

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

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NOTICE TO MARINERS FIRTH OF FORTH

PORTOBELLO BEACH WATER EXCLUSION ZONE

**Reference: Chart 735 & Forth Ports Byelaws
City of Edinburgh Council “Portobello Beach Water Exclusion Zone
General Details”**

The City of Edinburgh Council is implementing a safety initiative to separate swimmers and bathers from water craft and power craft in the vicinity of Portobello Beach.

The “Water Exclusion Zone” will be implemented when the buoys are deployed as detailed on the attached drawing provided by the City of Edinburgh Council, and will be a permanent arrangement.

Enquiries regarding the water exclusion zone should be directed to Keith Allison at the City of Edinburgh Council.

Attention is drawn to the Forth Ports Byelaws and General Directions, specifically Byelaws 32 and 65 (see attached).

Water craft and power craft owners are requested to support this initiative and stay well clear of the respective exclusion zones.

Byelaws can be viewed on the Forth Ports website:
<http://www.forthports.co.uk/marine/legislation/>

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Chief Harbour Master

Extract from the:

FORTH PORTS AUTHORITY FORTH BYELAWS

32. Water ski-ing and aqua-planing.

(a) No person or persons shall engage in water skiing or aqua-planing except with the permission of the Harbourmaster and only in such areas as he may designate after consultation with local authorities and in accordance with such reasonable conditions as he may impose.

(b) A vessel towing a person water ski-ing shall have on board a lifebuoy or other sufficient form of life preserver and two persons able to take charge of the vessel and to give such assistance as may be reasonable required during towing.

(c) An internal combustion engine in a vessel used in connection with water ski-ing and aqua-planing shall be fitted with a silencer expansion chamber or other contrivance suitable and sufficient for reducing so far as may be reasonable the noise caused by the escape of exhaust gases from the engine.

65. No person navigating the Forth or using the docks and harbours of the Authority shall:-

- (a) use any obscene or offensive language to the annoyance of any person; or,
- (b) behave in a riotous, disorderly, indecent or offensive manner.

