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**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO EXCEED THE SPECIFIED SPEED LIMIT OF SIX KNOTS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE COASTAL RESTRICTED ZONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF WATER SKIING**

Please complete the details below and return this form to the above address. Please ensure that you have read and understood the notes accompanying this application form. A certificate of insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Vessels and Speedboats (Compulsory Third Party Insurance, Mooring Charges and Removal of Boats) (Guernsey) Law, 1972, as amended, sub-section 3, of Section 1, **must** accompany this form.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF VESSEL: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF VESSEL: \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for permission to exceed the specified speed limit of six knots in the relevant sections of coastal restricted zones when persons are being towed by the above named vessel for the purpose of water skiing. I confirm that no fewer than two persons will be in the boat when it is being used for the purpose of water skiing, and that I have and understood the notes attached to this application.

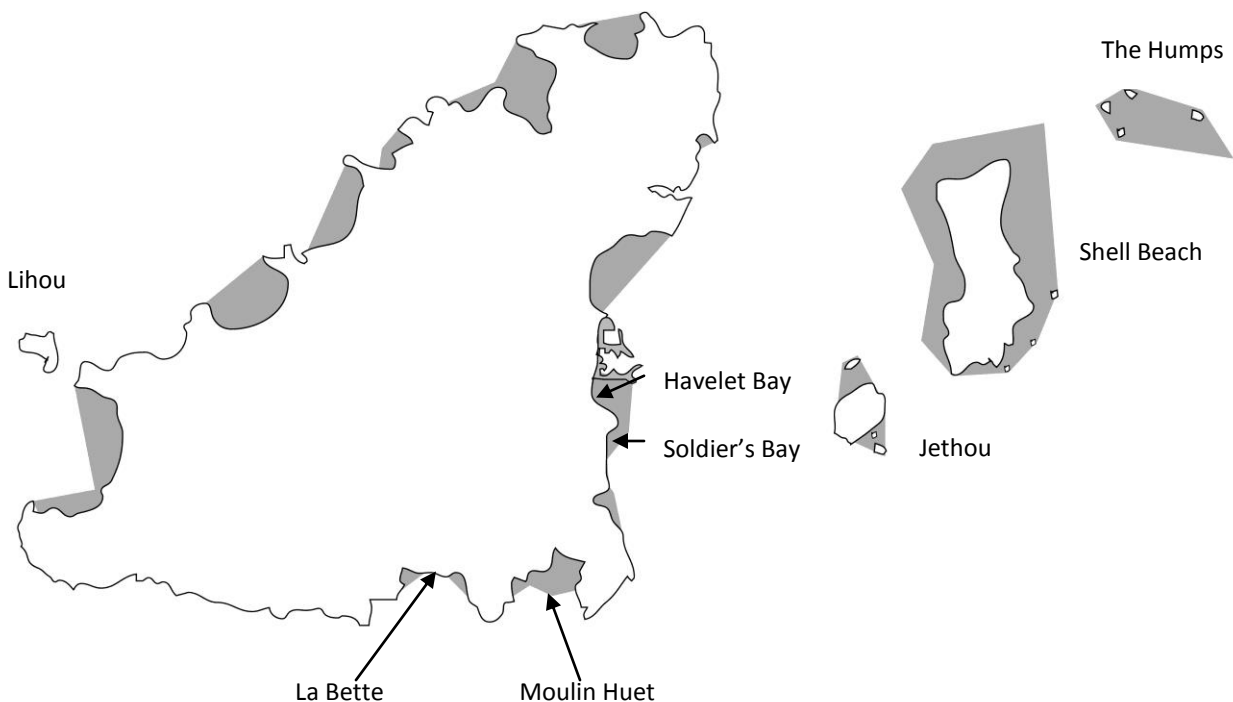
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### SPEED LIMITS – RESTRICTED ZONES

Areas of coastal restricted zones in which the speed limit of six knots may be exceeded for the purpose of water skiing, subject to permission from the Committee *for the* Environment and Infrastructure are:-

