





# **Frequently Asked Questions** For marine users of the Olympic sailing waters during the London 2012 Games





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The following information is designed to help marine users who may want to visit Weymouth & Portland Harbours during the London 2012 Games between 28 July and 31 August. Accompanying these FAQ's are a glossary of terms, which provide additional detail regarding Olympic marine definitions. There is a separate set of FAQ's in relation to the Paralympic Games.

#### Below are relevant dates with abbreviations which are referred to in this document:

- H: Olympic Harbour Revision Order (HRO) period (16 July 9 September)
- **O**: Olympic Games period (28 July 12 August)
- **P**: Paralympic Games period (31 August 6 September)
- **R**: Race Hours; typically 08.00 20.00 each day of the Olympic Games (O)

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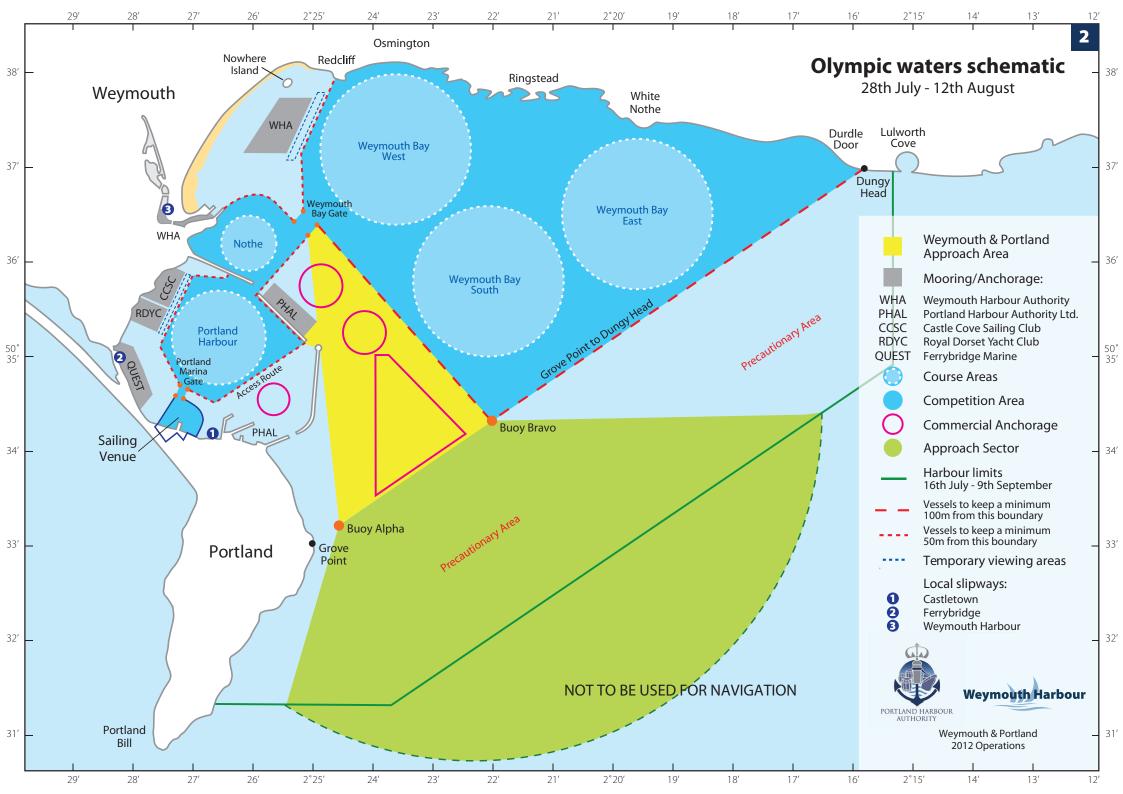
#### **Useful Websites:**

