



General Instructions and Advice

This Local Notice to Mariners is to be read in conjunction with the Byelaws for Ryde Marina which may be obtained from the Marina Office

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1. Safety in the Marina

- Ryde Marina is run and administered by Ryde Town Council. Ryde Town Council are keen to manage, maintain and improve the Marina to nationally agreed standards and are committed to generally bringing the health and safety standards up to those outlined in the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) and all associated MCA safety guidance and requirements as relevant to Marina operations.
- Ryde Town Council does not wish to over-regulate the use of the Marina and wants everybody to be able to enjoy the full range of activities available. No one type of vessel or activity has priority or primacy.
- Ryde Town Council has a responsibility to manage the risks associated with marine operations to ensure that they remain as low as reasonably practicable. It is appreciated that going afloat can never be free of risk and that everybody who uses the Marina, especially those in control of vessels, has an important role to play to ensure the Marina remains safe.
- Ryde Town Council wishes to emphasise the following:-
 - a. The Master, Skipper or Person in Charge of a vessel, regardless of type or size, remains responsible for its safety, except in the case of children, where adults, event organisers or clubs have additional responsibilities.
 - b. All vessels using the Marina must comply with the COLREGS, Harbour Byelaws and the Directions of the on duty Marina Operative. It is the responsibility of all those who go afloat to familiarise themselves with these laws. Those who do not comply with the law may be prosecuted.
 - c. There may be times when it is not safe to participate in a particular activity. Before taking to the water those in charge of vessels, adults responsible for children, and those organising events and races, need to carefully consider the prevailing weather, tidal and traffic conditions.
 - d. There may be times when a planned use of the Marina has to be modified or cancelled. This is common sense and basic seamanship. This is reflected in the requirement to assess risks and put appropriate precautions in place.
 - e. Ryde Town Council undertakes regular and on-going maintenance of all its pontoons which are checked on a daily basis. Access to and/or use of a pontoon is at the risk of the individual, who is solely responsible for their own safety at all times. Particular attention is drawn to exceptional adverse weather conditions or an emergency situation (for example a fire), where it may be considered unsafe for berth holders or members of the public to access a pontoon. The pontoon will, if possible, and at the sole discretion of Ryde Town Council, be cordoned off as soon as is practical. However, in any such case, the safety of an individual accessing a pontoon remains solely the responsibility of that individual, whether or not the pontoon has been cordoned off.

2. Marina speed limit

An advised maximum speed limit of 3 knots is in force within the Marina. In addition, Marina users should be aware of the amount of wash being created and keep it to a minimum. Excessive speed and/or wash can create a danger to other vessels in the Channel.

Harbour users are further reminded that in the area covered by QHM Portsmouth the speed limit is 10 knots within 1000 metres of the shore.

3. International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)

COLREGS apply to all vessels that use the Harbour, regardless of size and type. Those in charge of vessels who fail to comply with the COLREGS may be prosecuted.

4. Reporting concerns relating to safety

Harbour users are requested to report immediately to the on duty Marina Operative or any Ryde Town Council staff member, any reasonable concern they have regarding safety in the Marina. Marina users are also requested to report incidents and damage which may affect safety in the Marina. In an Emergency Dial 999 or call Solent Coastguard on VHF Channel 16 or 67 (tel: 02392 552100).

To report incidents or damage call "Ryde Marina" on VHF Channel 80 or telephone 01983 613879. You may be asked to submit a written report.

Incidents and damage that should be reported include:

- damage to, and collisions between vessels;
- damage to navigation marks, Marina structures or facilities;
- malfunctioning navigation marks;
- Swimming and Diving in the Marina;
- dangerous near-miss situations between vessels;
- vessels proceeding at an excessive speed or creating excessive wash
- any injury to a person sustained whilst in the Marina, and
- any other dangerous occurrence.

5. VHF Radio Communications

All vessels whilst underway within or approaching the limits of the Marina are advised to monitor Ryde Marina (call sign "Ryde Marina") on VHF Channel 80. VHF transmissions should be kept short and relevant.

All commercial vessels and vessels not under command, restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, or towing another vessel or structure, are to give notice of their movements by reporting to "Ryde Marina" on VHF Channel 80 or by telephone (01983 613879), giving the vessel's name, length, position and intentions.

The need to report does not reduce the duty of the vessel towing and being towed to conduct the towing operation safely. Escort can be provided if required by prior agreement with the on duty Marina Operative.

6. Recovery of Casualties

The nominated locations for the disembarkation of most casualties to an ambulance is Eastern Gardens (Eastern Gardens, Esplanade, Ryde PO33 2EL) and Ryde Marina car park (Esplanade, Ryde PO33 2EL).

Masters of vessels with casualties or vessels being assisted under tow with casualties aboard should call "Ryde Marina" on VHF Channel 80 to request assistance or, out of office hours call Coastguard on VHF Channel 16 or telephone services on 999.

7. Pollution Prevention and Waste Disposal

It is an offence for any vessel, including recreational vessels, regardless of size, to discharge any refuse overboard within specified distances from land, and in the case of plastics and other persistent rubbish, in any sea area surrounding the UK (International Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78))

Ryde Marina provides the following facilities for the disposal of waste:

General waste disposal and recycling facilities for glass and mixed dry recyclables are provided in all Marina refuse compounds and are managed according to demand. Ryde Town Council is committed to recycling wherever possible, in particular plastic materials. All dry mixed recyclable material should be clean and free of food waste or contamination.

