

# PERSONAL WATERCRAFT Code of Conduct



North Norfolk District Council wants people to enjoy our coast. The council is, however, minded to take action against those who act dangerously or cause persistent nuisance in the wider interests of all beach users. So please:

- Be considerate to beach and water users and to local communities.
- Be aware of the local byelaws.
- Park responsibly. Don't block access for emergency vehicles. Vehicles can only be used on the beach to launch and recover watercraft - don't leave vehicles parked on beaches.
- Do not exceed 8 knots within 200 metres of the shore.
- Do not use watercraft near swimmers and other water users.
- Avoid areas where fishermen's pots are visible.
- Wear suitable clothing and carry appropriate safety equipment.
- Make sure you are adequately insured with at least public liability cover.
- Consider taking part in a RYA training course for Powered Watercraft.
- Make use of the 'Datatag' Theft Prevention System to help recover stolen craft .
- Consider joining a club. It may provide access to training courses and local knowledge as well as a social network.
- Be aware of nesting birds at launch and recovery sites.
- Don't beach on sandbanks where seals may be with their young or resting.
- Slow down around marine wildlife and give them a wide berth of at least 200 metres.
- Avoid the shallows other than at launch and recovery. The underwater seabed may be sensitive to erosion.

# Useful Contacts

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999 and  
ask for COASTGUARD**

## **COASTGUARD**

Great Yarmouth Coastguard - Tel: 01493 851338

For advice, weather forecasts and tide times

[www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk)

## **RNLI**

Royal National Lifeboat Institution - Tel: 0845 122 6999

email: [seasafety@rnli.org.uk](mailto:seasafety@rnli.org.uk)

[beachsafety@rnli.org.uk](mailto:beachsafety@rnli.org.uk)

[www.rnli.org.uk](http://www.rnli.org.uk)

## **PERSONAL WATERCRAFT PARTNERSHIP**

Telephone: 07771 850583

email: [candice@pwpuk.org](mailto:candice@pwpuk.org)

[www.pwpulse.co.uk](http://www.pwpulse.co.uk)

## **RYA**

Royal Yachting Association - Tel: 0845 345 0400

[www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk)

## **JET SKIER & PW MAGAZINE**

[www.jetskier.co.uk](http://www.jetskier.co.uk)

## **DATATAG**

Tel: 0845 0700 440

[www.datatag.co.uk](http://www.datatag.co.uk)

## **NNDC**

North Norfolk District Council

Main switchboard - Tel: 01263 513811

[www.northnorfolk.org](http://www.northnorfolk.org)

## **MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY**

Tel: 01989 566017

[www.mcsuk.org](http://www.mcsuk.org)