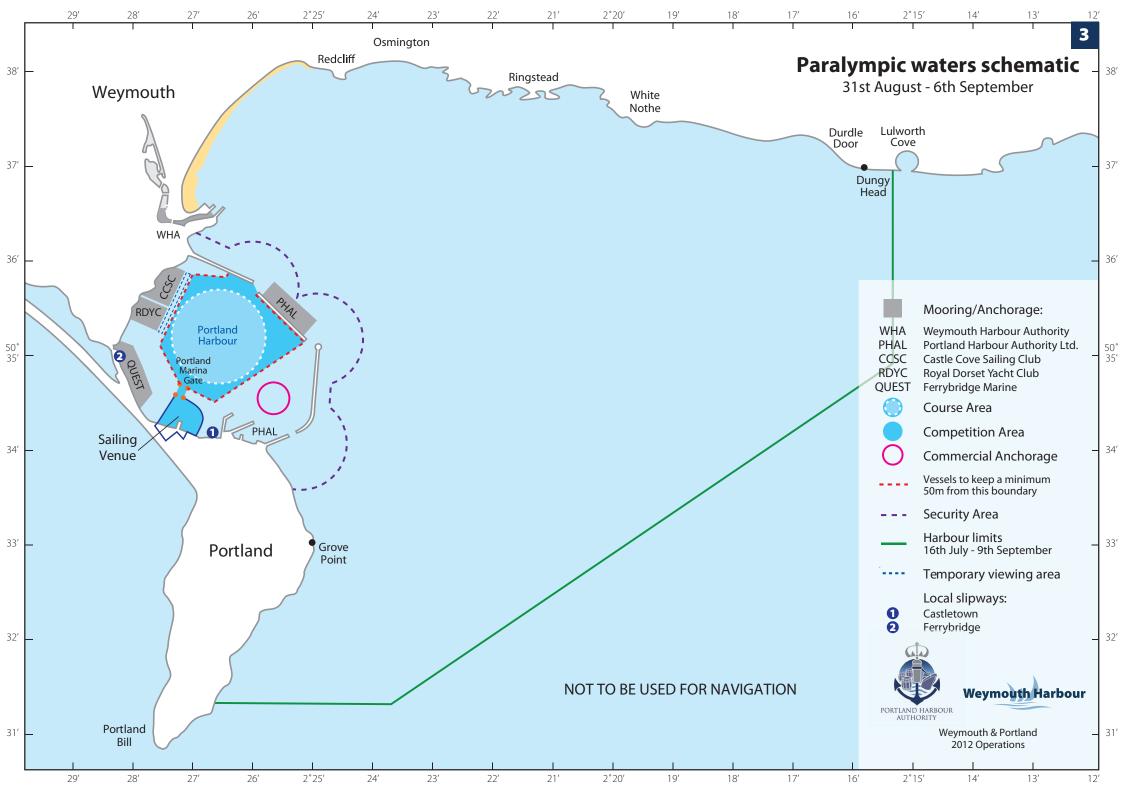
http://harbour.weymouth.gov.uk/London2012/ http://www.portland-port.co.uk/leisure http://www.dorsetforyou.com/sailing2012











#### Q. Can I come to Weymouth or Portland Harbours during the Olympic Games?

**A.** Yes. However, if you want to berth you must book in advance. Berths are available in the Weymouth Harbour Authority (WHA) Anchorage and in Weymouth Harbour. There are also anchorages and swinging moorings available in Portland Harbour. If you have not booked a berth, mooring or anchorage then you will be denied access into the Olympic waters beyond the Precautionary Area during Race Hours (R) unless you have an emergency when assistance will be provided.

For Weymouth, berths must be pre-booked between 16 July and 12 August.

For Portland, berths must be pre-booked during the whole Olympic HRO Period (H).

#### Q. Can I just turn up without notice by sea with my boat and see if there is a space?

**A.** No. For security reasons all berths, moorings and anchorages in the Olympic waters must be pre booked and you will need to display an Olympic sticker.

## Q. I already moor my boat in Weymouth/Portland Harbour or I am a pre booked visitor. Can I enter and leave freely?

**A.** Yes, but you will have to display an Olympic sticker, use the Control Gates to move between areas and stay out of the Competition Area until it is opened at the end of each day.

