

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

SALCOMBE HARBOUR – KINGSBRIDGE ESTUARY

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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SALCOMBE TOWN REGATTA WEEK 14th – 20th August 2011

RACING

Dinghy Racing will take place from Monday to Friday, the start being at 1000 daily. The Racing Dinghy Free Fairway will be in operation as detailed in LNTM 06/11.

Prohibited Anchorage The starting line for all races, (the Salcombe Yacht Club Race start line) is temporarily designated a prohibited anchorage between 0930 – 2100 on the days when sailing and rowing events are programmed. Therefore Masters of all vessels are given warning not to anchor in the Starting Area bounded by the line of the Salcombe to East Portlemouth Ferry crossing and a line between Ager Point and the Marine Hotel slipway. Harbour Patrol launches (VHF # 14) will patrol the Starting Area at the start of all races and throughout rowing events.

The Crabbers Race will be from 1900 – 2100 Friday 19 Aug. For the duration of the race only, fishing vessels participating in the Crabbers race may exceed the speed limit. The harbour will be closed for normal navigation between the ferry crossing and Wolf Rock Buoy. Vessels throwing projectiles at each other and navigating irresponsibly will not be tolerated. In addition to the Harbour Staff a police presence will be maintained on this evening to enforce the bye-laws and maintain good and orderly conduct, in particular bye-law 31 – Intoxicated or Disorderly Persons, 33 – Nuisances, 43 – Vessels to Navigate with Care, 44 – Navigation under Influence of Drink or Drugs, 45 – Speed.

FIREWORK DISPLAY

At 2200 on Thursday 18 August a firework display will be held from a pontoon anchored in the centre of the harbour Vicinity of 50°14'.2N 003°45'.7W. An exclusion zone of 50 metres will be maintained around the barge and no unauthorised vessels will be permitted to enter. Many boats and tenders will congregate in the town area, on completion of the display as boats disperse; great care is to be taken. Speed should be kept to a minimum and a good lookout kept. Vessels are to display navigation lights suitable for their size; this may be a torch in small tenders.

HARBOUR SWIM

The Harbour Swim, from Smalls Cove to Cliff House gardens, will take place on Monday 15 August at slack high water, between 0745 and 0800. Vessels navigating in this part of the harbour will be directed to stop until the swimmers are past.

SPEED

During Regatta the Harbour is extremely busy. There are numerous activities taking place on and adjacent to the water. The speed limit from the Salcombe Harbour Hotel to the Saltstone is 6 knots, however this will not always be appropriate:

Collision Regulations Rule 6 (Safe speed). Visibility, traffic density (including concentrations of fishing or other vessels), depth of water, the state of the wind, sea and current, proximity of navigational dangers, and the manoeuvrability of the boat, especially her stopping distance and turning ability in the prevailing conditions – all determine what is a safe speed. Excessive speed gives less time to assess the situation and take avoiding action, and produces a worse collision if such action fails.

Please be considerate and consider other water users both afloat and on the foreshore and pontoons.

SAFETY

For your own safety if you are going afloat please wear a buoyancy aid.

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