

PERMANENT NOTICE TO MARINERS No 13 RESTRICTIONS REGARDING WRECKS

1. Jersey has large areas of water that may be poorly surveyed and where wrecks might be discovered.
2. Under current legislation, the Receiver of Wreck is the Harbour Master.
3. Whilst there is no intention to discourage recreational diving, the attention of Mariners and all recreational and commercial divers is drawn to:
 - a. Article 140 of the Shipping (Jersey) Law 2002, which states that:
If a person finds or takes possession of wreck in Jersey waters, or finds or takes possession of wreck outside Jersey waters and brings it within those waters, he or she shall –
 - i. *if he or she is the owner, give notice to the Receiver (i.e. the Harbour Master) stating that he or she has found or taken possession of it and describing the marks by which it may be recognized;*
 - ii. *if he or she is not the owner, give notice to the Receiver that he or she has found or taken possession of it and, as directed by the Receiver, either hold it to the Receiver's order or deliver it to the Receiver.*
 - b. Article 149 of the Shipping (Jersey) Law 2002, which makes it an offence to remove anything from a wreck without the approval of the Receiver of Wreck.
4. Under certain circumstances the Receiver may approve the salvage of items from a wreck but nothing should be removed before first seeking the approval and advice from him.
5. Further guidance on wrecks may be found on the website at <http://www.portofjersey.je/JerseyCoastguard/Environment/Pages/ReceiverWreck.aspx>



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