



STANDING NOTICE TO MARINERS No 03 SAFE SPEED

Mariners are required at all times to proceed at a safe speed and exercise caution in order to avoid risk of damage caused by wash or displacement. Recommended maximum speed limits within Clydeport areas are:

Cumbrae Elbow Light to Cloch Point	19 knots
Cloch Point to Erskine Bridge, including Holy Loch	12 knots
Erskine Bridge to Albert Bridge	8 knots

Particularly, vigilance must be exercised when passing harbours, piers, moorings, beaches, recreational activities and any other areas involving proximity to property and/or persons.

Owners and operators of high speed RIB's and PWC must be particularly vigilant regarding their craft's characteristics/speed and the significant wash that can be created. Such craft must be operated in a courteous manner with due consideration being given to other port users.

Mariners' attention is drawn to, the MAIB Interim Report on the investigation, of the collision between the high speed passenger craft SEADOGZ and a navigational buoy, resulting in injuries to all on board and one fatality, which occurred in Southampton Water in August 2020. The report details how the vessel struck a navigational buoy at speed when the skipper was concentrating on conducting high speed manoeuvres.

The link to the MAIB Report can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seadogz-report-published>

This incident illustrates the importance of maintaining situational awareness at all times when operating vessels on the water. Commercial and leisure vessels (including PWC/Jetskis and passenger carrying vessels), should maintain vigilance when on the helm, particularly when operating in the vicinity of other vessels, AtoNs and fixed infrastructure.

Commercial operators, marinas and clubs are also reminded of the importance of reviewing risk assessments and method statements in light of incident reports.

This notice applies to all vessels navigating within the jurisdiction of Clydeport Operations Ltd. Additional restrictions may apply within the Dockyard Port Clyde areas.