

Brancaster Commons Committee



Brancaster Harbour

Conditions of Launch and General Directions

*Supporting the working harbour whilst conserving its natural habitats
Managing the harbour for the safe enjoyment of all*



£5 suggested launch donation
Local clubs contribute to the upkeep of the
harbour by donating from their
subscriptions and fees.

*If you do not pay for a mooring or are not a member of the BSSC or BSSBOC
you should donate £5 every time you launch. If you are a regular harbour user we
would be pleased to accept an annual donation of £50.*



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By launching you agree to comply with the following

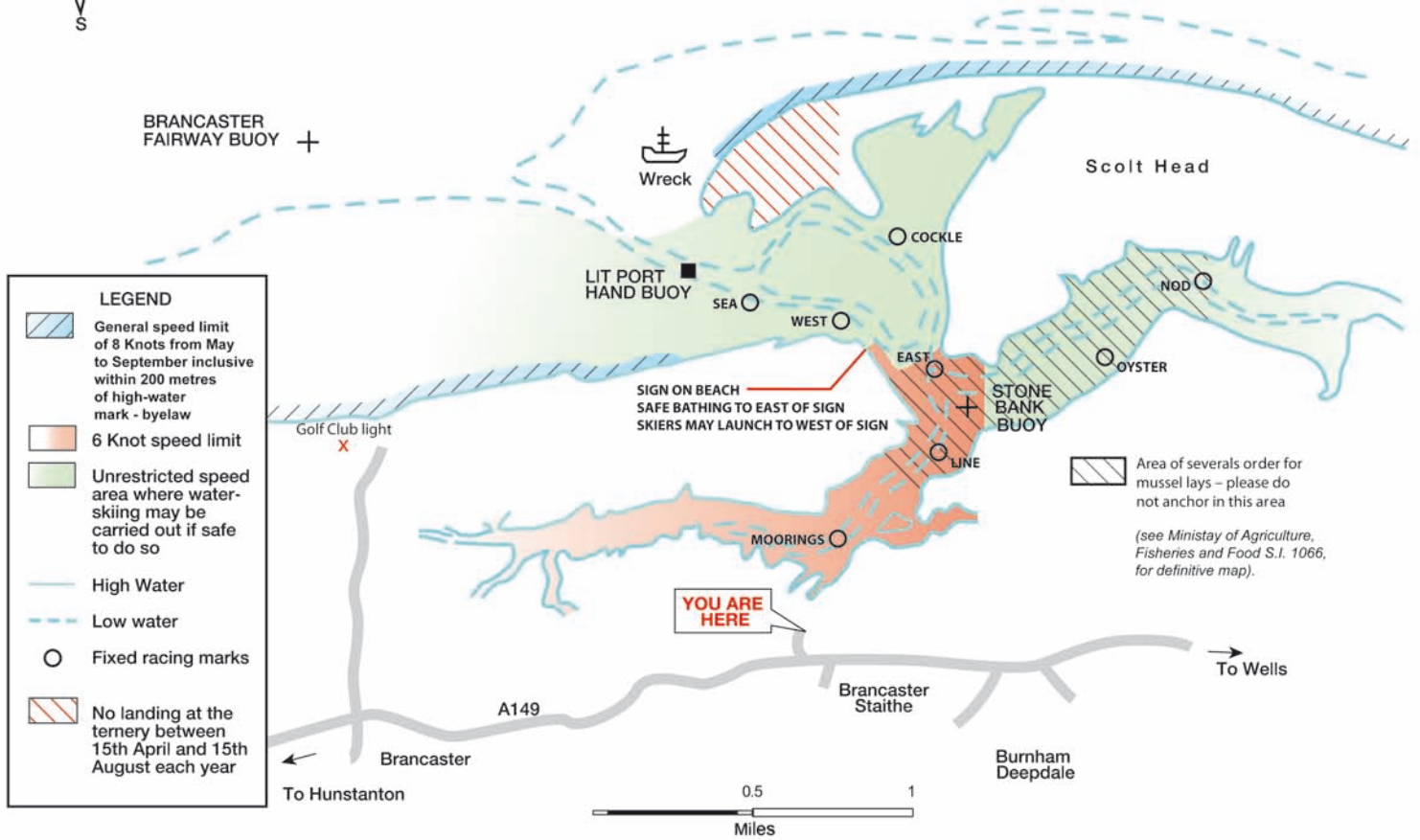
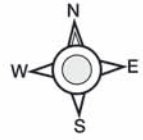
- All craft launching must carry third party insurance of not less than £3 million pounds and abide by:
 - i) *The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea*
 - ii) *The Pleasure Boat Byelaws (Issued by the Borough Council)*
 - iii) *All persons engaged in towing activities should be familiar with the Safety Recommendations of British Water Ski and Wakeboard (www.britishwaterski.org.uk)*
- All craft should be easily identifiable by means of a clear name or number.
- All craft must be helmed by persons who are adequately trained and experienced. They may not be used in a dangerous manner or without due consideration for others
- A harbour speed limit of 6 knots for power driven boats (or less to reduce the effect of wash) is in force in the area shaded in pink on the map.
- To ensure the safety of bathers and anchored craft any craft landing on or passing nearby a beach must approach with extreme caution, at a reduced speed and with minimal wash.
- No jet skis or kite surfing is permitted within the harbour.
- Sail boarding is prohibited in the vicinity of moored boats and the pink shaded area except that boards may be sailed directly to and from open water.
- Any collision, accident or potentially dangerous situation should be reported to the harbour master or National Trust warden.
- Visiting boats should contact the harbour master for advice

