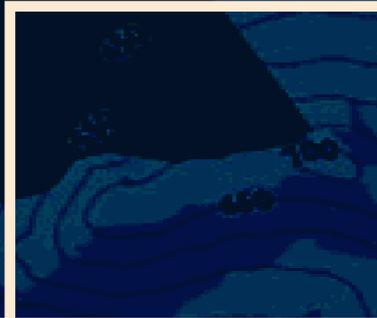
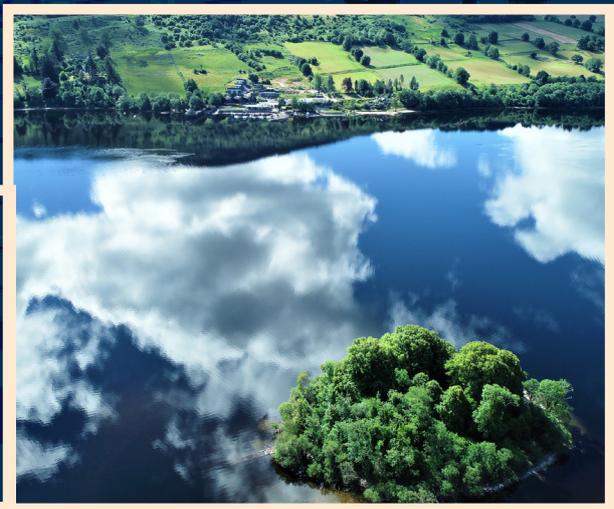


# Code of Conduct for Loch Tay

*Enjoying and maintaining the environmental quality of Loch Tay,  
safely and respectfully - enabling everyone to enjoy its beauty.*



TAYMOUTH MARINA  
LOCHSIDE SPA RESORT



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## **TAYMOUTH MARINA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCH TAY**

It is a condition of berthing, mooring and use of the slipways at Taymouth Marina that all users of Power Boats and Vessels adhere to the Taymouth Marina Code of Conduct for Loch Tay, so that all users of Loch Tay can enjoy the pursuit of their choice safely and without causing any undue interference to other users. Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct could result in being banned from Taymouth Marina, forfeiture of berthing fees and loss of deposit for compliance of the Code of Conduct. Please note that Jet Bikes and Jet Skis are prohibited from being launched or berthed at Taymouth Marina.



# 1

## GENERAL

Loch Tay is 14.5 miles long and 1 to 1.5 miles wide and is up to 508 feet deep. It is the 6th largest body of freshwater in mainland Britain. The Loch, its islands and shores are used by visitors throughout the year for a range of recreational interests, including boating, water-skiing, canoeing, fishing, paddle boarding, sailing, swimming, camping and site seeing.

Many businesses and communities around the Loch, such as hotels, B&Bs, outdoor activity businesses, cruises and visitor attractions along with Taymouth Marina Resort thrive on the opportunities that Loch Tay offers. There is therefore a need for consideration and respect to be shown to all users of Loch Tay and its environment for the benefit of all.

It is important to note that the Loch is also important for a range of environmental interests. Loch Tay Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is found in the shallow, sheltered reaches at the western head of Loch Tay near Killin. This area has natural heritage interests which are of national importance.

Taymouth Marina's Code of Conduct has incorporated The Loch Tay Association Code of Conduct for Loch Tay into this updated and enhanced Code of Conduct which all berth holders and users of Taymouth Marina must adhere to in order to ensure responsible use of Loch Tay by Taymouth Marina customers.





All Loch Tay users are responsible for taking adequate precautions for the safety of themselves and others that may be affected by their activity. Although this Code provides some basic guidelines on safety, it is no substitute for common sense, care and watchfulness.

The Loch can be dangerous as it is deep and subject to squalls. The shoreline is steep in many places and some sandy beaches which appear shallow and safe, shelve very steeply a short distance from the shore. The water level of the Loch can change by as much as ten feet over the year, there are many rocks close inshore which, with changing water levels, are a hazard to navigation. They are unmarked. Being a large water mass fed by rivers bringing melted snow down from the mountains, the water temperature for much of the year is very cold, therefore appropriate buoyancy aids or Life Jackets must be worn at all times by those participating in water sports along with appropriate thermal protection.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT COULD RESULT IN BEING BANNED FROM TAYMOUTH MARINA, FORFEITURE OF BERTHING FEES AND LOSING THE DEPOSIT FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

## 2. NOISE CONTROL OF BOATS

All boats berthed, moored or using the slipway at Taymouth Marina must have a noise emission level no greater than 75 dB(A) at 25 metres. This shall be demonstrated by the requirement that all Craft berthed at Taymouth Marina shall carry a manufacturer's plate with CE mark confirming compliance with Recreational Water Craft Regulations 2017, or equivalent at time of manufacture, and that the craft engine shall not exceed the manufacturer's stated maximum power.

