

Boating Limits

Classification of Waters for Boating

The definitions of boating waters given in the Scout Safety Guidelines are intended as a guide to the type of waters to be expected in each category. They assume good conditions – Summer time, fair weather and daylight. It is obvious that conditions in certain waters may vary considerably in different weather and tidal conditions, and therefore suitability for boating may change. All Charge Certificate holders must appreciate the dangers which may appear with such changes, and realise when general weather conditions make an area unsuitable for boating.

(a) Enclosed safe waters - sheltered inland waters, rivers, canals and small lakes, and other sheltered waters where currents and tides create no real danger.

(b) Restricted waters - the sea up to one mile off shore, but excluding any more dangerous waters closer inshore - e.g. tide races, "overfalls", etc. More sheltered parts of estuaries, large inland lakes.

(c) Day Cruising Waters - the sea up to three miles off shore and up to fifteen miles along the coast in either direction from the Group's normal base, but excluding any more dangerous waters close inshore, as mentioned above. Day Cruising Waters also include the exposed parts of large estuaries.

(d) Coastal - the sea up to ten miles off shore, but excluding any more dangerous waters close inshore.

(e) Off shore - passages out of sight of land.

The limits of the above (a) and (b) categories have been laid out over many years for areas where Sea Scout troops are based, or have been based in the past. But there are no limits laid down for areas where Sea Scouting has not operated.

However a Marine Notice (MN No.1 of 2003) from the Department of the Marine, includes classification of "Areas of Smooth Waters" all around the coast and the inland waterways, which correspond quite closely with the Scout (a) classification. This list is included in this document after the Scouting Ireland list. Note that some places on the Scout list are not mentioned in the Department list – Blackrock (Co. Louth), Howth, Dublin Bay, Bray, Greystones, Rosslare, Dunmore East, Tralee Bay and Fenit.

Scouters who wish to arrange boating activities, waterborne journeys or camps outside areas given in either list must therefore give very careful thought to the local conditions, if possible explore the area beforehand and if necessary seek advice from local boating people. If a waterside camp, or other activity with a boating programme is planned for such an area, the Scouter in charge, who must possess at least an

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Intermediate Charge Certificate, should define the limits of the (a) and (b) areas for use during the camp.

Classification of Boating Waters, Scouting Ireland Louth Coast 2 Louth (Blackrock)

Restricted waters - Soldiers Point to Anagassan, west of Castletown River

Enclosed safe water - Carraigpansha to Old Boathouse, west of Fane River

North Dublin Coast

Restricted waters - 7 & 9 Ports - Nose of Howth to Portrane Martello Tower

14 Port - Portrane to Loughshinny, up to half mile offshore

16 Port and 17 Port - Loughshinny to Balbriggan

Enclosed safe waters - 7 Port (Howth) - Howth Harbour, also the "back beach".

9 Port (Malahide) - Estuary from viaduct to Sailing Club, and Broadmeadow Water

14 Port (Donabate) - Rogerstown Inlet & Broadmeadow Water

16 Port (Skerries) - Skerries Harbour

17 Port (Loughshinny) - Loughshinny Harbour

Dublin Bay Area 1 Port, 3 Port, 4 Port, 5 Port, 8 Port, 12 Port

Restricted waters - West of a line drawn from the Baily Light to the Muggins and thence to Whiterock (Killiney Bay, SW of Sorrento Point)

Enclosed safe waters 1 Port (Ringsend) - Dublin Port: Toll Bridge to Poolbeg Yacht Club

4 Port (Dodder) - River Dodder, Grand Canal Basin

5 Port (Dollymount) - Dollymount lagoon

3 Port (Dalkey) - within half mile of Bullock Harbour

12 Port (Sandy Cove) - within half mile of Sandy Cove Harbour

8 Port (Dunlaoghaire) - inside Dunlaoghaire Harbour

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15 Port (Ballyfermot) – see entry under “Shannon”.

