

Marine Notice No. 01 of 2018

This Marine Notice supersedes No. 24 of 2004.

Notice to all Masters, Skippers, Seafarers, Fishers, Vessel Owners / Operators and Passenger Boat Owners / Operators.

Port and Sea Areas

Marine Notice No. **24 of 2004** designated the Port and Sea Areas in the State.

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to update the Port Areas contained in Appendix I to take account of changes in the listed areas of “smooth” or “partially smooth” waters that have been made in the intervening period. This Marine Notice may be subject to further revision on a periodic basis.

Marine Notice No. 24 of 2004 is withdrawn.

Port Areas

The purpose of the designated Port Areas is to indicate areas where vessels may operate without being considered to be at sea, hence the expressions “smooth” or “partially smooth”. They may also be considered to be port areas under the European Union [Directive 2009/45/EC](#)¹ as defined in Article 2 (r). In particular the designated Port Areas will impact on the plying limits indicated on the Passenger Ship Certificate for vessels of Class IV and Class V and for the plying limits stated on P1, P2 and P4 Passenger Boat Licences. For other vessels, the requirements of the Load Line Rules become relevant when proceeding outside port areas.

Port Areas were originally derived early in the last century and were appropriate for the trading and operating conditions at that time.

However, many of the State’s ports and harbours are not listed in statutory schedules. The purpose of this Marine Notice is to address this issue and to designate, where practical and safe to do so, areas of smooth or partially smooth water in ports or harbours etc. that were not previously listed.

If an area is not listed or a person(s) or body with local knowledge are of the viewpoint that the areas are insufficient, bearing in mind parameters of safety, sea, weather and tidal conditions; a submission may be made in writing for the consideration of the Irish Maritime Administration. Such a submission should be accompanied by supporting factual information, data etc.

Similarly, if a person(s) or body with local knowledge considers a designated port area is excessive, a submission may be made in writing for the consideration of the Irish Maritime Administration.

¹ Directive 2009/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 on safety rules and standards for passenger ships as amended by [Directive 2010/36/EU](#) of 1 June 2010 on safety rules and standards for passenger ships.

The Port Areas may have been designated on the basis of, *inter alia*: -

1. Areas which are not fully exposed to open sea forces;
2. A recent study by an organisation into wave heights around the coast;
3. Feedback from competent persons and persons with local knowledge.

See Appendix I for details of Port Areas.

Sea Areas (Directive 2009/45/EC on Safety Rules and Standards for Passenger Ships)

Vessels proceeding beyond the listed port areas are considered to be at sea.

Passenger Ships issued with a Passenger Ship Safety Certificate in accordance with European Union Directive 2009/45/EC are considered to be 'Class A', 'Class B', 'Class C' or 'Class D' as per Article 4 of the Directive. (See below)

- *'Class A' means a passenger ship engaged on domestic voyages other than voyages covered by Classes B, C and D.*
- *'Class B' means a passenger ship engaged on domestic voyages in the course of which it is at no time more than 20 miles from the line of coast, where shipwrecked persons can land, corresponding to the medium tide height.*
- *'Class C' means a passenger ship engaged on domestic voyages in sea areas where the probability of exceeding 2.5 metres significant wave height is smaller than 10 % over a one year period for all-year-round operation, or over a specific restricted period of the year for operation exclusively in such period (e.g. summer period operation), in the course of which it is at no time more than 15 miles from a place of refuge, nor more than 5 miles from the line of coast, where shipwrecked persons can land, corresponding to the medium tide height.*
- *'Class D' means a passenger ship engaged on domestic voyages in sea areas where the probability of exceeding 1.5 metres significant wave height is smaller than 10 % over a one year period for all-year-round operation, or over a specific restricted period of the year for operation exclusively in such period (e.g. summer period operation), in the course of which it is at no time more than 6 miles from a place of refuge, nor more than 3 miles from the line of coast, where shipwrecked persons can land, corresponding to the medium tide height.*

See Appendix II for details of designated Sea Areas derived on the basis of a significant wave height study and relevant to Class C and Class D passenger ships.