It is essential to minimise disturbance to residents, neighbours, wildlife and other users of the Loch therefore the following must be adhered to:

Boats must not be driven at speeds in excess of 4 knots within 100 metres of the shore or other non motorised users of the loch.

Boats must not be driven at speeds in excess of 4 knots within 250 metres of residential houses. All boats must be berthed or moored between 9pm to 9am.

(As a rough guide, a boat travelling at 4 knots perpendicular to the shore will be 100m out after approximately 1 minute, and 250m out after approximately 2.5 minutes. Travelling at a 45' degree angle to the shoreline, the corresponding times are roughly 1.5 minutes and 4 minutes.).

### **The Golden Rule is: IF IN DOUBT GO FURTHER OUT!**

Stereo systems must not be played at a volume capable of disturbing residents, neighbours, wildlife or other users of the Loch.

Any organised events involving power boats (e.g. regattas) shall be planned and executed in accordance with the British Water ski and Wakeboard Code of Practice - Noise, to ensure that noise levels from the event will not exceed: • 50 dB LAeq,16h (free field) as measured outside any potentially noise sensitive buildings; and 55 dB LAeq,16h (free field) as measured in any outdoor area with public access.

All boats must be 'seaworthy' and in a well maintained condition which represent no threat to the Loch environment and is fit for purpose for the safe carrying of their users and crew.

All outboard engines or inboard engines on boats must be efficiently silenced. No persons should operate the craft on the Loch in such manner or for such a time as to give other persons reasonable cause for annoyance. Boat owners should be aware all noise whether engine or voice, carries further on water.

### **3. RESTRICTED AREAS FOR POWER BOATS AND VESSELS:**

#### **West End of Loch Tay**

Loch Tay Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is found in the shallow, sheltered reaches at the western head of Loch Tay near Killin. There are natural heritage interests of national importance on the site. This type of habitat can be susceptible to erosion from wave action caused by the wash from powered boats. Vessels must stay away from this area and if traveling within the vicinity of the marshes must not travel at speeds in excess of 4 knots.

#### **River Dochart and River Lochy**

If traveling upstream to berthing at Killin, a speed restriction of 4 Knots must be strictly adhered to for reasons of safety, protection of habitat and noise.

#### **East End of Loch Tay**

This area is east of a north/ south line which extends from 250 metres west of Dalerb on the North shore to 250 metres west of Taymouth Marina. It is shaded blue on the plan. Powered boats must not travel at more than 4 knots within this area for reasons of minimising noise and for the safety of non-motorised users of the loch. Swimming and non-motorised water sports are common in this area both by Taymouth Marina guests and the public, so it is a strict requirement that all motorised vessels adhere to the speed limit and show caution and careful consideration of other uses of the loch. Powered boats must not go beyond the bridge over the River Tay and should stay away from the beach area. For reason of health and safety, a speed limit of 4 knots is to be maintained inside areas where boats are moored.

#### **WITHIN 250 METRES OF ANY HOUSE.**

Power boat must not travel at speeds in excess of 4 knots within 250 metres of any residential house.

