

**DRAFT BOATS AND SURF-RIDING (CONTROL)
(AMENDMENT No. 18) (JERSEY)
REGULATIONS 199**

**Lodged au Greffe on 22nd June 1999
by the Harbours and Airport Committee**



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Report

On 4th July 1996, an amendment was made to the Boats and Surf-Riding (Control) (Jersey) Regulations which made it an offence for a jetski, surfjet or similar kind of craft to be operated at a speed of more than five knots in a certain area of St. Brelade's Bay and a certain part of Bouley Bay.

These restrictions had the effect of driving some of these craft into other waters where they have become an annoyance to other boat users and residents onshore. In particular, there have been complaints from Les Ecréhous Reef, which is regarded as an area of natural beauty. It is a nature reserve used by people wishing to enjoy the tranquility of the area.

Unsympathetic use of personal watercraft in other locations around the world has been observed to influence the normal behaviour and movement of resident animals and birds to the extent that they relocate on other undisturbed coastlines nearby. The Conservation Officer of the Planning and Building Services Department and a Senior Sea Fisheries Officer of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department have confirmed that the natural environments of Les Ecréhous, Les Minquiers and Les Dirouilles reefs merit protection.

All three of the reefs in question are important roosts and breeding platforms for a wide variety of birds. Large numbers of wading birds, shags and cormorants breed on the larger islets and, in particular, Les Ecréhous hold the largest breeding population of common terns in the Channel Islands. Bottle-nosed dolphins and grey seals are found in the waters immediately surrounding all three reefs, with the latter using the tranquil surroundings to bask in the sun.

It is therefore recommended that the speed limit be implemented as a nature conservation measure in these sensitive offshore areas. These restrictions are not extensive. They apply to shallow waters below ten metres in depth around Les Ecréhous and Les Dirouilles reefs and to waters below five metres around Les Minquiers. In St. Aubin's Bay the speed limit has been applied at the western end only to limit noise pollution.

Explanatory Note

These Regulations extend the areas where it is unlawful to operate a jet-ski or similar craft at over 5 knots (except if the craft is being used in life-saving operations). The additional areas are -

- (a) the territorial waters of Jersey around Les Écréhous and Les Dirouilles to a depth of 10 metres;
- (b) the territorial waters of Jersey around Les Minquiers to a depth of 5 metres; and
- (c) part of the waters in the western side of St. Aubin's Bay.

These Regulations do not affect the existing restrictions on the speed of such craft in Bouley Bay or St. Brelade's Bay.

The Regulations come into force on the day after their promulgation.

Harbours Administration (Jersey) Law 1961

BOATS AND SURF-RIDING (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT No. 18)
(JERSEY) REGULATIONS 1999

(Promulgated on the day of 1999)

STATES OF JERSEY

The day of 1999

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 4 of the Harbours (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1961,¹ as amended,² have made the following Regulations -

1. For paragraph (1A) of Regulation 32 of the Boats and Surf-Riding (Control) (Jersey) Regulations 1969,³ as amended,⁴ there shall be substituted the following paragraph -

“(1A) Whether or not a person has the authority of a permit referred to in paragraph (1), he shall not cause or permit a jet-ski or surf jet or any similar kind of boat to proceed at a speed of more than five knots in any of the following waters that are territorial waters of the Island -

- (a) any waters in or around Les Écréhous that are ten metres or less in depth (as indicated on the Admiralty Chart numbered 3655 published on 18th December 1987 under the superintendence of the Hydrographer of the Navy);

¹ Recueil des Lois, Volume 1961-1962, page 165.

² Recueil des Lois, Volume 1998, page 424.

³ No. 5239.

⁴ No. 8951.

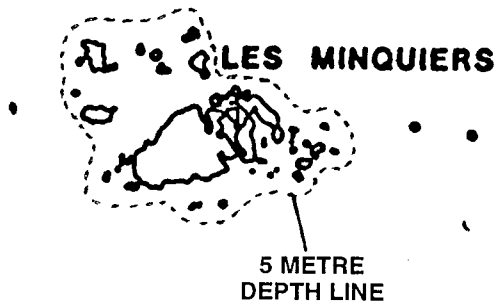
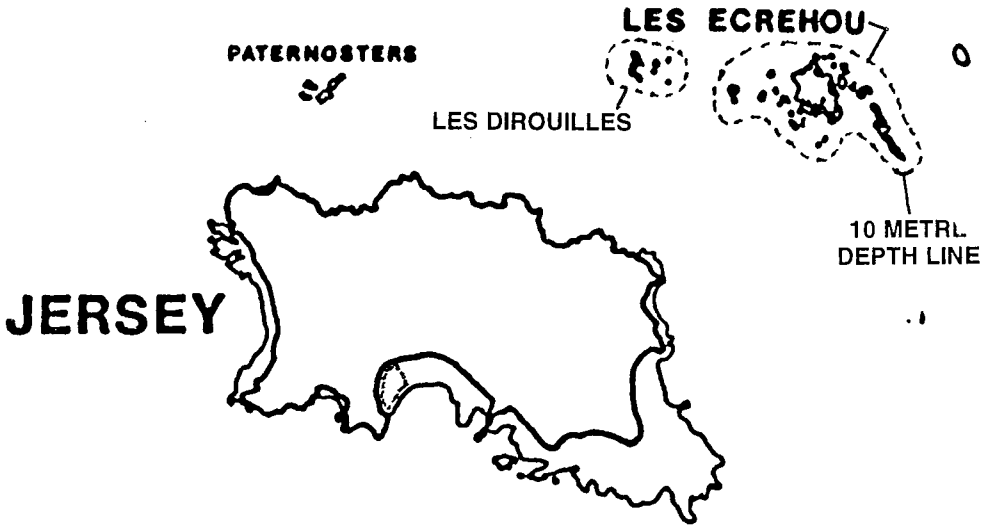
- (b) any waters in or around Les Dirouilles that are ten metres or less in depth (as indicated on that chart);
- (c) any waters in or around Les Minquiers that are five metres or less in depth (as indicated on the Admiralty Chart numbered 3656 published on 9th January 1987 under the superintendence of the Hydrographer of the Navy);
- (d) any waters of St. Aubin's Bay that lie generally to the west of a line that is drawn from the south end of La Haule Slip straight to Platte Rock beacon (being the beacon at that Platte Rock which lies north-east of Grosse Rock) and from there straight to Point de Bût;
- (e) any waters of Bouley Bay that lie to the southern side of the shortest line drawn between Vicard Point and La Tour de Rozel;
- (f) any waters of St. Brelade's Bay that lie to the northern side of the shortest line drawn between Grosse Tête and La Cotte Point."

2. The Boats and Surf-Riding (Control) (Amendment No. 13) (Jersey) Regulations 1996⁵ are hereby repealed.

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Boats and Surf-Riding (Control) (Amendment No. 18) (Jersey) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on the day following promulgation.

⁵ No. 8951.

OUTLINE MAP TO SHOW THE AREAS AFFECTED BY AMENDMENT No. 18



FOR MORE DETAIL PLEASE REFER TO ADMIRALTY CHARTS Nos 3655 & 3656