

**BYELAWS****SEASIDE PLEASURE BOATS**

Byelaws for the prevention of danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons bathing in the sea or using the seashore, made by the Borough Council of Worthing in pursuance of Section 76 of the Public Health Act 1961.

1. These byelaws shall apply to the seashore situated within the Borough of Worthing between a point south of the western side of Western Road at its junction with Brighton Road and a point 320 metres west of the western side of Aldsworth Avenue at its junction with Marine Drive and therefrom for a distance seaward of 275 metres from low water mark of medium tides.

2. In these byelaws -

“navigator” means the person who, whether as owner or otherwise, has the charge or control of a pleasure boat and includes a person who, being present, is entitled to give orders to the person having charge or control.

“bearing” means a bearing reckoned clockwise from true North.

3. No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall during the months of May to September inclusive cause or suffer such vessel to exceed a speed of eight nautical miles per hour through the water.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to the area of sea 25 metres on either side of a line extending from a point on the seashore 200 metres south of the centre of Seafield Avenue at its junction with Marine Crescent on a bearing of 188° (true).

Provided also that this byelaw shall not apply to the navigator of a pleasure boat when taking part in an event which is organised by the Borough Council or by any other person with the consent of the Borough Council in writing.

*Note: Byelaw 3 was amended by Byelaw 40B on the 23 October 1989.*

4. No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat, shall cause or suffer such vessel to be driven or sailed in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons.
5. No person, being the navigator of a pleasure boat propelled by an internal combustion engine, shall use the pleasure boat unless the engine is fitted with a silencer suitable and sufficient for reducing as far as may be reasonable the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases from the engine.

6. Any person offending against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.
7. Nothing contained in any of the foregoing byelaws shall be deemed to be or shall operate as a grant by or on behalf of the Crown as owner of the foreshore and seabed below high water mark of any estate or interest in or right over such foreshore and seabed, or any part thereof, nor shall anything contained in or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing byelaws in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect the rights and interests of the Crown in such foreshore and seabed, or prevent the exercise thereon of any public rights or prejudice or injuriously affect any right, power or privilege legally exercisable in, over and in respect of the foreshore and seabed.
8. The byelaws which were made by the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Worthing on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1965, and were confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1965, are hereby repealed.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE  
BOROUGH COUNCIL OF  
WORTHING was hereunto  
affixed this Fifteenth day of  
August 1977 in the presence of:-

H Carroll  
Chief Executive

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the  
Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the  
first day of November 1977

R.F.D. Shuffrey  
An Assistant Under Secretary of State

Home Office  
LONDON S.W.1  
24<sup>th</sup> October 1977

**Notes:**

Byelaw 40A was amended by Byelaw 40B.

Sealed by Worthing Borough Council

2 June 1989

Came into effect

23 October 1989.