

SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Extent

1. These byelaws shall apply to the areas of sea which lie within the following boundaries:
 - i) between an imaginary straight line extending on a bearing of 55 degrees from the centre of Martello Tower "U" Felixstowe Ferry, Felixstowe, as described in the Byelaws - River Deben 1980, for a distance seaward of 300 metres from mean high watermark, and an imaginary straight line extending due south east from the centre of Martello Tower "T" Felixstowe Ferry, Felixstowe for a distance seaward of 300 metres from mean high watermark;
 - ii) between an imaginary straight line extending due south east from the centre of Martello Tower "T" Felixstowe Ferry, Felixstowe for a distance seaward of 300 metres from mean high water mark and an imaginary straight line extending due south east for a distance seaward of 300 metres from mean high watermark at its intersection with the north eastern face of Landguard Point Jetty.

Interpretation

2. In these byelaws, "navigator" means the person who, whether as owner or otherwise, has the charge or control of a pleasure boat or being present, is entitled to give orders to the persons having charge or control.

Seaside Pleasure Boats

3.
 - (1) No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall between 1st May and 30th September inclusive in any year cause or permit such vessel to exceed a speed of 10 nautical miles per hour through the water between the boundaries defined in paragraph 1(i) of these byelaws.
 - (2) No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall between 1st May and 30th September inclusive in any year cause or permit such vessel to exceed a speed of 8 nautical miles per hour through the water between the boundaries defined in paragraph 1(ii) of these byelaws.
 - (3) Byelaw 3(2) shall not extend to the area of sea defined in byelaw 1 which lies between imaginary parallel straight lines extending due east south east from points which are 5 metres either side of the centreline at the seaward limit of the concrete slipway which is itself situated opposite the road known as the Pines, Felixstowe;
 - (4) Byelaws 3(1) and 3(2) shall not apply to any person who is:
 - (a) taking part in an event organised either by the District Council or by any other person with the consent of the Council in writing; or
 - (b) acting in a rescue operation or involved in some other emergency.
4. No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall cause or permit such vessel to be driven or sailed in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons.

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

Penalty

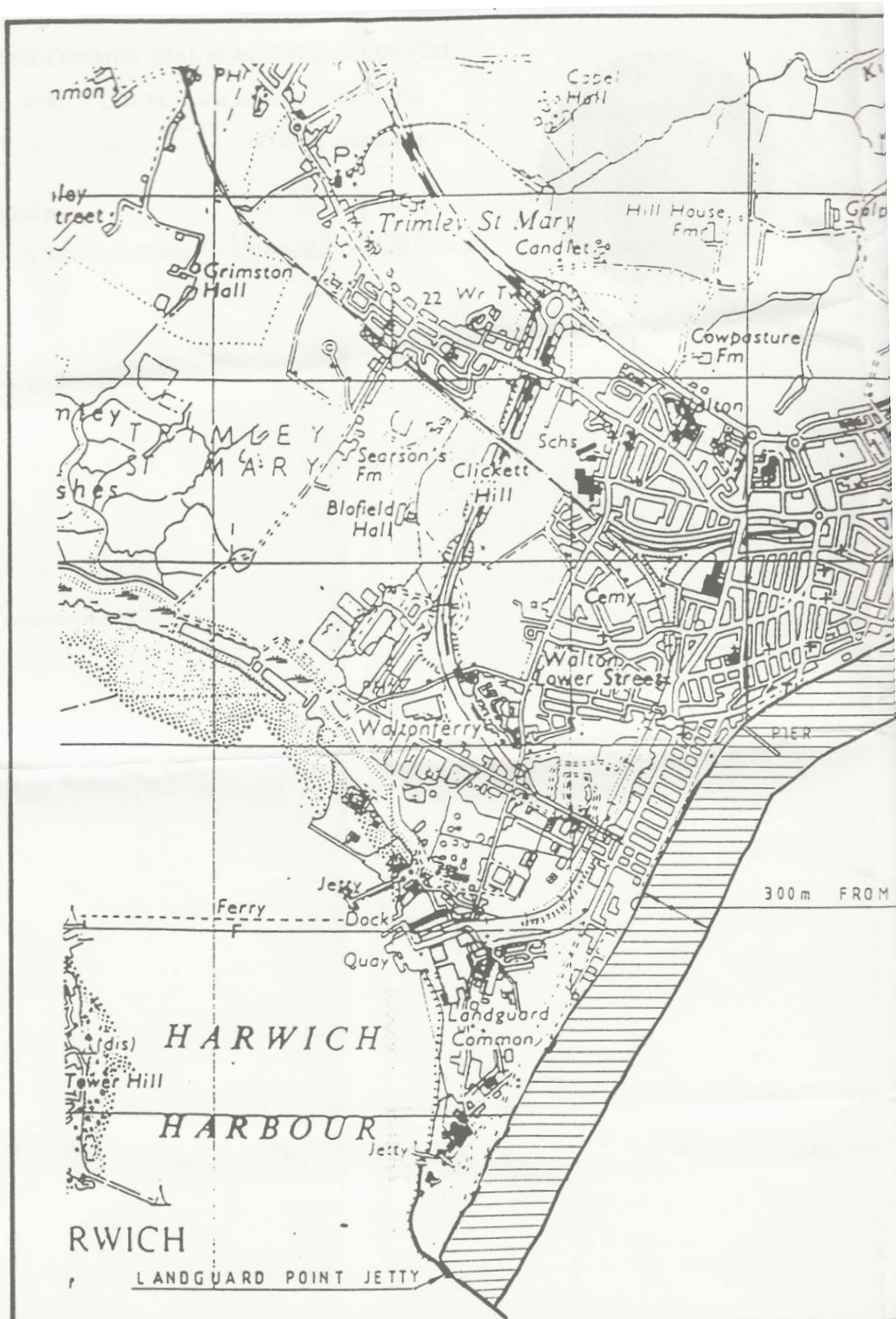
6. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 3 on the standard scale.

Saving of Crown and Other Rights

7. 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 any part of the foreshore and seabed below high water mark of any estate or interest in or right over any such part of the foreshore and seabed, nor shall anything contained in or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing byelaws in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect the rights and interests 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 the foreshore and seabed.

Revocation of Byelaws

8. The byelaws relating to Seaside Pleasure Boats made by the former Felixstowe Urban District Council on 3rd February 1965 and confirmed by the Home Secretary on 12th April 1965 are hereby revoked.



THE COMMON SEAL of the SUFFOLK COASTAL

DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereunto affixed on the

14th day of July 1998 in the presence of:

Chairman

Duly Authorised Officer

M. J. Lister
K. A. Lister



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