

Knightstone Slipway is the official launch slipway for Weston-super-Mare RNLI. Access must be maintained at all times.

The following advice and regulations are based on local Byelaws and the rules and regulations offered by; the Royal Yachting Association as the National Authority for Power Boats and Personal Watercraft, the British Water Ski and Wakeboard organisation as the National Authority for Water Skiing, the RNLI and the Coastguard.

As a permit user you agree to abide by the directions of North Somerset Council Officers and to comply with the information included in these regulations at all times.

By not adhering to these regulations you are putting your life and other people's lives at risk.

Requirements for a permit

A completed application form

£5 million public liability insurance – a copy will be held by North Somerset Council

Payment for the permit

Launching from the slipway

Knightstone Slipway is the official launch site for the RNLI

Vehicles must not park on the slipway, promenade or Marine Lake Plaza

Personal water craft and sailing vessels may only launch from Knightstone Slipway

Craft must be ready for launch before accessing the slipway

Checks and maintenance must not be carried out on the slipway or promenade

Refuelling must not take place on the slipway or promenade

Trailers must be parked on the promenade (retaining safe access for the land train and the public)

There is no slipway access for vehicles not towing

Your ID sticker must be displayed on your vehicle, powered watercraft and trailer

On the water

Drive safely and be considerate of all water users

7 knot speed restriction inshore of the end of the Grand Pier and Knightstone Island

Watercraft are prohibited from entering the exclusion zone

The same distance applies south of The Grand Pier for the length of the beach (approximately 200m from shore)

Stay at least 50m from the Grand Pier whilst operating

Exclusion Zone

The exclusion zone has been implemented to keep powered watercraft sufficiently away from the foreshore where members of the public may be swimming or using non powered craft. Highlighted below for illustrative purposes:



Stay safe at sea

- Wear a lifejacket
- Check tides and weather
- Check engine and fuel
- Carry a VHF radio
- Tell others where you are going and when you plan to return

Penalties

If you do not abide by the regulations and code of conduct the following action will be taken by North Somerset Council:

First occasion

A written warning (to you and your club) from North Somerset Council

Second occasion

Your permit will be revoked and you will be banned from using this facility

Contacts

Emergency including Coastguard	999
Seafront Office - Tropicana	01934 626 982

