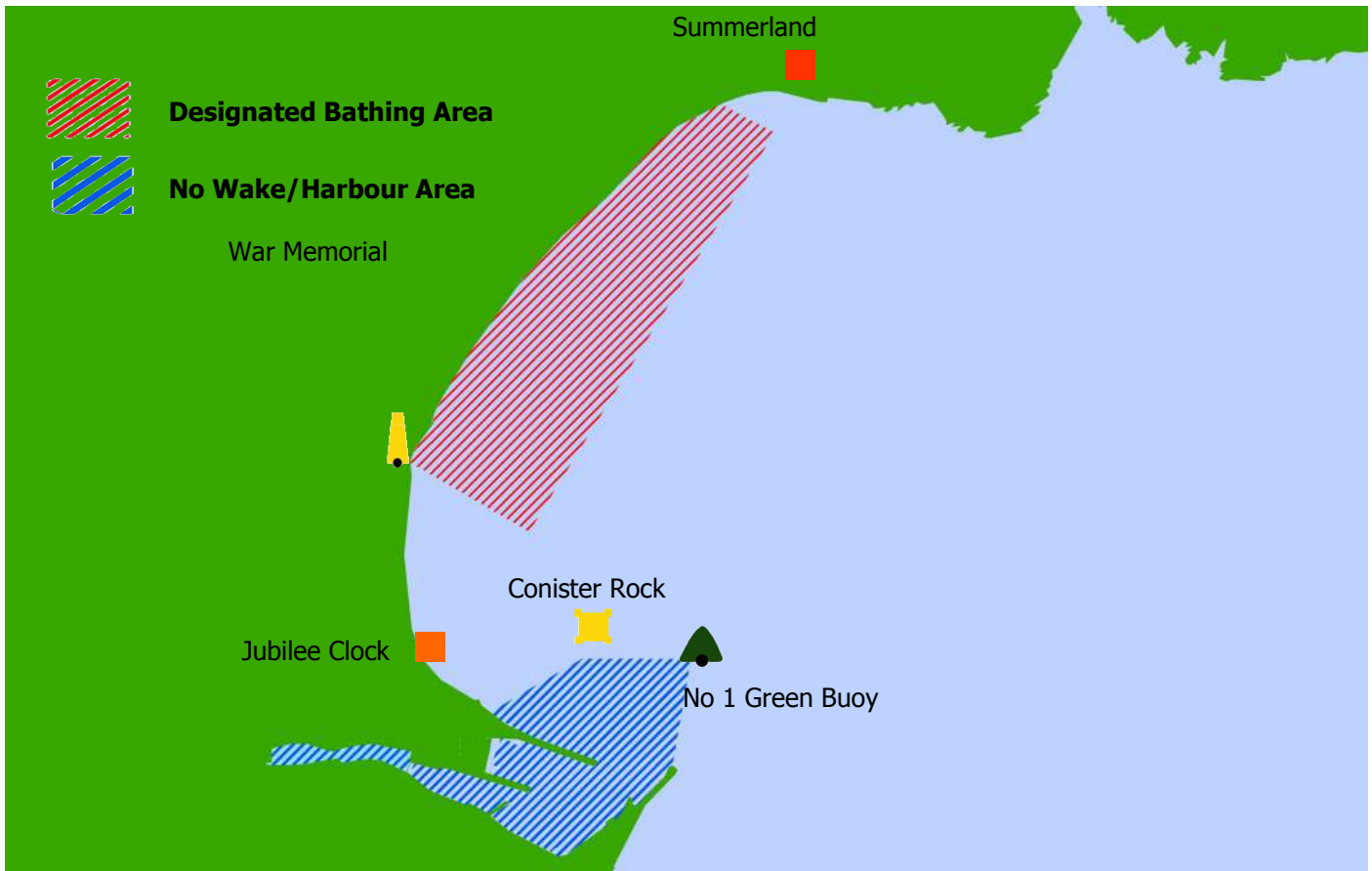
Before launching, boat owners are advised to consult the local forecast and tide tables to ensure the safety of their vessel and crew. Tide tables/tidal information can be purchased from your local chandlers or obtained from one of the harbour offices around the Island or by speaking to the Marine Operations Centre. The tide and flapgate times for the Isle of Man can be downloaded from the following site:

UKHO: <http://goo.gl/eqgN2q>

Reference Maps

The maps in this booklet are provided as reference material only and should not be used for navigation. Authorised nautical charts should be used for all marine and coastal navigation.