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(Encl: Appendices I & II)

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APPENDIX I

PORT AREAS (SMOOTH WATERS AND PARTIALLY SMOOTH WATERS)

| Place | Areas of Smooth Waters | Areas of Partially Smooth Waters |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Carlingford Lough | Within a line from Greencastle Point to Greenore | In Summer: Inside of a line joining Cranfeld Point and Ballagan Point In Winter: In favourable weather only, within a line drawn from Greenore and Greencastle points to a boundary line drawn from Soldiers Point at 245° to charted ruins at Ballytrasna |
| Dundalk | Westward of Longitude 006°21'W within Castletown Estuary | In Summer and in favourable weather only, within a line joining Cooley Point and Dunany Point |
| Drogheda | Within a line from Crook Point to Burrow Point | In Summer: In favourable weather only, within a radius of 2.6 nautical miles from the eastern tip of the north breakwater and terminating at the northern and southern foreshores respectively In Winter: No partially Smooth Waters |
| Skerries | No Smooth Waters | To St. Patrick's Island in fine weather and daylight only |
| Rogerstown Inlet | West of Longitude 006°06.5'W | No partially Smooth Waters |
| Malahide Inlet | West of Longitude 006°08'W | No partially Smooth Waters |
| Howth Sound | No Smooth Waters | Within a line from the North end of Eastern Breakwater to Thulla and south of a line joining Westwood to Steer Rock |
| Dublin | Inside the Pier Heads | In Summer: Within a line from Dalkey Island to Bailey Point In Winter: (a) for tenders to ocean liners only; within a line from Dalkey Island to Bailey Point, in fine weather. (b) for all other ships; no partially smooth waters |
| Dun Laoghaire | Inside Pier Heads | As Dublin |
| Wicklow | Inside the Pier Heads | In Summer and in favourable weather only, within 2 nautical miles of the pier heads |
| Arklow | Inside the Pier Heads | In Summer and in favourable weather only, within 2 nautical miles of the pier heads |
| Wexford | Inside Wexford Bridge | Within a line from Raven Point to Rosslare Point |

| Place | Areas of Smooth Waters | Areas of Partially Smooth Waters |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Saltees Islands | No Smooth Waters | In Summer: In favourable weather only; licenced passenger boats operating as tenders and with an approved tender safety plan and no more than 50m from the designated landing point specified in the tender safety plan In Winter: No partially Smooth Waters |
| Bannow Estuary | Bannow Bay. Within a line drawn East to West at the entrance to Bannow Bay at 052°12.9' N | In Summer: In favourable weather only within a line between Ingard Point and Clammers Point |
| Waterford | Within a line from Passage to Ballyhack | In Summer: Within a line from Dunmore to Hook Point In Winter: Within a line from Geneva Barrack to Duncannon Light |
| Dungarvan | West of Cunnigar Point | In Summer: Inside a line joining Ballynacourty Point Lighthouse to the western most point of the mainland of Helvick Head In Winter: No partially Smooth Waters |
| Youghal | Within a line from Ferry Point to Green Park | No partially Smooth Waters |
| Cork | Within a line from Ram's Head to Dognose Quay | Within a radius of 3 miles from Roche's Point, in favourable weather |
| Oysterhaven | North of Ferry Point | In Summer: North of Kinure Point In Winter: No partially Smooth Waters |
| Kinsale Harbour | Within a line from Blockhouse Point and Summer Cove | Within a line from Moneypoint and Carrigarone |
| Courtmacsherry | West of 008°41.5' W | In Summer : North of a line joining wood Point and Coolmain Point In Winter: No partially Smooth Waters |

