

PORT OF AYR LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Ayr

Safe Speed within the Port of Ayr Harbour Limits

MARINERS ARE HEREBY REMINDED that every vessel shall at all times proceed at a 'safe speed' as defined within the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) 1972 9as amended).

IRPCS rule 6 'Safe Speed' states:

Every vessel shall at all times proceed at a safe speed so that she can take proper and effective action to avoid a collision and be stopped within a distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions.

In determining a safe speed the following factors shall be among those taken in to account:

(a) By all vessels:

- (i) The state of visibility,
- (ii) The traffic density including concentrations of fishing vessels or any other vessel;
- (iii) The manoeuvrability of the vessel with special reference to stopping distance and turning ability in the prevailing conditions;
- (iv) At night the presence of background light such as from shore lights or from back scatter of her own lights;
- (v) The state of wind, sea and current, and the proximity of navigational hazards;
- (vi) The draught in relation to the depth of water.

(b) Additionally, by vessels with operational radar:-

- (i) The characteristics, efficiency and limitations of the radar equipment;
- (ii) Any constraints imposed by the radar range scale in use;

- (iii) The effect on radar detection of the sea state, weather and other sources of interference;
- (iv) The possibility that small vessels, ice and other floating objects, may not be detected by radar at an adequate range;
- (v) The number, location and movement of vessels detected by radar;
- (vi) The more exact assessment of the visibility that may be possible when radar is used to determine the range of vessels or objects in the vicinity.

Where any vessel is navigated at an unsafe speed contrary to IRPCS Rule 6, her owner, her master and any person responsible for the conduct of the vessel at the material time are liable to be prosecuted under the relevant provisions of the UK Merchant shipping legislation.

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Harbour Master Ayr & Troon

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Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessel or craft.