Wicklow Coast

5 Wicklow (Bray)

Restricted waters - Bray Head to Killiney Bay (Sorrento Point), half mile offshore

Enclosed safe waters - Bray Harbour and immediate area

1 Wicklow (Greystones)

Restricted waters - Greystones to Bray, half mile offshore

Enclosed safe waters - Greystones and immediate area

4 Wicklow (Wicklow Town)

Restricted waters - Wicklow to Six Mile Point, half mile offshore

Enclosed safe waters - Wicklow Harbour and immediate area

9 Wicklow (Arklow)

Restricted waters - Clogga Head to Mizen Head, half mile offshore

Enclosed safe waters - Arklow dock and river

Wexford Coast

2 Wexford (Port of Wexford)

Restricted waters - Wexford harbour and port, and River Slaney to Enniscorthy

Enclosed safe water - inner port area

6 Wexford (Rosslare)

Restricted waters - Rosslare Bay

Enclosed safe water - immediate area of Rosslare Harbour

Waterford Harbour and rivers

1 Wexford (New Ross)

Restricted waters - R. Barrow, Cheek Point to St Mullins & R Nore to Inistioge

Enclosed safe water - New Ross town reach of the river

1 Waterford (Port of Waterford) & 2 Waterford (Dunmore East)

Restricted waters - Waterford Harbour north of line from Swine Hd to Hook Hd

Enclosed safe water - West of line Dunmore E Lt Ho to Blackrock

Cork Harbour Area

1 Cork, 3 Cork, 4 Cork, 10 Cork, 12 Cork,

Restricted waters - All of Cork Harbour north of a line from Fort Davis to Fort Meagher, including Owenboy River, R. Lee and Lough Mahon, East Passage and Fota Channel

Enclosed safe water -

1 Cork (Crosshaven) & 12 Cork (Carrigaline) - Owenboy River

3 Cork (Douglas) -

4 Cork (Cobh) - Area of Cobh Quays

10 Cork (Monkstown) - Sand Quay to Monkstown Creek

Cork and Kerry Coasts

7 Cork (Kinsale)

Restricted waters - north of a line Preghane Point to Sandycove Island

Enclosed safe water - north of line Charles Fort to Castlepark Beach

8 Cork (Bantry)

Restricted waters - east of a line between North and South Beaches and north of a line Whiddy Point East to west side of Glengarriff Bay (Four Heads Point)

Enclosed safe water - within a line from Abbey / Rabbit Is. / Chapel Is. / Bantry Pier

17 Cork (Castletownbere)

Restricted waters - Berehaven

Enclosed safe water - Castletown Harbour

2 Kerry (Tralee)

Restricted waters - Tralee Bay south of a line between Ilauntannig and Ilaunnacusha

Enclosed safe water - Fenit Harbour area

Shannon

National Water Activity Centre, Killaloe

Restricted waters - Southern arm of Lough Derg, south of Parkers Point, and Scarrif Bay west of a line from Inishparran Isd. and Aughinish Point.

Enclosed safe water – South of Ryneduff Point, to the canal at Killaloe. These limits may be reduced at any time by the NWAC staff, depending on weather, numbers afloat and level of experience of the participants.

Athlone

Restricted waters - L. Ree south of Rindoon, incl. Inny estuary & Inner Lakes

Enclosed safe waters - Town reach of the river, above the lock.

Restricted waters - Grand Canal, R. Shannon, Portumna to Athlone

Enclosed safe waters – Western end of Grand Canal, Shannon Harbour

Galway

2 Galway

Restricted waters - Southern section of Lough Corrib and the river.

Enclosed safe water - the river between the lough and the Eglinton Canal

Sligo

3 Sligo (Rosses Point)

Restricted waters - North east of a line Raghly Point to Black Rock. Also Lough Gill.