| Place | Areas of Smooth Waters | Areas of Partially Smooth Waters |
|---|---|---|
| Glandore | North of Long Point | In Summer: North of a line joining Sheila Point and Goats Head In Winter: No partially Smooth Waters |
| Castle Haven | East of Reen Point | In Summer: North of Reen Point In Winter: No partially Smooth Waters |
| Crookhaven | West of longitude 009°42' | No partially Smooth Waters |
| Baltimore | In Baltimore Harbour and inside lines drawn between the following points; from Beacon Point to Barrack Point, from Long Point to Deelish Rock and from Deelish Rock to Frolic Point | No partially Smooth Waters |
| Schull | North of a line joining Skull Point and Coosheen Pt. | Gun Point to the West end of Long Island, North of Long Island and inside a line joining Copper Pt. to Coosheen Pt. |
| Dunbeacon Harbour, Dunmanus Bay | No Smooth Waters | Within a line joining Rossmore Point and Dunbeacon Point, in favourable weather only |
| Bantry Bay | From Bantry or Glengariff: Within a line joining Four Heads Point East and inside Whiddy Island From Castletownbere: Inside Bere Island | Castletownbere to within a line from Lonehort Point to White Horse Point, in favourable weather and in daylight only |
| Kenmare (including Ardgroom and Kilmakilloge Harbours) | North of 51°50.0'N | In Summer and in favourable weather and daylight only: East of Longitude 9°54.7'W. In Winter: inside a line joining Dog's Pt and Laughaun Point and North of Rossmorebullig Pt. |
| Blasket Islands and Dunquin | No Smooth Waters | Great Blasket Island – within a 500 metre radius of the pier. Dunquin Harbour – within a 500 metre radius of the pier |
| Valentia | Between lines joining Knightstown and Renards Point and Portmagee Swing Bridge | In favourable weather only, within a line joining Ringcaheragh Point and Scughaport Reef and within a line joining Fort Point to Beginish Island and inside Doulus Bar |
| Ventry Harbour | No Smooth Waters | In Summer and in favourable weather only, within a line joining Parkmore Point and Paddock Point |
| Smerwick Harbour | No Smooth Waters | In Summer: Inside of a line joining Carrigbrean to Dunacapple Island In winter time: No partially Smooth Waters |

| Place | Areas of Smooth Waters | Areas of Partially Smooth Waters |
|---|---|---|
| Brandon Bay | No Smooth Waters | In Summer: Inside of lines joining Brandon Point to Illaunboe to Rough Point |
| Tralee Bay | In Summer and in favourable weather and daylight only: Inside a line joining Fenit Breakwater Light to Derrymore Point | In Tralee Bay south of a line running east through Rough Point |
| Castlemaine Harbour | No Smooth Waters | East of a line joining Rossbehy Point to Inch Point |
| Dingle Harbour | Within a line joining Flaherty Point and Black Point | No partially Smooth Waters |
| The Shannon | East of Rinalan Point | East of a straight line joining Carrig Island, Scatterry Island Lighthouse and the Clare Coast |
| Doolin Point | No Smooth Waters | No partially Smooth Waters |
| Kilronan | No Smooth Waters | In Summer: Within 0.6' from Kilronan Pier In Winter: No partially Smooth Waters |
| Galway | Lough Corrib | (a) for ships when serving as tenders to ocean liners only; within a line from Black Head to Carrahouna Point (b) for all other ships: within a line from Black Rock Beacon to Kilcolgan Point |
| Cashla Bay, Greatmans Bay, Kilkieran Bay | Area of Smooth Waters, <u>in favourable weather only</u> , is considered to be to all waters inside Cashla Bay north of Tonacrick Point, all waters inside of Greatmans Bay north of Rin Point and all waters inside of Kilkieran Bay (and Casheen Bay) east of Kilkieran Point | No partially Smooth Waters |
| Roundstone Bay | No Smooth Waters | In Summer time: North of an east west line through Inishnee Pt. In winter time: No partially Smooth Waters |
| Cleggan /Inishbofin | Within a line from Cleggan Point to Roeillaun | Within the area bounded by lines joining Cleggan Point to Lyon Point and Roeillaun to Shark Head and inside Bofin Harbour, in favourable weather and daylight only |
| Clifden Bay | No Smooth Waters | In favourable weather and daylight only, within a line due North from Fishing Point |
| Ballynakill Harbour | Inside Ross Point | In Summer, favourable weather and daylight only, inside Freaghillaun Island |