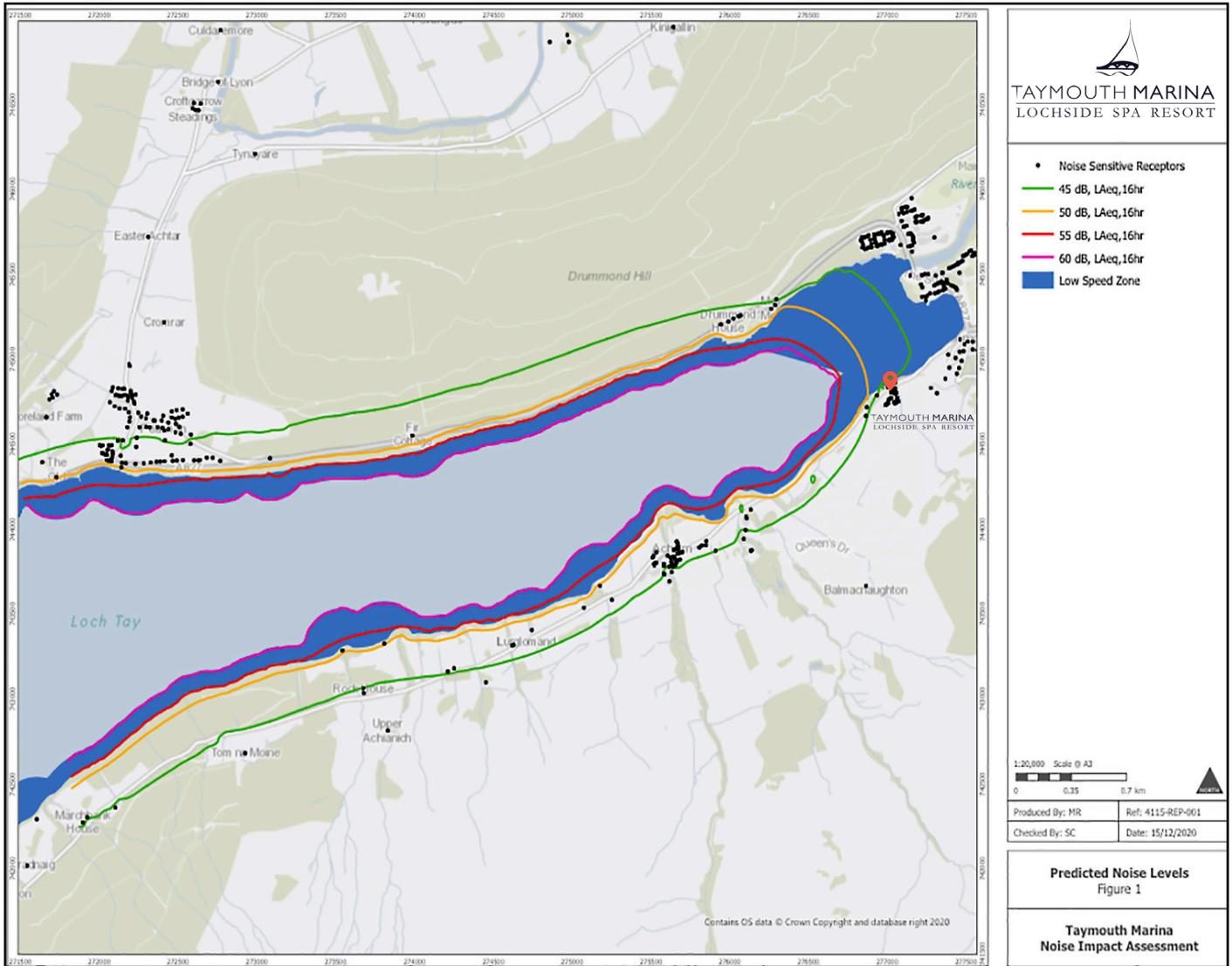
#### **WITHIN 100 METRES OF ANY SHORE AND OTHER NON-MOTORISED USER ON**

Power boat must not travel at speeds in excess of 4 knots within 100 metres of any shore or other non-motorised users of the loch to ensure that disturbance from noise is kept to a minimum and for reasons of safety.

#### **WITHIN 100 METRES OF TAYMOUTH MARINA**

Taymouth Marina has multiple water sports activities taking place from its shore area, ranging from Bathers, Wild Swimmers, Kayakers, Paddle Boarder, Canoeists, Wind surfers to Pedalo users. A speed limit of 4 knots must be observed within 100 metres of Taymouth Marina shore frontage and from its buoyed moorings.