#### Q. Why do I need an Olympic sticker to enter the Olympic waters during the Games?

**A.** Having an authorised Olympic sticker on your vessel will enable the security agencies to easily identify you and should help to avoid unnecessary delays. All vessels that are already within or wish to enter the Olympic waters should display a sticker, the following dates apply.

For Weymouth between 16 July – 12 August.

For Portland during the whole Olympic HRO Period (H).

#### Q. How do I apply to get my Olympic sticker and how much does it cost?

**Weymouth:** All vessels that moor within Weymouth Harbour will receive a sticker from their respective organisation. All visiting vessels will be sent a sticker with their booking information pack. Late notice visitor bookings will be issued with their sticker on arrival.

**Portland:** Those with pre booked moorings or anchorage and those who have an Annual or Seasonal Harbour Dues sticker will be issued with an Olympic sticker from Portland Harbour Authority or the club / organisation that collect their dues.

**Slipway users:** Those booking a slipway launch will receive a sticker when their booking has been processed, this may be at the point of launch.

There is no charge for an Olympic sticker.

All non-powered vessels that do not intend to leave either the confines of Weymouth Bay /Portland Harbour 6 knot buoys or transit the control gates, will be exempt from the need to have an Olympic Sticker but still need to pay dues where appropriate.







#### Q. Do I need an Olympic sticker for my tender?

**A.** Yes. You should apply for a tender sticker when you book your anchorage or mooring. All tenders are to be named e.g. Yacht called Relaxation, would call tender- 'TT Relaxation' (i.e. tender to).

#### Q. On passage can I stay overnight?

**A.** Yes you can but you must book in advance and you will be allocated an anchorage (for which there will be a charge). You will not be able to enter the Olympic waters until after the days racing has finished and restrictions have been lifted (typically 20.00) and you will need to be clear of the Olympic waters and outside the Precautionary Area by 08.00 the following morning. If you have an emergency you will be escorted to a safe berth.

#### Q. When approaching the Olympic waters, how should I proceed?

**A.** During Race Hours (R) when arriving at the Precautionary Area you will be met by a marshalling vessel for initial security clearance before being allowed to proceed into the Weymouth and Portland Approach Area between Buoy 'Alpha' or 'Bravo'. Once cleared, passage then is through the Weymouth and Portland Approach Area to arrive at the Weymouth Bay Gate or enter Portland Harbour via the eastern entrance (East Ship Channel). All vessels are recommended to have photographic ID for all persons onboard along with confirmation of booking to ensure minimal security delays.

Harbour area	Litter disposal	Black water pump out	Diesel	Petrol
Weymouth	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×
Portland	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×

#### Q. What marine services (facilities) will be available during the Olympic HRO Period?

#### Q. What if I have an emergency?

**A.** If you need to declare a Mayday or Pan Pan you still follow the normal procedure and raise the alarm on VHF CH16 or DSC VHF CH70 and Portland Coastguard will respond as usual. Portland Coastguard will maintain a listening watch on VHF CH16 and be available on their normal working channel, VHF 73 and continue to broadcast Maritime Safety Information on VHF 86, 84 and 23 on a 3 hourly basis from 01.30 UTC.







### Q. How do I book a visitor berth or anchorage in Weymouth / Portland Harbour Olympic waters during the Games and how much will it cost?

**A.** To book a mooring / anchorage you should contact the relevant authority (see contact details on page 1) who will be able to advise you on availability and costs.

#### Q. Are there any restrictions on which vessels can use the anchorage?

**A.** Yes. Only vessels with sewage holding tanks will be permitted to use the moorings and anchorages in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay. In Weymouth Bay there is no size limit, however in Portland Harbour all vessels less than 15m will need to take a mooring. Vessels over 24m may book an anchorage in Portland Outer Harbour.