Douglas Harbour & Bay



Harbour Area : No Wake Zone

The Harbour Area : No Wake Zone is bound by a line joining the seaward end of the breakwater to No 1 Green Buoy to the Tower of Refuge to the Conister Jetty and includes the outer and inner harbour.

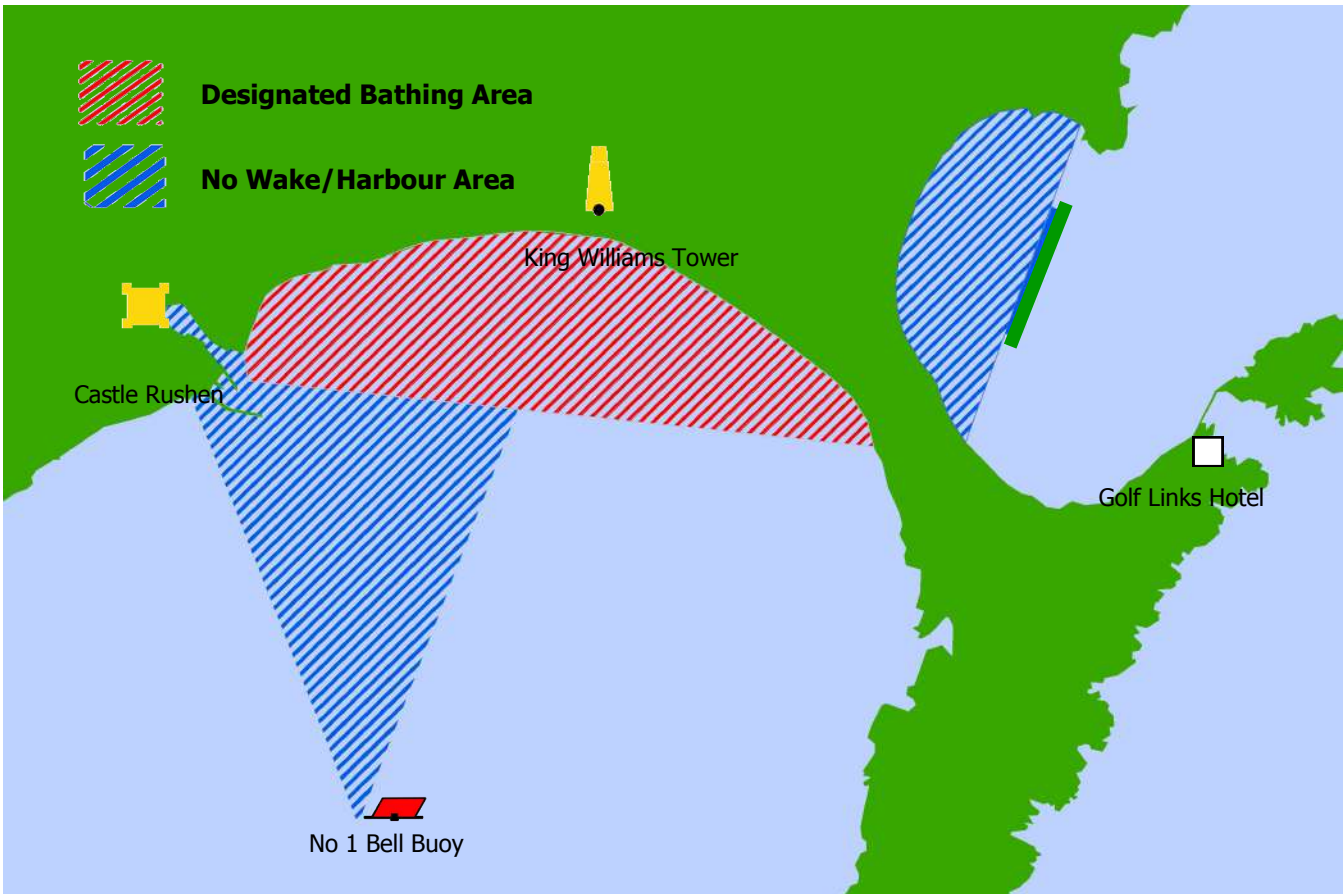
Designated Bathing Area

The Designated Bathing Area is bound to seaward by a line joining the Jubilee Clock and Summerland. The northern and southern limits are lines extending seaward intersecting the seaward boundary at right angles; the northern limit extends out from the bottom of Summer Hill and the southern limit from the War Memorial.

