

Fishguard Port Authority

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FISHGUARD – LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 01/2012

GUIDELINES FOR LEISURE USERS

GENERAL All Mariners are advised to maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 14 (Fishguard Port Control), for shipping movements and navigational warnings.

SWIMMING Strong currents are found near the breakwater end. Support craft for swimmers should report their whereabouts to Port Control and other port users on VHF channel 14.

SAILING VESSELS Sailing vessels should bear in mind that a group of small craft, while individually being well clear, may, as a group, present a restriction to a large ferry. Sailing vessels must ensure they do not obstruct ferries and other large vessels. This also applies to sailing vessels when racing.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPEEDBOATS AND WATER SKIING Due to the large number of moored boats within the Harbour, Users of the above should ensure they do not create excessive wash, especially near Moorings. They must navigate in a manner that shows consideration to other Harbour users and very importantly, the marine wildlife in and around the confines of the Harbour especially porpoise and dolphin feeding and breeding areas. All craft must adhere to the Harbour speed limits.

CANOES AND WINDSURFERS The above may use the Harbour but they are advised against crossing the Fairways especially during the Ferry operating times.,

DIVING Mariners engaged in providing support craft for sports diving should ensure these activities are undertaken clear of the Fairways and that other users, Port Control and the Coast Guard are adequately warned of their whereabouts and when entering or leaving the water. Commercial diving (for gain or favour) is strictly not allowed within the Harbour without a permit.

NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY Mariners are also advised to be aware of the following LNTM:

- LNTM 01 / 2011: COMMERCIAL AND LEISURE DIVING OPERATIONS
- LNTM 03 / 2011: SUMMARY OF BYE-LAWS AND HARBOUR REGULATIONS
- LNTM 01 / 2013: SAFETY ADVICE FOR LEISURE USERS.

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