#### Q. How do I get ashore when at anchorage during the Olympic period (O)?

**A.** You may use your tender as long as it is over 2.8 metres long and has at least a 4HP engine. There is a tender stowage in Weymouth Harbour alongside the Pleasure Pier. Tender stowage in Portland Harbour is limited and should be arranged with the mooring holder on booking.

Alternatively, there will be a water taxi / bus service from the Weymouth Harbour Authority (WHA) Anchorage. Full details will be provided to pre-booked vessels in the information pack that will be sent to you prior to your arrival.

### Q. If I am anchored in Weymouth Harbour Anchorage (WHA) and the weather turns foul where can I seek shelter?

**A.** Weymouth Harbour can accept vessels up to 20m. Vessels over 20m will need to find shelter in Portland Harbour.







#### Q. Who will be in charge of the waters during the Olympic Games period?

**A.** Portland Harbour Authority has jurisdiction over harbour limits during the Olympic HRO period (H). Weymouth Harbour west of the pier heads is under the jurisdiction of Weymouth Harbour Authority. LOCOG will control the Competition and Course areas during Race Hours (R). Security in all of these areas is managed by multiple agencies. All vessels are required to comply with any instructions given to them by any of these authorities.

#### Q. What are the restrictions on movement in and out of Weymouth and Portland Harbours?

**A.** Olympic security and the berth / mooring booking system\* will apply for the HRO Period (H). Full restrictions in Competition Areas and Course Areas will apply during the main Olympic Games period (O). Competition Areas are closed to navigation during Olympic Race Hours (R). There is a route in and out of both harbours via the Control Gates where marshals will direct traffic. These gates will remain open except when the competitors are crossing; peak times will typically be between 10.00 and 11.30 daily when you should expect delays. It would be advisable to time your passage outside of these times. \*Note for Weymouth pre-booking of berths is only required between 16 July and 12 August.

#### Q. How do the control gates work?

**A.** The two control gates are crossing points to enable competitors and official boats to pass from one Competition Area to another. They will work in a similar way to manned pedestrian crossing and will be controlled using VHF and visual signals (red and green flags). Marshall Boats will hold up traffic for periods to allow Olympic traffic to cross. To avoid unnecessary disruption to non-Olympic traffic these periods will be kept to a minimum. Weymouth Bay Control Gate will be controlled on VHF Channel 12 and Channel 74 Portland Marina Control Gate will be controlled on VHF Channel 74.

#### Q. When on the water, how will I be able to identify the Competition Area?

**A.** The competition areas are bounded by white spherical marker bouys (50m boundary line) and white tetrahedron bouys (100 m boundary line). These will be spaced at between 50 -200 m apart.

#### Q. How far do I have to keep clear of the Competition Area buoys?

**A.** During Race Hours (R) you must keep clear of the buoyed boundary by 50m or 100m as indicated on the Olympic Waters schematic.







#### Q. Will I be allowed to stop my vessel in any of the Olympic waters?

**A.** No, not during race hours (R), unless you are in a designated authorised mooring / berthing / anchorage / temporary viewing area; you will be required to make way at all times. This requirement is relaxed within the buoyed 6 and 8 knot areas and South of Fort Head clear of the Weymouth and Portland Approach Area and Sector. Stopping and waiting at the Control Gates for the purpose of allowing Olympic traffic to cross is permitted, but vessels must clear the Control Gates promptly or when instructed to do so.

#### Q. Are there any speed restrictions within the Olympic waters?

**A.** Yes. Current 6 knot and 8 knot restrictions in Portland and Weymouth Harbours respectively will remain in force throughout the Olympic HRO period (H). In all other Olympic areas (i.e. Approach Area, Precautionary Area, and Approach Sector) a maximum speed of 10 Knots will apply. This is for safety reasons given the potential numbers of craft in the bay. Vessels are requested to limit their wash especially when racing is taking place. The 10 knot restrictions will be relaxed once racing has finished for the day but the 6 knot and 8 knot restrictions in Portland and Weymouth harbours will remain in place. Speed limits within the Competition Areas are under the control of LOCOG.

