

BYELAWS – RIVER DEBEN

Byelaws for the prevention of danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons bathing in the sea or using the seashore made by the Suffolk Coastal District Council under Section 76 of the Public Health Act 1961.

- 1 These Byelaws shall apply to such parts of the River Deben as are situate in the District of Suffolk Coastal between the following boundaries:-
 - (a) a line drawn through Felixstowe Ferry Martello Tower on a bearing of 55 degrees, and a line drawn through the sluice outlet of Kings Fleet on a bearing of 60 degrees; and
 - (b) a line drawn through a certain marker post situate at the outlet of Falkenham Creek on a bearing of 90 degrees, and a line drawn through Wilford Bridge on a bearing of 125 degrees.

- 2 In these Byelaws:-

“line” means an imaginary straight line,

“bearing” means a bearing reckoned clockwise from True North,

“navigator” means the person who, whether as owner or otherwise, has the charge or control of a pleasure boat and includes a person who, being present, is entitled to give orders to the person having charge or control.

- 3 No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall during the months of May to September inclusive cause or suffer such pleasure boat to exceed a speed of ten nautical miles per hour through the water of that part of the River Deben situate between the boundaries specified in Byelaw 1 (a) hereof PROVIDED THAT this Byelaw shall not apply to any person whilst such person is taking part in an event organised by the Suffolk Coastal District Council or organised by any person with the written consent of such Council.

- 4 No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall during the months of May to September inclusive cause or suffer such pleasure boat to exceed a speed of eight nautical miles per hour through the water of that part of the River Deben situate between the boundaries specified in Byelaw 1 (b) hereof PROVIDED THAT this Byelaw shall not apply to any person whilst such person is taking part in an event organised by the Suffolk Coastal District Council or organised by any person with the written consent of such Council.

- 5 No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall cause or suffer such pleasure boat to be driven or sailed in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons.

- 6 No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat propelled by an internal combustion engine, shall use such pleasure boat unless the engine thereof is fitted with a silencer suitable and sufficient for reducing, as far as may be reasonable, the noise caused by the escape of exhaust gases from such engine.

- 7 Any person offending against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds.

- 8 Nothing contained in any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be deemed to be or shall operate as a grant by or on behalf of the Crown, as owner of the foreshore and seabed, of any estate or interest in or right over such foreshore and seabed or any part thereof, nor shall anything contained in or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing Byelaws in any respect

prejudice or injuriously affect the interests and rights of the Crown in such foreshore and seabed, or prevent the exercise thereon of any public rights or prejudice or injuriously affect any right power or privilege legally exercisable in over and in respect of such foreshore and seabed.

9 The following Byelaws, which were all made under Section 76 of the Public Health Act 1961, are hereby repealed:-

- (a) Byelaws made by the Council of the Rural District of Deben on the 11th day of December 1968 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 24th day of January 1969;
- (b) Byelaws made by the Urban District Council of Felixstowe on the 1st day of December 1971 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 15th day of March 1972;
- (c) Byelaws made by the Council of the Rural District of Deben on the 9th day of December 1971 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 15th day of March 1972;
- (d) Byelaws made by the Council of the Rural District of Deben on the 18th day of May 1972 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 16th day of November 1972.

The COMMON SEAL of the SUFFOLK)
COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL)
was hereunto affixed on the second) L S
day of January 1979)
in the presence of:-)

**R H F KITSON
CHAIRMAN**

**D C BISHOP
DISTRICT SECRETARY**

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the first day of December 1980.

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Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State

An Assistant Under Secretary
of State

Home Office,
London, SW1

?? November 1980

I certify that this printed copy of the byelaws is a true copy of the byelaws as confirmed.

November 1980

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District Secretary to Suffolk Coastal District Council

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