

NORTH BERWICK HARBOUR TRUST ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No SCO45318

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The following instructions are extracted from the Management Rules for North Berwick Harbour which are legally binding. A full copy is available from the Harbour Master and on the NBHTA website. **Failure to comply may result in prosecution and a fine.**

The "Harbour" includes the west bay where the mooring buoys are situated and the approach fairway to the east of the harbour wall. It includes all the sea area into which vessels can be launched either from the harbour slipway or the slipway at Elcho Green. **Management rules apply to all of this area. A plan of the area is attached to the Management Rules.**

Parking of vehicles is permitted only in areas designated for that purpose.

All Vessels must comply with the Management Rules.

The Harbour Master's instructions shall be obeyed at all times in any matter concerning the Harbour. The Harbour Master may expel and exclude a person with his or her Vessel from the Harbour if he or she contravenes or is about to contravene the Management Rules. Failure to comply is an offence under Section 118 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and, on summary conviction, a fine not exceeding Level 1 on the Standard Scale may be imposed.

All Vessels which enter the Harbour must have a minimum of third party insurance. Documentary evidence of such insurance must be available for inspection by the Harbour Master on request by him.

A speed limit of three knots applies to all Vessels under power within the Harbour and Harbour entrance. **This includes the west bay area around the mooring buoys.** A speed limit of five knots applies to all Vessels under power within that part of the harbour limits known as the fairway. **No Vessel shall be navigated at a speed or in such a manner as to endanger or inconvenience other vessels.**

Any Vessel under way in the vicinity of the harbour mouth must maintain an exclusion distance of 20 metres from the west end of the north pier unless that Vessel is intending to enter or exit the harbour.

The minimum age for a person to be accepted for launching within the Harbour shall be 16 years of age. Any person under 16, using a Vessel must do so under the direct supervision of the Master. The Master shall be held responsible for any damage or nuisance created under his charge

Only trailers used for daily launchings will be allowed to park on the Harbour piers or ground during the period whilst the Vessel is launched. Trailers parked under this rule must be parked safely and securely without nuisance to others, in the area designated by the Trust or Harbour Master. Exceptions to this rule must be authorised by the Harbour Master or allowed in the event of an emergency. In particular, trailers and vessels of any description must not obstruct that slipway known as the "lifeboat slipway" or otherwise impede the safe launching of the RNLi lifeboat or other rescue vessels.

All persons are required to behave in a safe and responsible manner such that they do not cause damage to the property of others or create hazards to public safety.