#### Q. Can I sail in Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour when racing has finished for the day?

**A.** Yes. The Competition and Course Areas will be open to navigation after each days racing but will be closed again the following morning at 08.00.

## Q. When entering the Olympic waters around Weymouth & Portland, are there any restrictions on branding / advertising I may display on or from my vessel?

**A.** Yes there are restrictions: When entering the Olympic Waters during the Olympic period (16 July – 9 September); boat owners must comply with Games-time trading and advertising regulations. These can be found at http://www.london2012.com/making-it-happen/advertising-and-trading-regulations/the-regulations.pdf

Vessels should not position themselves for purposes of advertising / ambush marketing. Skippers of branded vessels will be asked to leave the area or prohibited entry to the Olympic waters if they are deemed to be advertising for commercial advantage or marketing purposes.







#### Q. Where can I view the Olympic sailing?

**A.** Two temporary viewing areas will be established for vessels to view the racing. The first is in Weymouth Bay and vessels using this area should remain clear of the existing anchorage, keep North of 50 deg 37.00' North and at least 50 metres clear to the west of the competition area buoys. Anchoring in this area is advised, if conditions allow. The second area is in Portland Harbour on the West side of the Harbour and vessels using this viewing area should remain clear of the Competition Area and existing moorings.

Anchoring and drifting in the Precautionary or Approach Areas is not allowed during Race Hours (R). Should the number of vessels in any area within the Harbour Limits approach that considered unsafe by the relevant authorities then temporary restrictions may come into force and you may have to remain anchored or stay on your mooring or berth. Any temporary restrictions will apply to both resident and visiting vessels.

#### Q. Where can I find out about sailing race dates and times?

**A.** These will be published by LOCOG each day of competition and can be found on http://www.london2012.com/games/sport-competition-schedules/

Likely race times given good weather conditions will be between 12.00 midday to 18.00 daily however Olympic restrictions will apply for the full Race Hours (R).

#### Q. How will I know that racing has finished for the day?

**A.** An announcement will be made on VHF Channel 12.







#### Q. Can I bring my trailer launched boat to Weymouth or Portland and launch from a slipway?

**A.** Yes but you will need to book the slipway in advance (see below). You will need to register your details with the respective slip operator and book a launching day/time. There will be security on the slipways and it will be advisable to carry photographic identity to avoid any possible delays. The area will be busy and trailer parking space will be very limited. There are likely to be only three slipways open in the area. Car parking is unlikely to be available close to the slipways and will probably be limited to Park & Ride sites outside of town.

Slipway	Can I use?	Need to book	Charges apply	Are harbour dues due?	Telephone
Weymouth	$\checkmark$	(min 24hrs	$\checkmark$	×	01305 838486
Castletown	$\checkmark$	(min 24hrs	* *	✓ <sub>#</sub>	01305 838486
Ferrybridge	$\checkmark$	(min 24hrs notice)	$\checkmark$	✓ <sub>#</sub>	01305 838486
Bowleaze	×	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

\* But charges will apply for trailer parking

**#** If you already have a valid Portland Annual or Seasonal permit / sticker then you will not be required to pay harbour dues but will still need to book to use the slipway more than 24 hours in advance in order to clear security.

#### Q. Are there any restrictions that apply to launching from these slipways?

**A.** Yes, you will need an Olympic sticker to allow you to use the slipway and go out onto the Olympic waters. Those booking a slipway launch will receive a sticker when their booking has been processed, this may be at the point of launch. You will be given an information leaflet which will tell you what restrictions apply on the water.







#### KAYAKS

#### Q. Can I launch my Kayak or Canoe in the Olympic waters during the Olympic Period?

**A.** Yes you can. During Race Hours (R) you should remain within the defined areas in Portland harbour. If you wish to go through either the Weymouth Bay Gate or the Portland Marina Gate or go into the Approach Area you will need to register with the appropriate Harbour Authority and book an Olympic Sticker (min 24 hr. notice). After Race Hours (R) the Competition Areas will be opened for general use. In Portland Harbour you must pay harbour dues.