Enclosed safe water - Between the Scout Den and Coney Island

Donegal

Donegal (Killybegs)

Enclosed safe water - inner harbour area

14 Donegal (Letterkenny)

Enclosed safe water - within half mile of Rathmullen Pier

Restricted waters - Lough Swilly south of Buncrana

Gaoth Dobhair

Enclosed safe water - Bunbeg Harbour and inner Gweedore Bay

Restricted waters - channel to Gola Island

Gort a' Choire

Enclosed safe water – Ballyness Bay

Restricted waters - to Inish Bofin (in settled weather)

APPENDIX TO MARINE NOTICE No.1 OF 2003

SMOOTH WATERS - INSIDE OF SEA AREAS

LOCATION	LIMIT OF AREA, WEATHER AND DAYLIGHT
Carlingford Lough	Within a line from Greencastle Point to Greenore.
Dundalk	Castletown Estuary, within a line from Ballurgan Point to Soldiers Point.
Drogheda	Within a line from Crook Point to Burrow Point.
Malahide Inlet	Within a line from Malahide Point to Grand Hotel.
Dublin	Inside the pier heads.
Wicklow	Inside the pier heads.
Arklow	Inside the pier heads.
Wexford	Inside Wexford Bridge.
Waterford	Within a line from Passage to Ballyhack.
Youghal	Within a line from Ferry Point to Green Park.
Cork	Within a line from Ram's Head to Dogs nose Quay.
Kinsale Harbour	Within a line from Blockhouse Point to Summer Cove.
Baltimore	Baltimore Harbour inside of Sherkin Island.
Dunbeacon Harbour Dunmanus Bay	Within a line from Rossmore Point to Dunbeacon Point, in fine weather and in daylight only.
Bantry Bay	From Bantry or Glengariff, within a line from Four Heads point to Whiddy Island. From Castletownbere, inside Bere Island.

Ardgroom Harbour	Within a line from Dogs Point to Illauneeragh, in fine weather and daylight only.
Kilmakilloge Harbour	Within a line from Collorus Point to Battle Point, in fine weather and daylight only
Sneem Harbour	Within a line from Garinish Sound to East end of Sherky Island to Bullig Rock
Valentia	Inside a line from Knightstown to Reenard Point and inside Portmagee Swing Bridge. Within a line from Ringcaheragh Point to Scughaphort Reef, in Summer only and fine weather. Within a line from Fort point to Beginish Island inside Doulus Bar, in Summer only and fine weather.
Ventry Harbour	Within a line from Parkmore Point to Paddock Point, in summer only and fine weather
Dingle Harbour	Within a line from Flaherty Point to Black Point.
The Shannon	East of Rinalan Point.
Roundstone and Bertraghboy Bays	Within a line westward from Treh Point (Inishtreh).
Cliften Bay	Within a line due North from Fishing point, in fine weather and daylight only.
Cleggan	Within a line from Cleggan Point to Roeillaun.
Ballynakill Harbour	Inside Ross Point.
Killary Harbour	Inside Inishbarna Island.
Blacksod Bay	Within a line from Blacksod point to Kanfinalta Point, in fine weather and daylight only. Inside Dooniver Point.
Broadhaven Bay	Within a line from Shanaghy Point to Fox Point.
Westport	Within a line from Murrisk Pier to Inishgort Light.
Killala Bay	Inside Rinnaun Point.
Sligo Harbour	Inside Metal Man Rock.
Ballyshannon	Inside the Bar.

Donegal	Inside the Bar.
Killybegs	Within a line Westward from Carntullagh Head.
Mulroy Bay	Within a line from Dundooan Point to Inverbeg Bay
Lough Swilly	Within a line from Bunrana to Muckamish point

SMOOTH WATERS - INLAND LAKES AND LOUGHS

LOCATION	LIMIT OF WEATHER AND DAYLIGHT
Lough Corrib	In fine weather and daylight only.
Lough Mask	In fine weather and daylight only.
Lough Derg	In fine weather and daylight only.
Co Tipperary	
Lakes of Killarney	In fine weather and daylight only.
Lough Erne	In fine weather and daylight only.
Lough Ree	In fine weather and daylight only.
Lough Gill	In fine weather and daylight only.

SMOOTH WATERS – CANALS AND RIVERS

LOCATION	LIMIT OF AREA, WEATHER AND DAYLIGHT
Grand Canal	The entire canal.
Royal Canal	The entire canal.
Shannon River	Above Thomond Bridge.
Barrow River	Above New Ross road bridge.