| Place | Areas of Smooth Waters | Areas of Partially Smooth Waters |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Killary Harbour | Inside Inishbarna Islands | Within a line from Tonakeera Point to Culfín Point, in favourable weather and daylight only |
| Clew Bay | Area of Smooth Waters, <u>in favourable weather only</u> , is considered to be to all waters to the east of a line joining Curraghmore Point to Inishgort Light House to Rosturk Castle | No partially Smooth Waters |
| Westport | Within a line from Murrisk Pier to Inishgort Light. | No partially Smooth Waters. |
| Achill Sound | North of Darby's Point to 54°00'N (In way of Bull's Mouth) | No partially Smooth Waters |
| Blacksod Bay | Inside Dooniver Point | In favourable weather only, within a line from Blacksod Point to Kinfinalta Point |
| Broadhaven Bay | Within a line from Shanaghy Point to Fox Point | In favourable weather only, from Gubacashel to Brandy Point |
| Sruwaddacon Bay | No Smooth Waters | East of 009° 50' West |
| Clare Island | | Within a line from Roonagh Head to Clare Island East Harbour and Achillbeg Island to Clare Island |
| Killala Bay | Inside Rinnaun Point | Within 3 miles from Ross Point in favourable weather and daylight only |
| Sligo Harbour | Inside Metal Man Rocks. On Lough Gill | Within a line from Raghly Point to Black Rock Point |
| Ballyshannon | Inside the Bar | Within a line from Aughrus Point to Kildone Point in favourable weather and daylight only |
| Donegal | Inside the Bar | Within a line from Doorin Point to Kildone Point in favourable weather and daylight only |
| Killybegs | No Smooth Waters | Inside a line joining Rotton Island to Port Roshin |
| Teelin | | Within a distance of 3 miles from Dundawoona Point in favourable weather and daylight only |
| Burtonport | No Smooth Waters | Within an area bounded by lines from Ranagh Point to Wyon Point and Rinnagey to Rough Island |
| Sheephaven Bay | No Smooth Waters | In Summer: South of 55°12'N In Winter: No partially Smooth Waters |
| Mulroy Bay | Within a line from Dundooan Point and Inbeverbeg Bay | In favourable weather only, within a line from Melmore Head and Ballyhoorisky Point |
| Lough Swilly | Within a line from Bunrana to Muckarnish Point | Within a line from Dunree Head to Portsalon |
| Lough Foyle | Inside a line joining Greencastle and Magilligan Point | No partially Smooth Waters |

The outer limits of the Smooth Water areas specified in the second column above shall be taken to be the corresponding inner limits of the partially smooth water areas specified in the third column.

Unless otherwise indicated these limits apply at all times of the year.

In the above table "summer " means the months of April to October, inclusive, and " winter " means the months of November to March, inclusive.

“Favourable Weather”

As defined in S.I. of 274 of 1985, Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction and Survey) Rules 1985 favourable weather “**means fine, clear settled weather with a sea state such as to cause moderate rolling and/or pitching**”, and as defined in the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Boat) Regulations 2002, as amended, favourable weather “**means weather when the visibility is good and when the combined effects of wind, sea and swell on the passenger boat are never greater than those which would cause moderate rolling or pitching or result in the shipping of green seas on the weather deck or, in the case of an open boat, over the gunwhale.**”

Weather conditions should be such that passengers are not unduly wetted by spray or unduly discomforted by the motion of the vessel.

It is appreciated that each passenger ship may behave differently in varying weather conditions. Factors such as the size, type and sea handling capabilities of the passenger ship together with its intended area of operation must be taken into consideration by the Master prior to each voyage. The Master should have a sound working knowledge of the ship and should be familiar with the behaviour of the vessel under varying weather conditions. The Master should have a good knowledge of the area of operation and should have an updated weather forecast to hand prior to each journey.

APPENDIX II

East Coast of Ireland

Sea Areas, Council Directive 2009/45/EC Carlingford Lough to Tuskar Rock Lighthouse

| Location | Sea Area EU | | Sea Area EU | | Region |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| | Class D Vessels | | Class C Vessels | | |
| | Summer | All Year | Summer | All Year | |
| Carlingford Lough Entrance to Dunany Point | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Carlingford Lough |
| Clogher Head to Cardy Rocks | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Louth Coast |
| Rush to Baily Lighthouse | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Dublin Coast |
| Baily Lighthouse to Dalkey Island | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Dublin Bay |
| Dalkey Island to Wicklow Head (Lighthouse) | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Dublin to Wicklow |
| Wicklow Head to Cahore Point | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Wicklow/Wexford |
| Raven Point to Rosslare Harbour | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Wexford |

South Coast of Ireland

Sea Areas, Council Directive 2009/45/EC
Tuskar Rock Lighthouse to Mizzen Head Lighthouse.