#### WINDSURFERS

#### Q. Can I windsurf in the Olympic Waters during the Olympic Period?

**A.** Yes you can. During Race Hours (R) you should remain within the defined areas in Portland harbour. There will be an exclusion zone around the Sailing venue into which you cannot enter at any time. This will be marked by buoys on the Eastern extremity. Once Olympic racing has finished the Competition Areas will be opened for general use. In Portland Harbour you must pay harbour dues.

#### **KITE SURFERS**

#### Q. Can I Kite-Surf in the Olympic Waters during the Olympic and Paralympic Games?

**A.** Yes, but only within Portland Harbour. During Race Hours (R) you should remain within the defined areas in Portland harbour. There will be an exclusion zone around the Olympic Marina into which you cannot enter at any time. This will be marked by buoys on the Eastern extremity. Once Olympic and Paralympic racing has finished for the day and the areas released for general use then you may use all the unrestricted areas of Portland Harbour. During the period 16 July to the 9 September 2012 no daily Kite surfing passes will be issued. Those wishing to Kite surf during this period will need to register and obtain a seasonal pass with either the Weymouth or Portland Kite surfing Club or the Paracademy.

#### PWCs

#### Q. Can I launch my PWC in the Olympic Waters during the Olympic Period?

**A.** PWCs are prohibited within Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour throughout the Olympic Games Period (O). Police and Harbour Authorities are exempt from this restriction and will operate for security purposes. From the 13 August 2012 PWCs may launch and operate outside of Portland Inner Harbour and the Security Area adhering to the relevant General Directions. PWCs are prohibited from Portland Inner Harbour from 27 July to 7 September 2012 inclusive.

#### WATER SKIING, WAKEBOARDING AND TOWING OF TOYS

### Q. Can I Water ski, wakeboard or tow toys in Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay in Race Hours during the Olympic Games?

**A.** No. This is prohibited during race hours 0800 - 2000 daily. Once sailing has finished and the areas declared open for general use then you may water ski, wakeboard and tow toys in the permitted areas.







#### FISHING

#### Q. Can I fish in in the Olympic Waters during the Olympic Period?

**A.** During Race Hours (R) fishing by rod and line from a boat can take place in any area that is not the Competition Area and is clear of normal prohibited or restricted areas. Once the Competition Areas are released daily for general use then fishing may take place in all areas not prohibited or restricted; these areas are on current Fishing Permits in force for 2012.

Commercial fishermen have restrictions during the Olympic period and these restrictions have been agreed by prior arrangement.

#### DIVING

#### Q. Can I dive in Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay during the Games?

**A.** Yes but not in prohibited or restricted areas as shown on current Portland Diving Permits for 2012, additionally, during Race hours (R) diving cannot take place in any of the following areas: Competition area, Approach Sector, Approach Area and Access Route. After race hours (R) these areas will be reopened for general use. The Olympic Marina will be closed to divers throughout the Olympic HRO period (H).

#### SWIMMERS AND OTHER BEACH USERS

## Q. Are there any restrictions for entering the water from the beaches within the Weymouth and Portland Olympic areas?

**A.** Yes, swimmers and non-powered craft can use the waters from the beaches but for safety and security reasons we would ask you to remain shore-side of the buoyed areas or within 50 meters of the beach where no buoys are present.

