

## No. 5 (2024)

# DUN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR NOTICE TO MARINERS

## **SMALL CRAFT – VARIOUS REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

Dun Laoghaire Harbour  
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council  
Dun Laoghaire  
Co. Dublin

Date: 01 January 2024

**Main Fairway** Large Power Driven Vessels (Cruise, Ferries, Lighthouse Authorities, Naval, smaller power-driven vessels with restricted manoeuvrability such as cruise ship tenders, smaller passenger ferries etc) have priority over all other craft in the main fairways and harbour approaches. It is incumbent upon each individual small craft, but especially dinghies engaged in sail training and dinghies engaged in racing with permission, to ensure early and sufficient action is taken to present a free and unhindered passage to the these power-driven vessels.

Attention is also drawn to the “Maritime Safety Act, 2005” whereby the contravention of its Section No. 23 attracts heavy fines and /or terms of imprisonment for, “Dangerous navigation or operation of vessels”; and to the DTTAS Notice No 29 of 2009 – “Small craft operating at entrances to ports”

**The Marina Fairway** is to be kept clear at all times. Craft transiting to/from sea are to keep on the Starboard side of their fairway

**Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs) and kayaks** are not permitted to enter the marina fairways and should stay well clear of the commercial berths at St Michael’s and Carlisle Piers. A notice to SUP / Kayak users is attached.

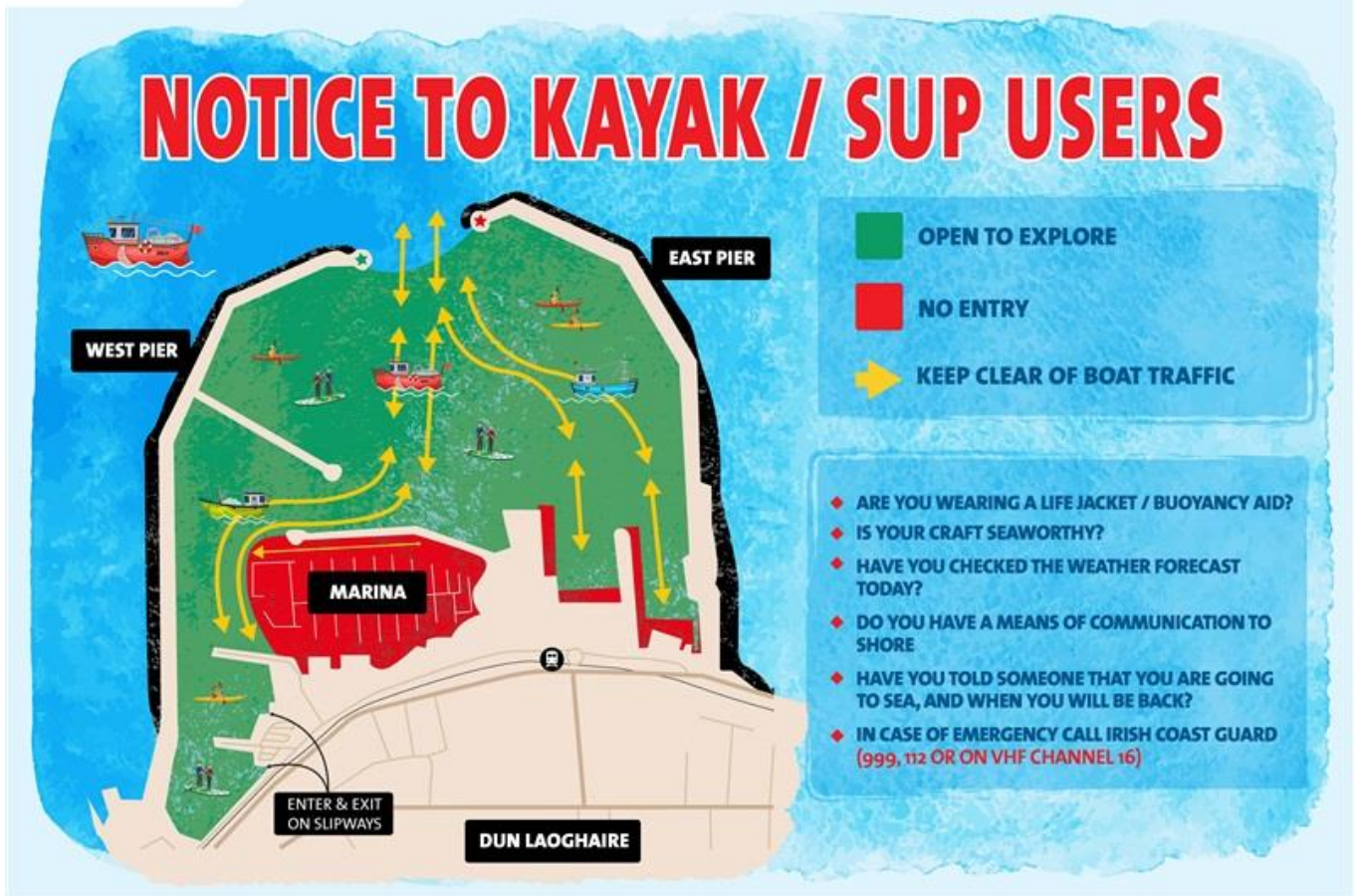
**Windsurfing, Paragliding, etc.** are NOT permitted within the Harbour unless with specific permission in writing from the Harbour Master.

**Speed Limits - Speedboats, Jet Skis, etc are to observe a speed of 8 Knots (15 kph)** This applies to all craft in Dun Laoghaire Harbour and its approaches. This limit reduces to 4 knots (or no wake) within the marina.

**Diving, Sub Aqua, Swimming activities, etc** are generally NOT permitted within the harbour owing to the danger from water traffic. Application for permission to dive (e.g. for servicing of yacht moorings – by commercial divers only) and applications for permission to swim must be made in writing. These activities may then take place only when the specific permission (in writing) is received from the Harbour Master. The activity must comply with all the operational conditions of the granted permission.

**Harbour Recreational Area for Small Craft** is the triangular area of the North Bight- westwards of a line from West Pier Lighthouse to the marina west breakwater

Captain Harry Duggan  
**Harbour Master**



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Masters, Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Boaters should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Persons in Charge of their vessels or craft. All Notice to Mariners can be found on the Dun Laoghaire Harbour website.