Douglas Harbour is the island's main commercial harbour, handling ferries, coasters and fishing vessels. The Marina was built in 2001 and the harbour also accommodates cruise ships. Harbour users should always ensure that they contact the Marine Operations Centre by phone or VHF radio before entering the harbour area.



Castletown Harbour & Derbyhaven Bay



Harbour Area : No Wake Zone

The Harbour Area : No Wake Zone is bound by a line joining King William’s College Tower and the Bell Buoy and a line joining Castle Rushen Keep and the Bell Buoy and includes the harbour.

Designated Bathing Area — Castletown Bay

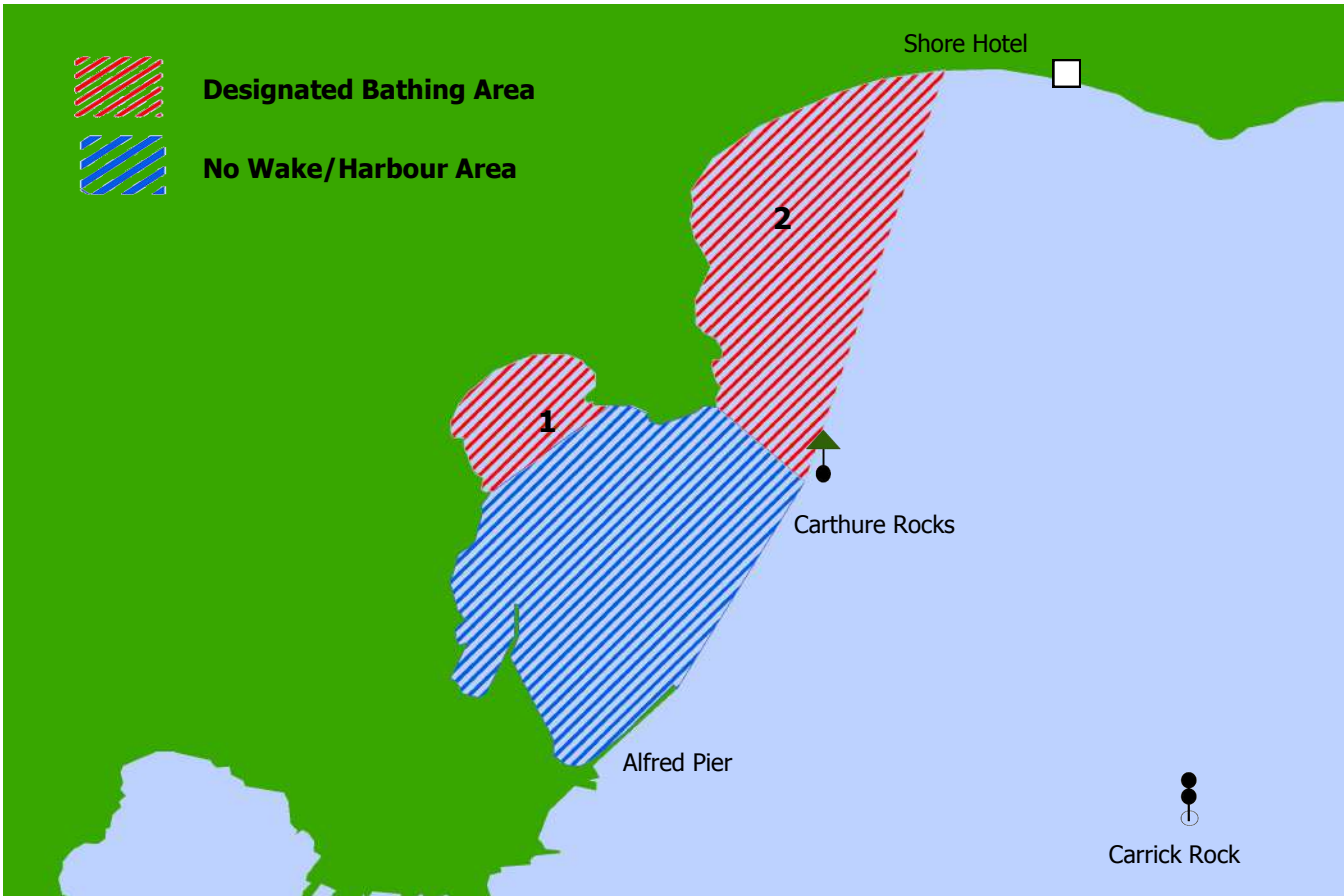
The Designated Bathing Area is north of a line extending eastwards from the Castletown Harbour starboard end beacon to the tower of the hotel on Langness.