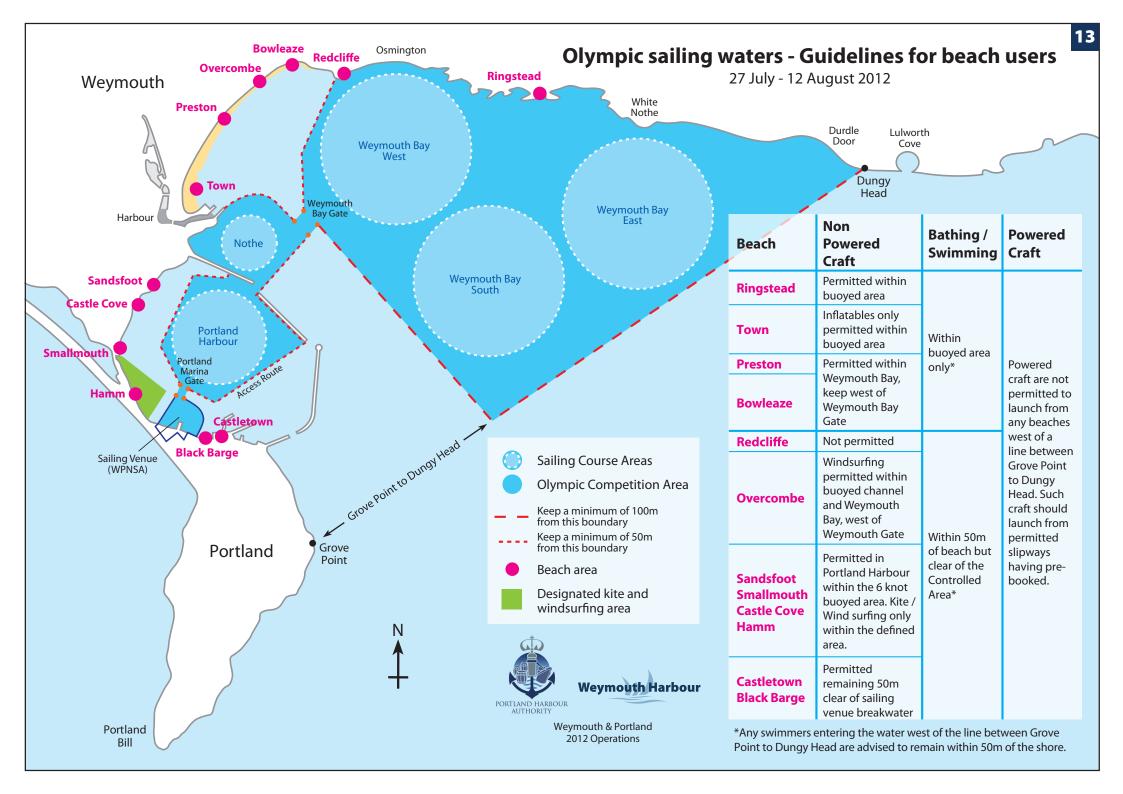
Guidance for beach users can be found on the schematic on page 13, which provides information about swimming / bathing and launching non-powered craft from beaches identified within the Olympic waters.

All non powered vessels that do not intend to leave either the confines of Weymouth Bay / Portland Harbour 6 knot buoys or transit the control gates, will be exempt from the need to display an Olympic Sticker but may still need to pay harbour dues where appropriate.









#### Q. My vessel is over 20 metres and carrying more than 12 passengers; do I require a pilot?

A. Yes. You must contact the relevant Harbour Authorities regarding pilotage arrangements.

#### Q. Will commercial port operations continue during the Games?

**A.** Port operations will continue throughout the Olympic HRO Period (H) for vessels anchoring or using alongside berths in Portland Port. Two commercial anchorages are established; the Easterly anchorage for vessels awaiting port services and the westerly for leisure visitors with vessels over 24 meters. All vessels should maintain a good look out and keep clear of commercial operations. Vessels may transit across anchorages provided they keep clear of the Prohibited Zones detailed below. Portland Pilot station will be established at 50°33.50′N 002°21.20′W. Vessels under the conduct of an authorised Portland Pilot will fly flag 'H' by day and white over red all-round lights by night. A Mobile Prohibited Zone (MPZ) is established 500m ahead of and 200m each side and astern of any vessel under pilotage. Commercial vessels at anchor have a Prohibited Zone of 200m around them whilst bunkering operations are taking place (In Anchorages M5A, G3 & G6A). Vessels are not to enter any of these Prohibited Zones.