### 3. RESTRICTED AREAS FOR POWER BOATS KENMORE- EAST LOCH TAY



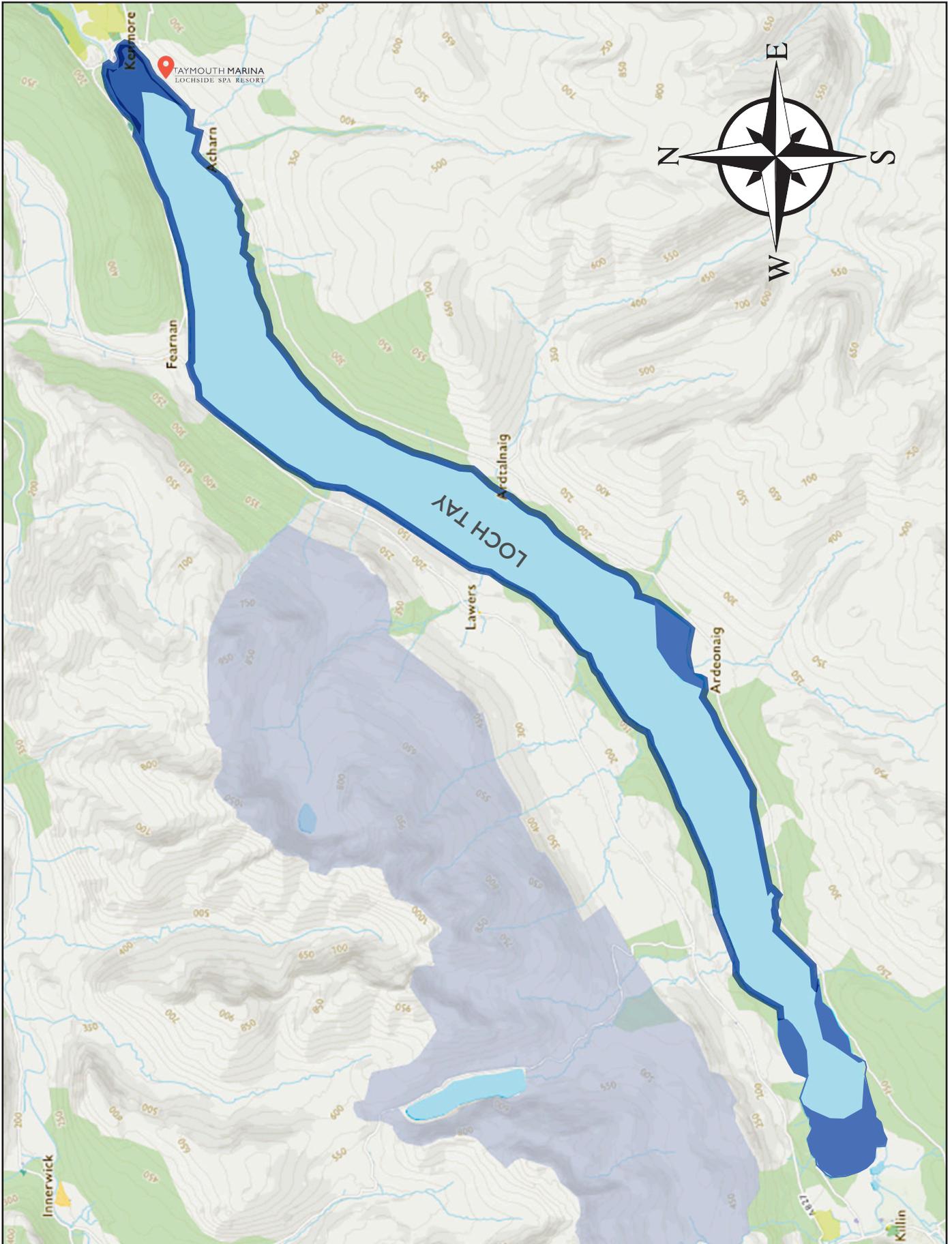
Restricted speed areas: maximum speed of 4 knots



Restricted speed within 100m from non powered vessels and swimmers in all areas.

**IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL CRAFT BERTHED AT TAYMOUTH MARINA SHALL CARRY A MANUFACTURER'S PLATE WITH CE MARK CONFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH RECREATIONAL WATER CRAFT REGULATIONS 2017, OR EQUIVALENT AT TIME OF MANUFACTURE, AND THAT THE CRAFT ENGINE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE MANUFACTURER'S STATED MAXIMUM POWER.**

## 4. LOCH TAY MAP FOR RESTRICTED AREAS



 Restricted areas

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## **Proximity to other non-motorised users of Loch Tay**

Care and consideration of the impact of wakes and noise must be given to other non-motorised users of Loch Tay therefore Power Vessels must not travel at a speed greater than 4 knots within 100 metres of other non-motorised users of the Loch. Caution is required where there is a lot of sailing, canoeists and windsurfing activity and Power boats should reduce speed or avoid going near canoeists. Remember that many canoeists are novices and under instruction. Always be on the lookout for swimmers.

