THE LAW

Speed limits are in place to prevent anti-social behaviour and ensure the safety of all river users. If you violate the speed limits you will be prosecuted and if convicted receive a fine of up to £2,000.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCLUDES:

Speeding
Disturbing vessels
Disrupting commercial operations
Generating excessive wake near moorings
Disturbing Nature Reserves
Damaging saltmarsh

DANGERS AND SAFETY

If you hit a fixed object even one partially submerged not only will you damage your vessel it is likely to lead to serious injury or death.

Playing in the wash of other vessels.

Riding a ships bow wave.

If you hit a swimmer you will seriously injure or kill them.

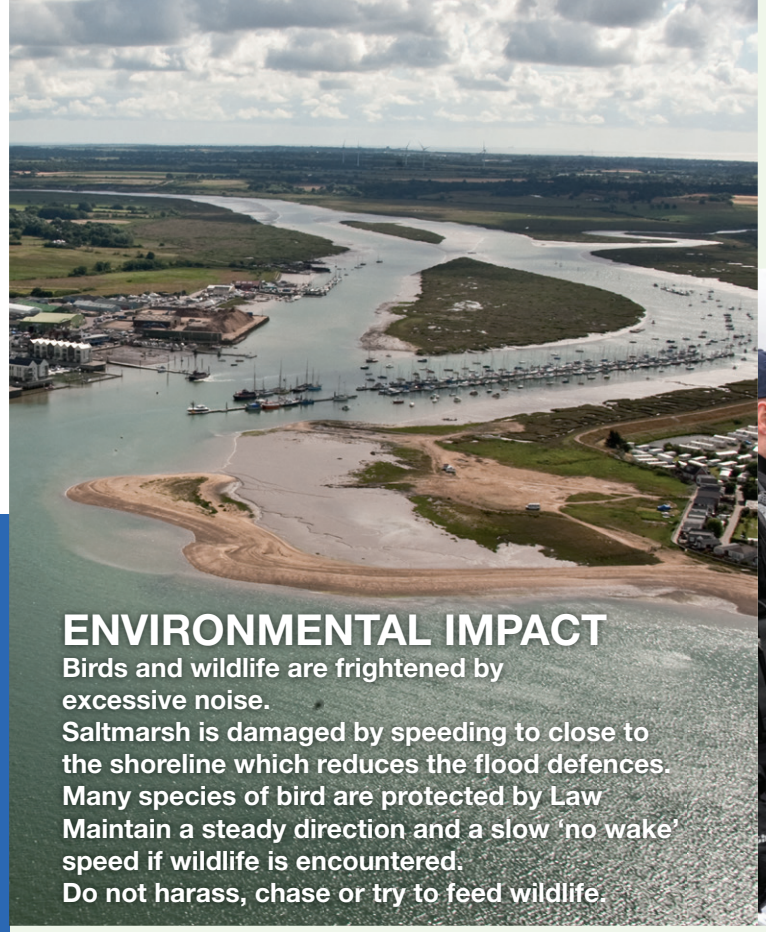
If you don't know the rules of the road your risk of collision is very high and you will definitely be prosecuted.

Safety Lanyard – Never operate your Power Boat without the safety lanyard attached to you. The lanyard will cut the engine if you fall from the craft.

INSURANCE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Ensure that you have (and carry proof of) adequate public liability insurance and ID before using your Power Boat. Ensure that you hold a copy of the registration certificate.

Personal Equipment	Power Boat Equipment
Suitable clothing	First aid kit
Buoyancy aid	Full tank of petrol and oil
Safety lanyard	Fire extinguisher
Sun-block	Flare pack
Foot protection and gloves	Rope and suitable anchor
Whistle	Radio
Torch	Paddle
Tool kit	
Paddle	



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Birds and wildlife are frightened by excessive noise.
Saltmarsh is damaged by speeding to close to the shoreline which reduces the flood defences.
Many species of bird are protected by Law
Maintain a steady direction and a slow 'no wake' speed if wildlife is encountered.
Do not harass, chase or try to feed wildlife.

TRAINING

RYA 1 Day Course competence course which teaches you how to get the best out of your craft.

Where possible, join a local club.

All details from Harbourmaster – 01206 302200 or from any RYA Training Centre www.rya.org.uk

GET IN TOUCH

Brightlingsea Harbour Office – 01206 302200 VHF 68

Brightlingsea Harbour Police Officer – 101
Email: marineu@essex.pnn.police.uk

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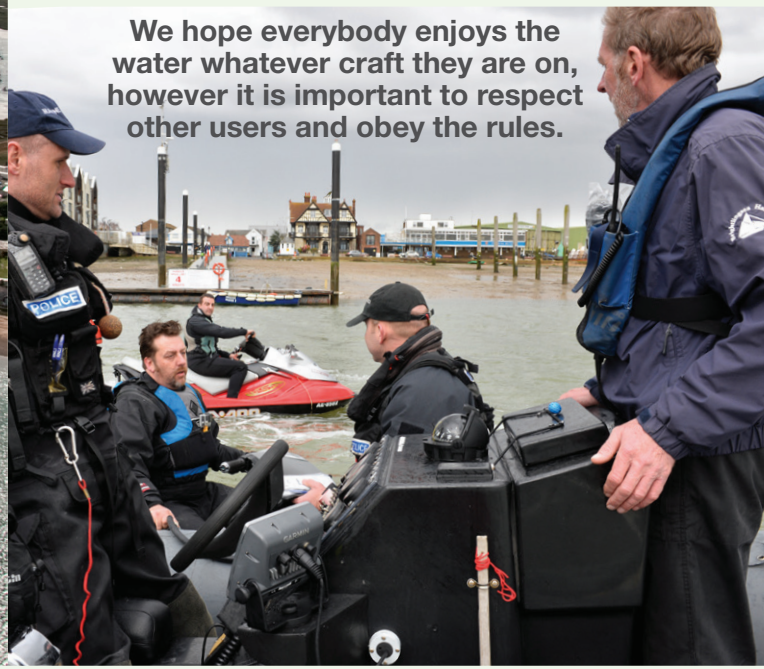

We hope everybody enjoys the water whatever craft they are on, however it is important to respect other users and obey the rules.

OBSERVE THE SPEED LIMIT

The River Colne has speed limits in place in the following areas, (please refer to map overleaf):

4 Knots – within Brightlingsea Creek, shaded red.

5 Knots – Up stream of Colne Flood Barrier at Wivenhoe.

8 Knots – in the River Colne and 250m from shore at High Water. Except for the grey area between Buoys Green 15 and Red 16.

NO Speed limit – in the Grey shaded areas but you must respect other water users, the wildlife and be aware of the hazards around you.

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Map is for illustrative purposes only, do NOT use for navigation.

Wivenhoe
Rowhedge
Colne Barrier
Nature Reserve
Arlesford Creek
River Colne
16
15
4
Brightlingsea Creek
Thorrington Creek
Point Clear
St Osyth
Mersea Island
Nature Reserve
Jaywick
Seawick
St Osyth Beach

Strictly 4 KNOTS or slower in these areas

Strictly 5 KNOTS or slower in these areas

Strictly 8 KNOTS or slower in these areas

There is no speed limit in these areas

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