Derbyhaven Bay

The Harbour Area : No Wake Zone is to the west of the line of the breakwater extending to the shore on both sides of the bay.



Port St Mary Harbour & Bay Ny Carrickey



Harbour Area : No Wake Zone

The No Wake Zone/Harbour Area is north west of a line from the seaward end of the Alfred Pier to the daymark on the Carthure Rocks.

Designated Bathing Area 1 - Chapel Bay, Port St Mary

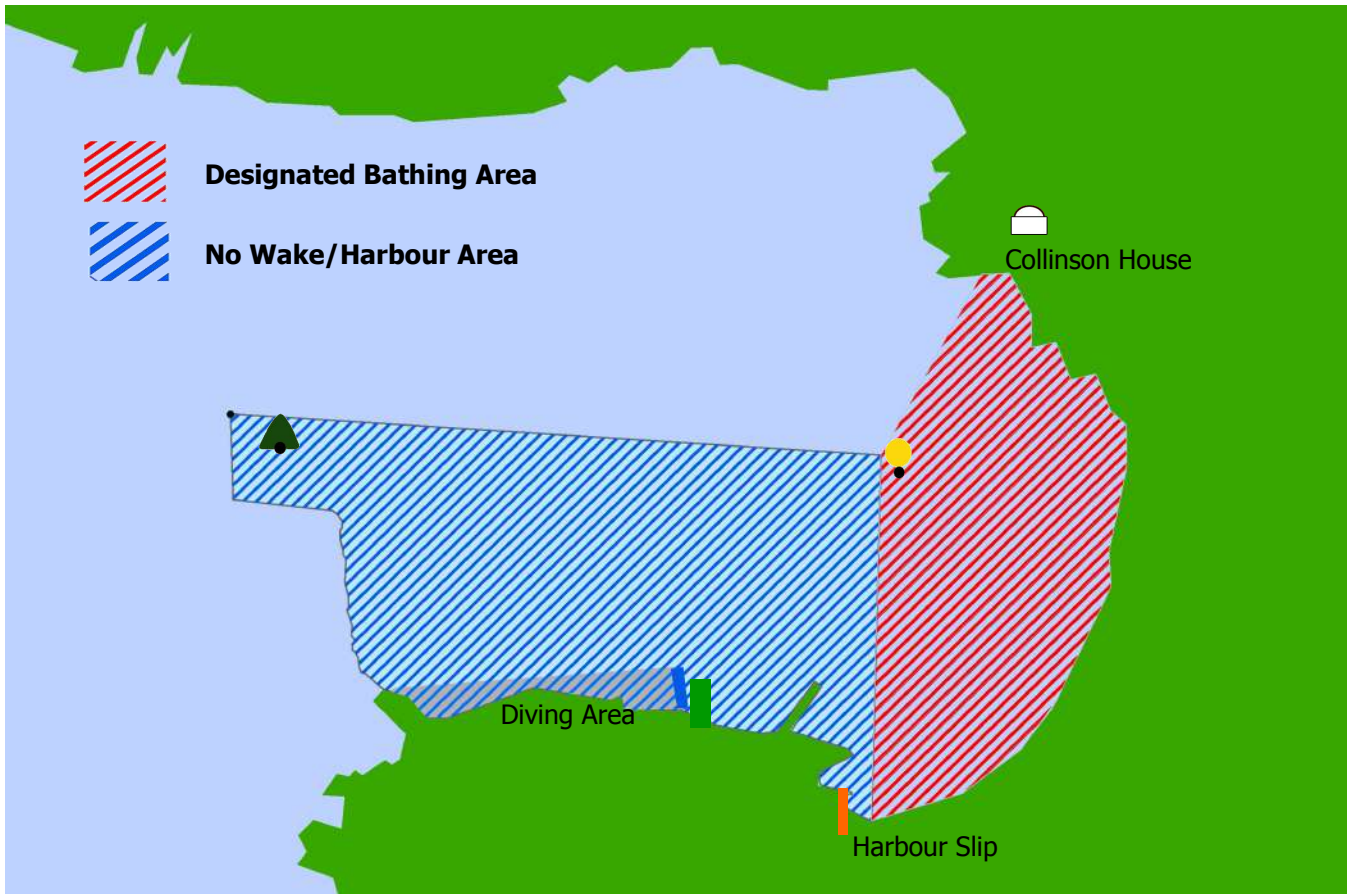
The Designated Bathing Area in this bay is bound by a line across the narrowest part of the entrance to the bay.