## **RECREATIONAL TOWING**

Water skiing, wake boards, knee boards, air chairs, inflatable ringos and the like:

For the sake of clarity all recreational towing is strictly prohibited within the dark blue areas marked on the plan and should be confined to the centre areas of the Loch at a minimum distance of 100 metres from any shore or 250 metres from residential houses.

When towing a person engaged in a recreational towing activity, the Powerboat shall carry at least two competent persons, one of whom shall navigate the Powerboat and the other of whom shall watch the person being towed and relay his signals to the navigator.

The Powerboat shall be equipped with a mirror so constructed and fixed as to enable the navigator of the Powerboat to observe the person being towed and Vessels to the rear of the Powerboat.

No Powerboat shall be used for a recreational towing activity unless it has a paddle or other alternative means of propulsion in the event of engine failure so as to enable the retrieval of a person being towed from the Loch.

## **OPERATING HOURS FOR POWERBOATS**

All Powerboats must be moored, or berthed between sunset and sunrise. It is a requirement that power boats do not use the Loch before 9:00am and after 9:00pm. This is to prevent disturbance of nocturnal mammals and to ensure responsible control of the Taymouth Marina users.

## 6. REFUELLING

Electrical Charging for boats is available on pontoons for berth holders by arrangement with Taymouth Marina.

Refuelling of vessels must take place at the dedicated fuelling berth.

The refuelling must be carried out by a competent adult who must first familiarise themselves with the location of the fire extinguishers and spill kits and how to use these in the event of any emergency. Exercise care and avoid spillage when refuelling.

**Smoking is prohibited on all berths and pontoons.**

## LIFE JACKETS FOR ALL VESSELS

Life jackets or Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times whilst on the Pontoons, Piers and Slipways at Taymouth Marina.

The Master of a Powerboat or Vessel shall ensure that, at all times, the Powerboat or Vessel is carrying sufficient Life-jackets or buoyancy aids of suitable size for its crew or passengers.

The Master of a Powerboat or Vessel shall ensure that a person wears a suitable life jacket or buoyancy aid at all times when being towed by that Powerboat or Vessel. Every person on a Powerboat or vessel shall wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid of the type described at all times while on board the Powerboat or vessel, or being towed by another Powerboat or Vessel.

*“sufficient life jackets or buoyancy aids”* respectively, means any life jackets or buoyancy aid complying with relevant standards issued from time to time by the International Standards Organisation and/or the British Standards Institute or of an equivalent or higher standard which is of an appropriate size and weight for each person and of an appropriate condition. It is vital that life jackets, PFD's and Buoyancy Aids are regularly checked for signs of wear and tear and serviced or replaced.

**Remember: wearing your life jacket means one less thing to think about in an emergency.**



## 7.

### FISHING

#### SALMON

Fishing is strictly controlled on the Loch and its tributaries. For salmon fishing the Loch is split into three sections, east, central and west. Salmon fishing is limited to those with legal permission known as “Right” to fish in the specific area. It is a criminal offence to fish for salmon without a salmon right or the permission of the owner of that right.

Those who fish for salmon are advised to have the written authority of the ‘Right’ owner so that they may show it to the water bailiff. Salmon ‘Rights’ are allocated a number and this must be clearly displayed on boats. Salmon fishing is forbidden on Sundays by statute.

When trolling i.e., when towing a fishing line behind a boat, it is advised that a ‘trolling shape’ should be displayed, should be a round orange coloured ball approximately 200mm in diameter on a fixed pole or rod 750mm long and positioned on an appropriate part of the fishing boat where it is clearly visible all round. No vessel should approach within 100m astern of the fishing boat engaged in trolling and displaying a trolling shape.

#### TROUT

Trout fishing is subject to the River Tay Protection Order or written permit for either bank or boat fishing must be obtained in advance. Fishermen are required to comply with the regulations shown on the permit which includes information on the area covered by the permit.

Bank fishing can be obtained from the local angling clubs, Kenmore Post Office, Kenmore Hotel, local hotels in Killin and riparian owners.