- **Havelet Bay.** So much of the coastal restricted zone as lies east of a line joining Oyster Rock and Moulinet Beacon and south of a line from Horseshoe Pool to Moulinet Beacon.
- **Soldier's Bay (Petit Fort).**
- **Moulin Huet.** So much of the coastal restricted zone as lies south of a line joining the Cannon Rock, the Dog and Lion Rocks and the rocks south of Bon Port.
- **La Bette.** So much of the coastal restricted zone as lies in and south-west of La Bette Bay.
- **Shell Beach – Herm.** So much of the coastal restricted zone as lies to the north of a line bearing 270° (T) from the northernmost part of North Jacquets Rock to Shell Beach, to include Mouissoniere Bay.

**NOTE: WATER SKIING IS NOT PERMITTED IN ANY OF THE OTHER COASTAL RESTRICTED ZONES**



The shaded areas are those in which the speed limit is restricted to a maximum of six knots.

THIS PLAN AND NOTES ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND MUST NOT BE TAKEN AS A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

The States of Guernsey have received complaints about the excessive speed of boats in the island's bays and in Herm waters, and are worried that this sort of irresponsible behaviour could lead to accidents and injuries.

The relevant legislation provides that:

- All speedboats must be registered with the Harbour Authority, and must display registration numbers (black on white background) at the stern of the boat.
- All speedboats must have third party insurance cover of not less than £1,000,000.
- It is an offence to exceed a speed of six knots within the restricted areas as indicated on the accompanying plan except where a permit has been issued.
- Permits are issued by the Office *of the* Committee *for the* Environment and Infrastructure for water-skiing **in certain areas**, provided that the boat has adequate insurance cover, and at least two people are in the boat while towing a water-skier in order to ensure that a proper lookout is maintained at all times.

The bays concerned are also popular areas for swimmers and every care should be taken to avoid accidents. Permit holders should inspect the area before commencing water-skiing and should note the presence of any swimmers, particularly those who are not close inshore.

The majority of complaints involve excessive speed in the restricted areas and water-skiing without permits.

Offenders are dealt with according to the law but the States of Guernsey would much prefer that people who wish to use speedboats for water-skiing act responsibly in the first place after obtaining the necessary permit.

Permits are obtainable by application to the Agriculture, Countryside and Land Management Service. Any completed application form should be accompanied by the insurance documents required.

This legislation was enacted in the interests of safety for all users of the beaches and inshore waters and the relevant extracts are as follows:

The Vessels and Speedboats (Compulsory Third Party Insurance, Mooring Charges and Removal of Boats) (Guernsey) Law, 1972, as amended

- (3) A person shall not use, or cause or permit any other person to use, in the territorial waters of the Islands a speedboat towing a person engaged in water skiing, aqua planning or similar sport unless there is in force in relation to the user of that speedboat by that person or that other person, as the case may be, a policy of insurance issued by

an authorised insurer, the policy being on which, subject to any restrictions of conditions specified therein, insures such person or classes of persons as may be specified in the policy in an amount of not less than one million pounds in the aggregate-

- (a) in respect of any liability which may be incurred by him or them in respect of the death of or bodily injury to any person including any person being towed as aforesaid or for loss of or damage to any property in or on the water or on the foreshore in any one occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of any one event, caused by or arising out of the use of that speedboat; and
- (b) in respect of any liability in respect of the death of or bodily injury to any person or for loss of or damage to any property which may be incurred by any person engaged in water skiing, aqua planning or similar sport, in any one occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of any one event whilst so engaged, caused by or arising out of the use of that speedboat.

The Boats and Vessels (Registration, Speed Limits and Abatement of Noise) 1970, as amended

- 11(1) A person for the time being having the command or charge of a power-driven boat shall not, in the territorial waters adjacent to the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou, cause or permit that boat to proceed ahead or astern or to manoeuvre recklessly or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to other persons in or on the sea.
- 11(2) A person for the time being having the command or charge of a power-driven boat shall not, in the territorial waters adjacent to the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou, cause or permit that boat to proceed ahead or astern or to manoeuvre without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons in or on the sea.