Designated Bathing Area 2 - Bay Ny Carrickey

This area is bound within a line joining Gansey Point, the daymark on the Carthure Rocks and a point 150 metres west of the slipway adjacent to the Shore Hotel.



Port Erin Harbour



Harbour Area : No Wake Zone

The Harbour Area : No Wake Zone is bounded by the line of the old breakwater to the Green Buoy, and a line from that buoy to the Yellow Buoy off the Raglan Pier to the end of the Harbour Slipway.

Designated Bathing Area

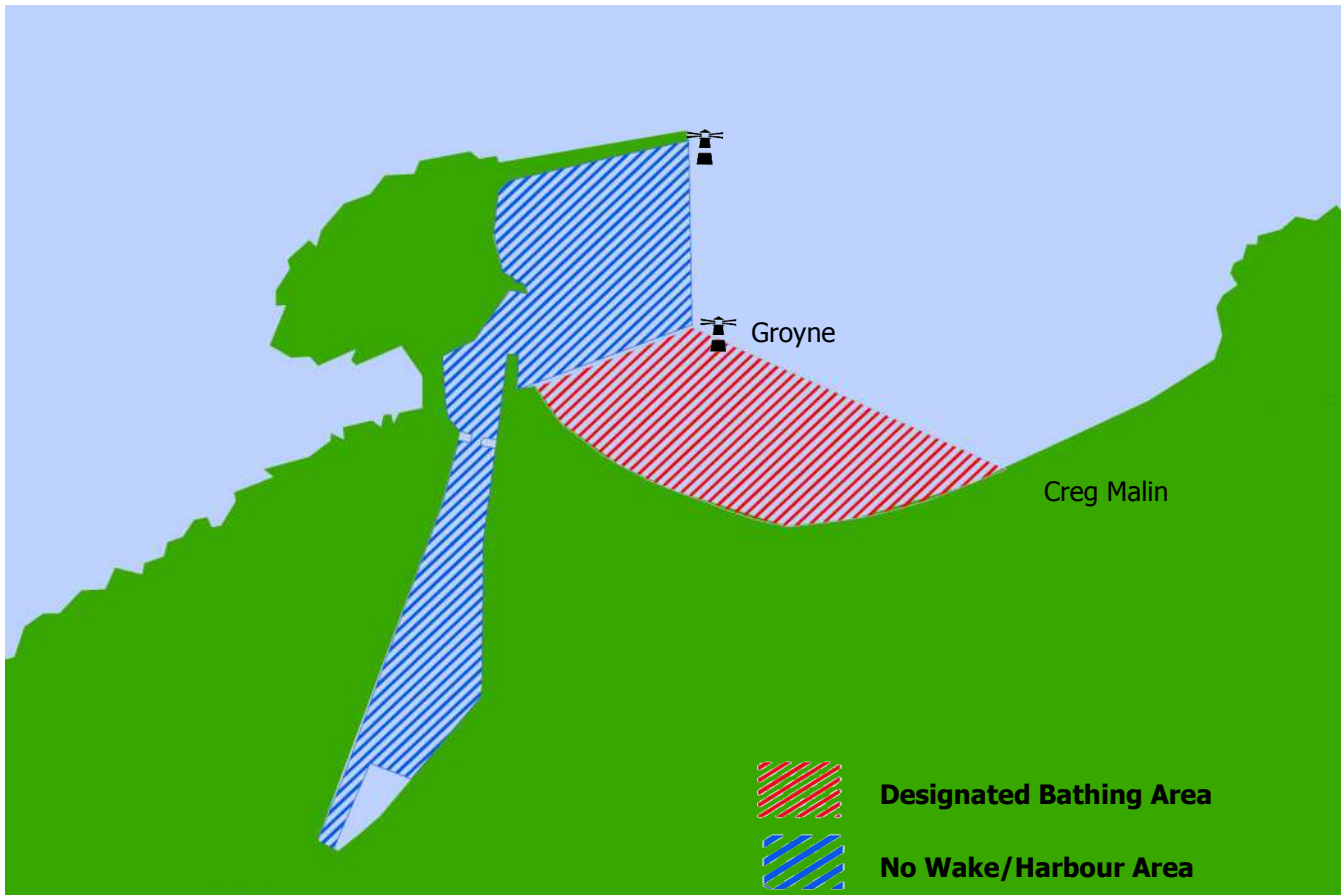
The Designated Bathing Area is shoreward of a line joining the Harbour Slip, the Yellow Buoy and the dome on Collinson House.