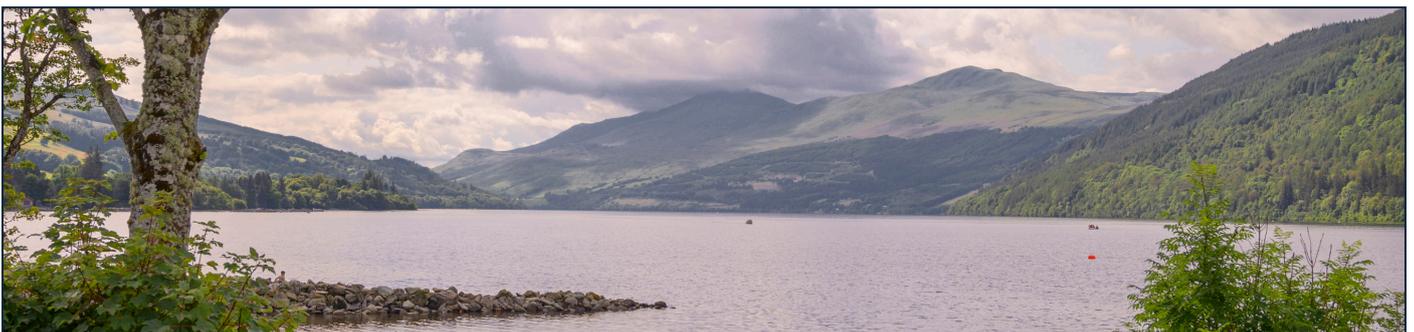
Permission to fish trout on a boat can be obtained from certain hotels and land-owners please ask at reception for further information.

### YOUNG PERSONS

No power-driven boat should be under the command of a person under the age of 16 years

### LITTER

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME WITH YOU AND KEEP LOCH TAY A LITTER FREE AREA.**



## NAVIGATION GENERAL PRINCIPLES

### To avoid the risk of collision the following principles should be adhered to:

- . Always keep a good lookout.
- . Proceed at a safe speed according to conditions, visibility, traffic etc.
- . Take early and obvious action when giving way.
- . Vessels with right of way should hold a steady course and speed. If action needs to be necessary, avoid turning to port.
- . Power driven vessels crossing: the one with the other vessel on the starboard side gives way
- . Vessels should not impede on other vessels: the one with the other vessel on starboard side gives way.
- . Vessels should not impede other vessels confined on narrow channel.
- . Power driven vessels approaching head on: both turn starboard.

### **ALL VESSELS**

Give way to:

- . Vessels fishing
- . Vessels unable to manoeuvre including all non motorised vessels
- . Vessels restricted to their ability to manoeuvre
- . Vessels constrained by their draught
- . Any vessel they are overtaking

### **VESSELS UNDER POWER**

Give way to:

- . Vessels under Sail, Canoeists, Kayakers, Rowing Boats, Paddle Boarders and Swimmers.

### **VESSELS UNDER SAIL**

Give way to:

- . Vessels sailing to their leeward (if on their port tack)
- . Vessels sailing on their starboard tack

NB: Looking forward, port is on the left and starboard is on the right.

- . Canoeists, Kayakers, Rowing Boats, Paddle Boarders and Swimmers.

***THIS SUMMARY IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE MARITIME COLLISION REGULATIONS***

## INSURANCE

It is a condition of berthing and use of Taymouth Marina that all berth holders and users of the slipway and pontoons and moorings have adequate insurance for their Boats for all eventualities which may occur including third party liability insurance.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

There are no rescue patrols on the loch. In event of an accident or other emergency the normal emergency services should be called immediately on 999 or 112 from the nearest telephone which, in the absence of a mobile, is most likely a house or passing vehicle.

## DISCLAIMER

Taymouth Marina does not accept any responsibility for inaccuracies or omissions or for any accident or incident however caused, allegedly or arising directly or indirectly from this Code

**I hereby certify that myself and my crew and vessel will abide by this Code of Conduct for Loch Tay and accept the Term and Conditions of Taymouth Marina and have provided the CE Marking for my vessel and confirm that my boat is fit for purpose and adequately insured.**

Signature: ..... Print: ..... Date: .....

Home Address: .....

Mobile Number: ..... Email: .....

CE Marking: ..... Manufacture and model of boat: .....

Engine Size:..... Fuel Type: .....

Length: ..... Age of boat: .....



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