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To help you make the most of your visit to the coast and ensure you're safe at all times, here is some useful advice for people going out on the water:

- Keep your craft well maintained and carry sufficient safety equipment such as lifejackets for everybody, distress flares and a means of communication.
- Check the local weather forecast before going to sea.
- Let someone ashore know your itinerary and when you will be returning.
- Keep well clear of, and give way to, sailing craft.
- Take training in your sport from a recognised training centre.
- Insure you and your craft for public liability.
- Ensure that you take care when launching and recovering your vessel.
- Be aware of other people on or near to the launching ramps.

In the Canterbury district, there is a legal restriction if a powered craft is within 300m of the shoreline you must not exceed the speed limit of eight knots (10mph). Breaking this byelaw may result in prosecution. This area is marked by a row of yellow buoys running parallel along the coast.

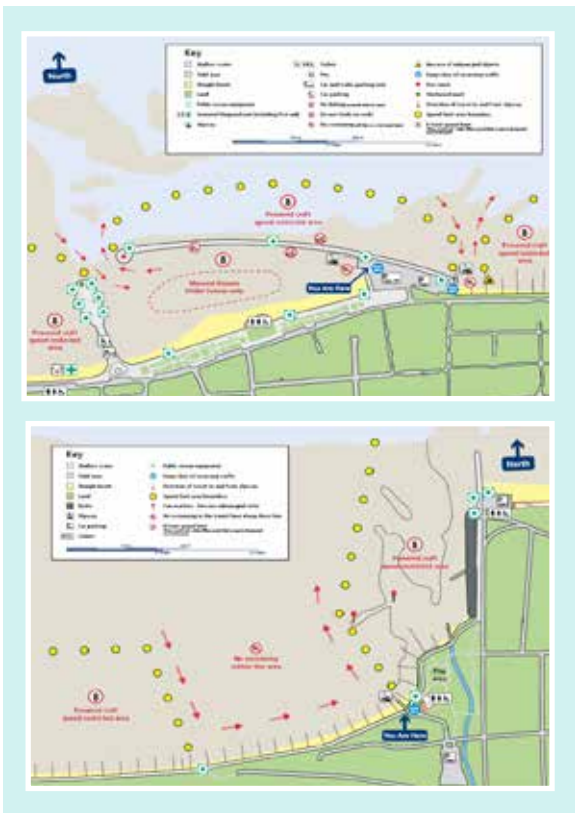
Exceptions are shown on the maps (see over); these are the designated transit lanes marked along each side by rows of marker buoys at the following locations:

- Neptune Jetty, Central Parade, Herne Bay  
– public launching ramp.

- Studd Hill/Hampton Avenue, Herne Bay  
– public launching ramp.
- Seaview Holiday Village, Swalecliffe  
– private launching ramp.
- Whitstable Water-ski Club, Beach Walk,  
Whitstable – private launching ramp.
- Seasalter Ski Club, Faversham Road, Seasalter  
– private launching ramp.

When out on the water, no powered craft may enter the designated swimming areas located at Central Beach, Herne Bay and Tankerton Beach, and Tankerton Bay (areas in front of the lifeguard units).

To enable all water users to remain safe when using our public launch facilities, please follow the transit lane navigational advice illustrated on the launch site maps (below) and adhere to the advice of ramp attendants and patrol staff.





## Further information

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