

General Direction No: 2¹

Speed Limits in Harbour Areas

1. No person shall drive or permit a vessel to be navigated in a harbour or the fairway of any harbour (see GD8) at such speed as may cause or be likely to cause the wash from the vessel to do damage to any other vessel or to any property. At no time shall a craft be permitted, within any harbours to proceed at a speed greater than 5 knots except as identified below.
2. St Helier. The 5 knot speed limit in paragraph 1 above applies to vessels operating within an area northwards of a line between the south-west arm of the La Collette Harbour Tanker Berth and Elizabeth Castle Hermitage, and south eastwards of the line joining Fort Charles Slipway and West Park Slipway. Elsewhere within St Helier Port Limits (including the approach channels and the precautionary area) the 5 knot restriction does not apply, except for inshore areas referred to in GD 1.
3. Gorey Harbour. The five knot speed limit applies within the harbour from a position abeam the pier head assessed for a vessel entering or departing on the main charted approach channel. To seaward of the Pierhead the speed limit does not apply.
4. Les Écrehou. GD 1 limits the speed of PWCs to 5 kts anywhere in the vicinity of Les Écrehou where the charted depth is less than 10m. For other craft, the general speed restrictions limiting speed within a harbour to 5 kts, do not apply. However, mariners are advised not to create excessive wash when passing vessels moored or people on the coastline/beaches.
5. General Safety. In harbours where recreational sailing is conducted under supervision, safety boats involved in the management and training of these marine activities may exceed the speed limit but only when required to ensure safety. These activities have been identified as taking place within the limits of St Catherine's and St Aubin's harbours.



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¹ This General Direction is issued under the authority of the Harbours (Jersey) Regulations 1962 – Regulation 3