In order to reduce marine pollution and as per SI 1809 MERCHANT SHIPPING, the Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations, all waste is to be disposed of in the correct waste bins provided onsite before heading to sea. General waste disposal costs are incorporated within mooring fees. If you have any specific waste removal requirements (including as listed below), please contact the Marina Office (01983 613879) for further information.

Charges may be incurred for the management and removal of some items.

- Advice on the disposal of other special waste including contaminated fuel/oil and paint waste is available from the Berthing or main Harbour Office.
- Time expired flares/rockets cannot be disposed of at the Marina Office. Please contact the MCA for advice on disposal.

If you have a complaint / additional requirement, or would like further information, please contact the Marina Office (01983 613879 or Rydemarina@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk)

8. Pollution events

- All Marina users are requested to report all sightings of pollution immediately to a member of the Marina staff via "Ryde Marina" on VHF Channel 80 or by telephone on 01983 613879.
- At times when the Marina Office is unmanned, reports should be made to Solent Coastguard on VHF Channel 16 or 67, or by telephone on 02392 552100.
- In the event of an oil pollution incident within the Marina, the Marina Office is to be informed of the circumstances as soon as possible. Should it be considered that the use of oil treatment products will be required, the Marina Operatives will seek approval from DEFRA. No oil treatment products are to be used until approval from DEFRA is given and the Marina Operative issues specific instructions for their use. The use of 'washing-up liquid' (either domestic or industrial) falls within the scope of this notice.

9. Swimming

Swimming is not permitted within Ryde Marina however Ryde Marina is still concerned that some swimmers expose themselves to unnecessary risk. Parents of young swimmers, and swimmers themselves, are reminded of the following basic precautions:-

- Never dive or jump into water of an unknown depth.
- Never dive or jump from any bridge or structure.
- Never swim near moving boats, boats running their engines or boats which may depart their moorings.
- Never swim in the mouth of the Marina fairway or access channels.
- Never swim in the Marina entrance.
- Never swim in strong currents and/or tides.
- Never swim after consuming alcohol or after a meal.
- Beware of the cold; hypothermia can kill.
- It is not advisable to swim alone.
- Always swim within your limitations.
- Always tell someone on the shore where you are swimming and when you expect to return to the shore.

Anybody that has concerns about a swimmer should telephone the on duty Marina Operative on 01983 872828 or call "Ryde Marina" on VHF Channel 80.
IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999.

10. Commercial Diving

All diving for favour or reward (i.e. "at work") is subject to the Diving at Work Regulations 1997 (DWR 97) and the associated Approved Codes of Practice (ACOP). Diving at work may only be carried out by a diving contractor who has notified the Health and Safety Executive in compliance with the provisions in DWR 97 and dives may only be carried out in accordance with the legal requirements. Additionally, the Harbour Authority requires that divers at work apply for, and receive,

prior consent from them before undertaking a dive. Details can be obtained by contacting the on duty Marina Operative.

Ryde Marina strongly recommends that all commercial diving should meet all of the above requirements.

No sport or recreational diving will be permitted within the jurisdiction of the Harbour, there are underwater obstructions and numerous vessel movements in the Harbour.

11. Suitability of tenders

In general, berth holders in Ryde Marina do not require the use of tenders, however owners of vessels with tenders should ensure that any tender used to transport personnel or equipment is of a suitable size, stability and construction to provide safe passage in all conditions likely to be encountered in the Harbour.

In assessing the suitability of any tender for use in the Harbour, the following factors should be considered:

- The actual and forecast weather
- The effect of wind on sea state
- The likelihood of encountering wash from other vessels

Tenders should not be overloaded and all occupants should wear lifejackets or buoyancy aids at all times. A secondary means of propulsion is advised, along with a bailer or bucket. A light or torch should be carried to ensure that the tender is visible in poor visibility or at night.

12. Refuelling in Ryde Marina

There are no public refuelling facilities in Ryde Marina. There are strict laws regulating the purchase of petrol and diesel in cans. Refuelling using cans is dangerous and is to be avoided if at all possible. If this is not possible and a person has no alternative but to refuel a vessel from cans, that person is to take all precautions to prevent explosion, fire and pollution and will be held liable in the event of an accident or a spill.

13. Consumption of Alcohol

Don't drink whilst in charge of a vessel. Alcohol use affects judgment, vision, balance, and coordination, and is involved in about a third of all recreational boating fatalities. Boating under the influence of alcohol is just as deadly as drinking and driving.

14. Lifejackets

USELESS UNLESS WORN! Remember to take your lifejacket with you and to wear it. Use your lifejacket crotch strap and, if possible, choose a lifejacket that has a spray-hood, light and whistle. Remember to check your lifejackets regularly and make sure that they are serviced and fully functional.

15. Use of kill cords in powered craft

Always use a kill cord if fitted to your vessel whilst underway. After a fatal incident in 2013 involving the ejection of a family of six from an 8m RHIP, the MAIB (Marine Accident Investigation Branch) issued a safety bulletin drawing attention to the proper use of kill cords on powered craft, reproduced as follows:

The kill cord serves only one purpose, to stop the engine when the driver moves away from the controls. To ensure that this tragic accident is not repeated it is essential that all owners and operators of vessels fitted with kill cords:

- Test kill cords regularly to ensure that the engine stops when the kill cord mechanism is operated.
- Make sure that the cord is in good condition.
- Always attach the cord securely to the driver, ideally before the engine is started, but certainly before the boat is put in gear.
- Stop the engine before transferring the kill cord to another driver.
- The full MAIB Safety Bulletin and further information regarding the use of kill cords can be found at the following site:
http://www.maib.gov.uk/publications/safety_bulletins/safety_bulletin_2013/safety_bulle