Diving Area

Port Erin is unique in the Isle of Man in having a dedicated diving Area, as shown on the map above. The bay is also popular with open water swimmers.



Peel Bay, Harbour & Marina



Harbour Area : No Wake Zone

The Harbour Area : No Wake Zone is bound by a line from the outer end of the break-water and the outer end of the groyne, and includes the harbour and marina.

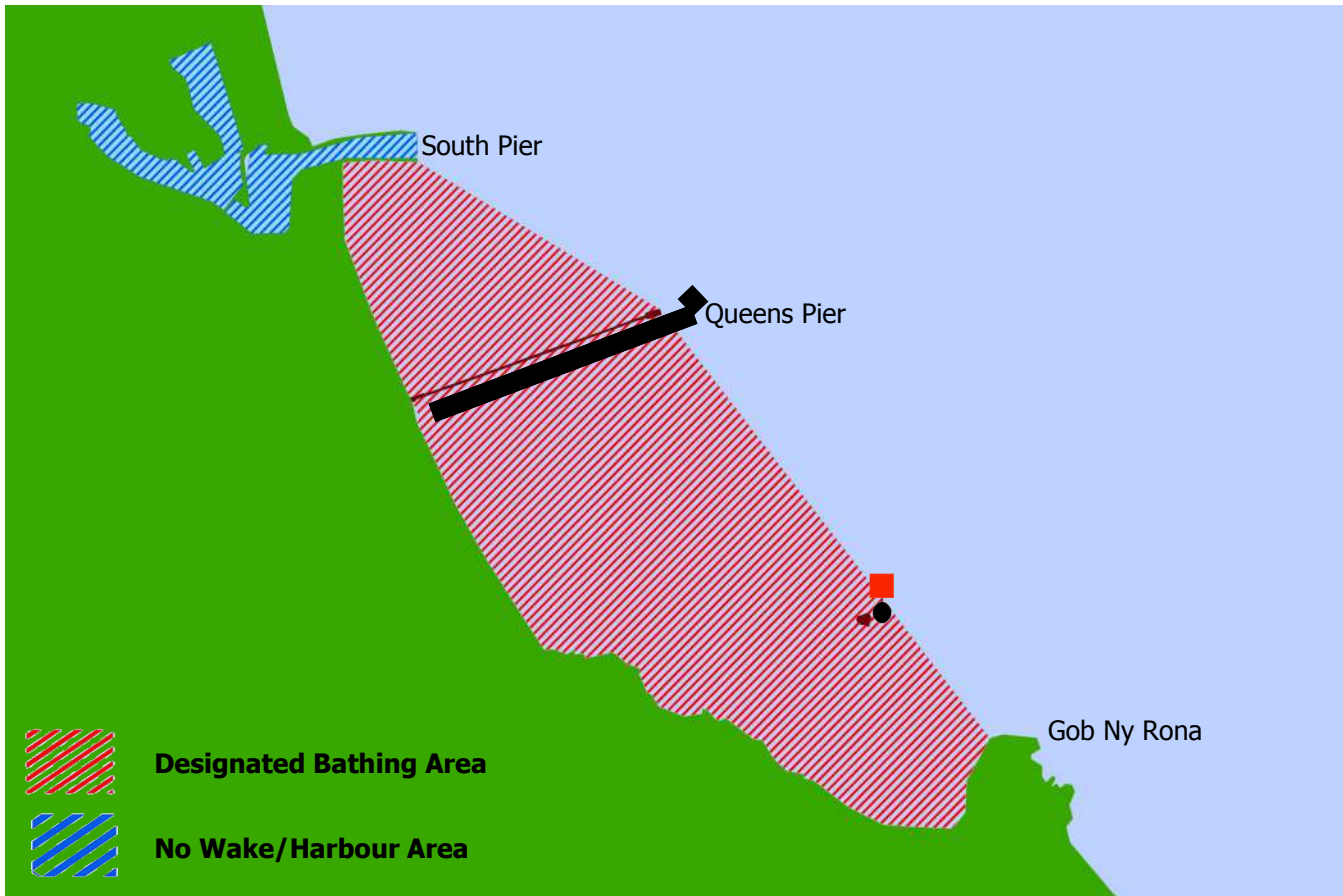
Designated Bathing Area

The Designated Bathing Area is enclosed by the line of the groyne and a line joining the end of the groyne to the Creg Malin Hotel.

Peel Harbour is used extensively by fishing vessels and pleasure craft, and the marina, built in 2009, can cater for 120 vessels, up to 24m length. There are also many leisure activities undertaken in the bay, including the famous Viking Longboat races.



Ramsey Harbour and Bay



Harbour Area : No Wake Zone

The Harbour Area : No Wake Zone is bounded by a line joining the seaward ends of the north and south piers and includes the harbour.