Water Skiing and other towing activities

- There must be at least two adult persons on board, one to drive and one to watch persons beings towed. No towing without two adults on board.
- A red flag must be clearly flown from the boat when a skier or rope is in the water to warn other boats of potential danger.
- When a skier falls or finishes , the ski rope must be recovered as quickly as possible.
- When the beach is congested with power boats, launching from the beach must be into the tide so that boats travel clockwise on incoming and anti-clockwise on an outgoing tide.
- For the benefit of bathers, observe the instructions given on the notice on west point. The bathing area is to the east of the notice and boats should not exceed 6 knots within 100metres of the beach in this area.

If intending to water ski or tow you are encouraged to join the BSSBOC who will check your qualifications, insurance and offer specific guidance on these activities.

Brancaster Harbour and Bay



Remember if you are about to launch

- Observe harbour speed limits at all times.
- Consider other harbour and beach users.
- Have respect for others when parking vehicles and trailers.
- Keep slipways clear.
- Be aware of the tides (for navigation and parking) and areas of shallow water when navigating.

If the operation of powerboats is not carried out with respect for the Conditions of Launch and General Directions, all powerboat users risk losing the special right to operate in Brancaster Harbour.

If you see any vessel being operated unsafely please report it to the harbour master or warden.

Contacts

The harbour master can be contacted on
07810850334 / 01485 211072
or by VHF radio (Ch. 37 or 12, call sign harbour master).
The National Trust warden can be contacted on 07733 002204

All Emergency Services 999 (for accidents and emergencies)

Norfolk Police 0845 456 4567
www.norfolk.police.uk

Maritime and Coastguard Agency 0870 6006505
www.mcga.gov.uk

MRCC Great Yarmouth 01493 851338

Royal National Lifeboat Institution 0845 122 6999
www.rnli.org.uk

Hunstanton Lifeboat Station 01485 532597

Wells Lifeboat Station 01328 711646

Royal Yachting Association 0238 0627 400
www.rya.org.uk

Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club 01485 210 249
www.bssc.net. Annie.webb@virgin.net

Brancaster Staithe Ski Boat Owners Club 01485 210348
bssboc@gmail.com
www.groupspaces.com/bssboc

Brancaster Harbour Users Association 01485 576029
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National Trust 01263 740241
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

A copy of this leaflet and further information can be found online at
www.brancasterstaithe.co.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brancaster