The waters around Weymouth are of a high standard and quality. Marine users are reminded not to allow any litter overboard or discharge any liquids or substances into the water. All individuals are asked to respect the environment both on and off the water and to pay attention to any communications with specific environmental requirements.







6 knot / 8 knot marker buoys	Buoys used to indicate speed restrictions	
Approach Sector	The area identified on the Olympic Waters Schematic in green shading: bounded by lines of position 090 degrees from Buoy 'Bravo' and 199 degrees from Buoy 'Alpha'	
Buoy Alpha	Port Lateral Mark forming western extent of Approach Sector	
Buoy Bravo	Starboard Lateral Mark forming eastern extent of Approach Sector	
Commercial Anchorage	Areas where vessels awaiting servicing by Portland Port will anchor, found in the Weymouth and Portland Approach Area and Portland Inner Harbour	
Competition Area	The areas which contain the Course Areas and are only open to authrorised vessels during Race Hours.	
Control Gates	Is a control gate that will be used to allow movement of Olympic Traffic	
Course Areas	5 circular sailing race areas (Weymouth Bay East, West, South, Nothe and Portland Harbour) within the Competition area	
Flag 'H'	International code Flag 'Hotel' red and white flag flown to indicate that a Pilot is onboard	
Harbour Revision Order (HRO)	The Acts of Parliament that give legal powers to Portland Harbour Authority Ltd to manage an area of water set aside for the sailing events of the London 2012 Games	
LOCOG	The sports organisers of the London 2012 Games: London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games	
МСА	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	
Mobile Prohibited Zone (MPZ)	500m ahead of and 200m each side and astern of any vessel under pilotage.	
Nowhere Island	Temporarily moored floating man-made island which will be part of the Cultural Olympiad Maritime Mix	
Olympic Games Period (O)	Saturday 28 July until Sunday 12 August 2012 inclusive	
Olympic Sticker	Sticker issued by Harbour Authorities to identify vessels permitted to be within the Olympic Waters	
Olympic Traffic	Accredited vessels (i.e. competitors, marshals, officials , security vessels)	







### Glossary of Terms

	The error of water identified in the LIDO Hard and Limite		
Olympic Waters	The area of water identified in the HRO Harbour Limits		
Paralympic Games Period (P)	Friday 31 August until Thursday 6 September 2012 inclusive		
PHAL	Portland Harbour Authority Limited		
Portland Access Route	From East Ship Channel to the south of the Inner Harbour Course to enable mooring on the western side of the harbour and the fleet via the Portland Marina Gate.		
Portland Marina Gate	Is a control gate that will be used to allow Olympic Traffic to move from the Sailing Venue to the Competition Area; located to the North East of the sailing venue and is marked by four 2.5m white tetrahedrons		
Precautionary Area	A security zone patrolled by LOCOG and other security agencies		
Prohibited Zone	A commercial vessel at anchor in a commercial anchorage will have a prohibited zone of 200m around them whilst bunkering operations are taking place		
PWC	Personal Water Craft (i.e. Jet Skis, Wet Bikes, Jet Boats)		
Sailing Venue	WPNSA and Portland Marina designated as a secure zone throughout the HRO Period where only accredited and security vessels may enter		
Temporary viewing areas	Two viewing areas for vessels to view racing in Weymouth Bay and Portland Inner Harbour		
Tender Sticker	A separate Olympic sticker required to be displayed on your tender		
UTC	Co-ordinated Universal Time		
WPNSA	Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy		
Water Taxi / Bus	Service to transfer passengers and crew between anchorage, mooring areas and shore		
Weymouth and Portland Approach Area	The triangular access area identified on the Olympic Waters Schematic as yellow. North of the Precautionary Area and between the Competition Areas.		
Weymouth Bay Gate	Is a control gate that will be used to allow Olympic Traffic to move between Competition Areas ; located at the Weymouth end of the approach area and is marked by four 4m orange tetrahedrons.		