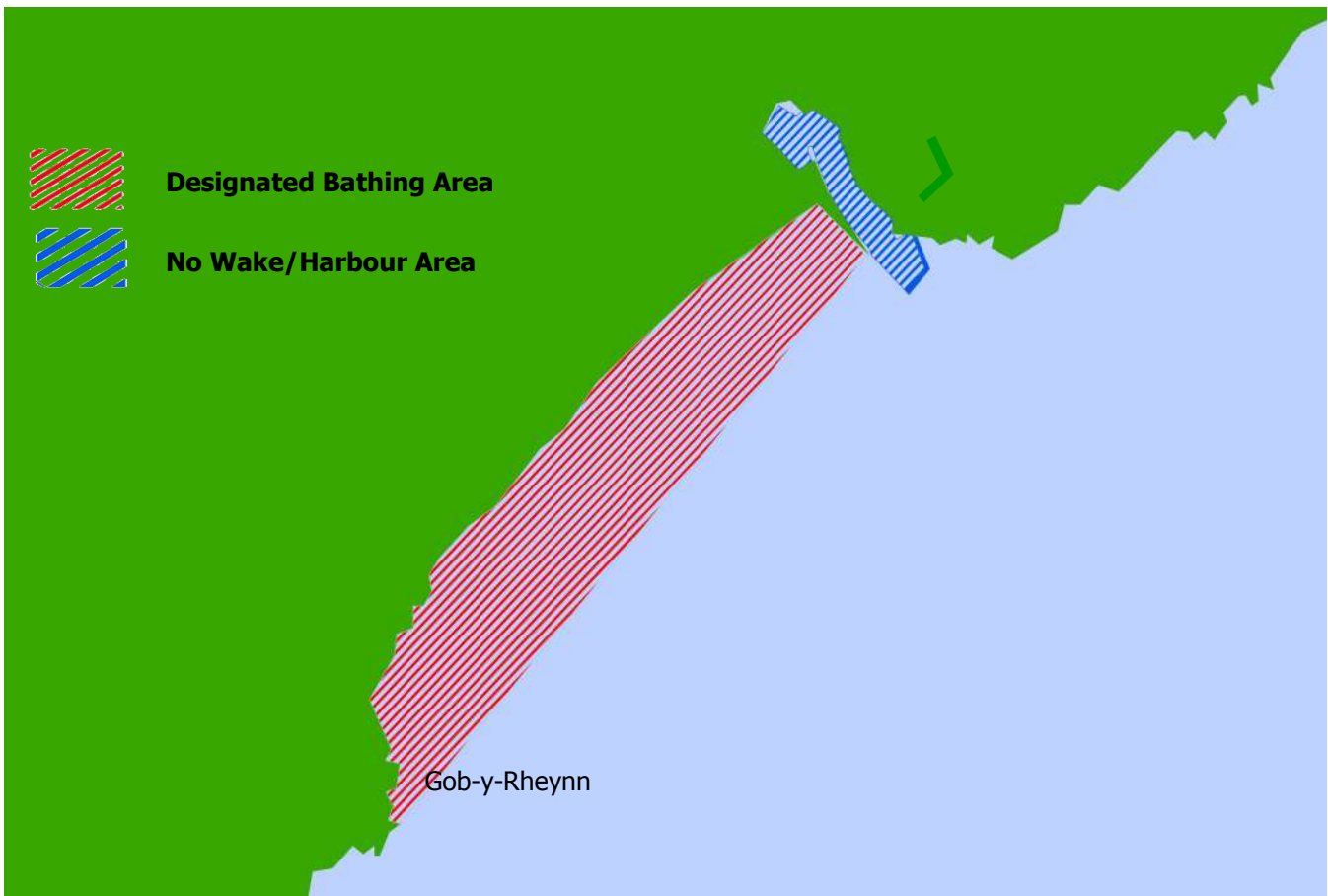
Designated Bathing Area

The Designated Bathing Area is bound by a line from the seaward end of the south pier to the seaward end of Queen's Pier to Gob Ny Rona.

Ramsey Harbour is a commercial harbour handling freight vessels, coasters and fishing vessels, as well as being a major leisure harbour.



Laxey Harbour



Harbour Area : No Wake Zone

The Harbour Area : No Wake Zone is bound by a line from the seaward end of the breakwaters and includes the harbour.

Designated Bathing Area

The Designated Bathing Area is bound by a line from the end of the outer breakwater to Gob-y-Rheynn.

Laxey Harbour is occupied by fishing and pleasure craft.



Useful Contacts

Marine Operations Centre Isle Of Man Coastguard

The Sea Terminal Building
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01624 686628
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www.gov.im/harbours
www.gov.im/coastguard
www.gov.im/weather

The Welcome Centre (Tourist Information)

The Sea Terminal
Douglas
IM1 2RG
Tel: 01624 686801 / 686766
E-mail: tourism@gov.im

www.visitisleofman.com

Useful Links

For Wildlife information:
Manx Whale & Dolphin Watch: www.mwdw.net
Manx Basking Shark Watch:
www.manxbaskingsharkwatch.com
Manx Birdlife: www.manxbirdatlas.org.uk
Manx Wildlife Trust: www.manxwt.org.uk

For maritime safety information:
RNLI: www.rnli.org.uk

For bus and rail information:
www.bus.im
www.rail.im

Harbour Offices (all start 01624)

IOM Marine Operations Centre	686628
Douglas Harbour Office:	687543
Southern Harbour Offices:	833205
Peel Harbour Office:	842338
Ramsey/Laxey Harbour Office:	812245

Weather Forecast

Recorded Weather	0900 6243300
Shipping Forecast	0900 6243322

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Useful Numbers (all start 01624)

Police	631212
Accident & Emergency	650040
Manx Emergency Doctor Service (MEDS)	650355
Emergency Dentist	642612
IOM Steam Packet Co	661661
IOM Airport	821600
Manx National Heritage	648000
Wild Life Park	897323