| Region and Location | Sea Area EU | | Sea Area EU | | Region |
|---|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---|
| | Class D Vessels | | Class C Vessels | | |
| | Summer | All Year | Summer | All Year | |
| Carnsore Point to Hook Head | X | X | ✓ | X | South Wexford Coast |
| Hook Head to Brownstown Head | X | X | ✓ | X | Approaches to Waterford |
| Helvick Head to Ballyvoyle Head | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Approaches to Dungarvan |
| Ram Head to Knockadoon Head | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Approaches to Youghal |
| Knockadoon Head to Ballycotton Island | X | X | ✓ | X | Approaches to Ballycotton |
| Power Head to Roberts Head | X | X | ✓ | X | Approaches to Cork |
| Frower Point to Old Head of Kinsale | X | X | ✓ | X | Approaches to Kinsale |
| Old Head of Kinsale to Galley Head | X | X | ✓ | X | Courtmacsherry to Clonakilty |
| Galley Head to Toe Head | X | X | ✓ | X | Rosscarberry to Castle Haven |
| Toe Head to Cape Clear South Harbour | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Approaches to Baltimore and Cape Clear Island |
| Cape Clear North Harbour to Streek Head | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Long Island Bay |

Southwest Coast of Ireland

Sea Areas, Council Directive 2009/45/EC Mizen Head Lighthouse Mizen Head Lighthouse to Loop Head Lighthouse

| Location | Sea Area EU | | Sea Area EU | | Region |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------|
| | Class D Vessels | | Class C Vessels | | |
| | Summer | All Year | Summer | All Year | |
| Rough Point to Crow Rock | X | X | ✓ | X | Tralee Bay |
| Kilcredaun Head to Beal Point | X | X | ✓ | X | Shannon Estuary |
| Beal Point to Kilrush | ✓ | X | ✓ | ✓ | Shannon Estuary |
| Dunmanus Bay East of Longitude 9°40.4'W. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Dunmanus Bay |
| Sheep's Head to Three Castle Head | X | X | ✓ | X | Dunmanus Bay |
| Sheep's Head to Blackball Head | X | X | ✓ | X | Bantry Bay |
| Bantry Bay, East of Longitude 9°32.4'W. | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Bantry Bay |
| Lamb's Head to Cod's Head | X | X | ✓ | X | Kenmare River |
| East of Longitude 9°54.7'W. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Kenmare River |
| Ballinskelligs Bay Hogs Head to Horse Island | X | X | ✓ | X | Ballinskelligs Bay |
| Parkmore Point to Keownglas Head | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Dingle Bay |
| East Sister to Duncapple Islets | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Smerwick Harbour |
| Brandon Point to Inishtooskert Island | X | X | ✓ | X | Brandon Bay |

West Coast of Ireland

Sea Areas, Council Directive 2009/45/EC Loop Head Lighthouse to Eagle Island Lighthouse

| Location | Sea Area EU | | Sea Area EU | | Region |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|--|
| | Class D Vessels | | Class C Vessels | | |
| | Summer | All Year | Summer | All Year | |
| Inside of a line joining Errislannan Point to Inishshark Island to Bofin Harbour to Inishturk Island to Rinvyle Point. | X | X | ✓ | X | Cleggan to Inishshark Island to Inishbofin Island to Inishturk Island. |
| Ballaghaline Point to Trawkeera Point | X | X | ✓ | X | Doolin to Aran Islands |
| Pipe Rock to Clogharone | X | X | ✓ | X | Inisheer to Inishmaan |
| Aillinera to Illaunaur | X | X | ✓ | X | Inishmaan to Inishmore |
| Curranghduff to Golam Head | X | X | ✓ | X | Inishmore to Mainland |
| Black Head to Ballywilliam Point | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Midway Galway Bay |
| Finavarra Point to Mutton Island | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Upper end Galway Bay |
| Inside of a line joining Ardmore Point to Illaunmaan to North Point of Inishbarra Island | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Kilkieran Bay Inner |
| Inside of a line joining Baun Rock to Inishlackan to Treh Point | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Roundstone Bay |
| Baun Rock to Inishlackan to Treh Point | X | X | ✓ | X | Roundstone |
| Clifden Bay. East of Longitude 10°05'W. | ✓ | X | ✓ | ✓ | Clifden |

Northwest Coast of Ireland

Sea Areas, Council Directive 2009/45/EC Eagle Island Lighthouse to Lough Foyle

| Location | Sea Area EU | | Sea Area EU | | Region |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------|
| | Class D Vessels | | Class C Vessels | | |
| | Summer | All Year | Summer | All Year | |
| Erris Head to Kid Island | X | X | ✓ | X | Off Broadhaven Bay |
| Kilcummin Head to Lenadoon Point | X | X | ✓ | X | Killala Bay |
| Lenadoon Point to Ballyconnell Point | X | X | ✓ | X | Sligo Bay |
| Ballyconnell Point to Carrigan Head | X | X | ✓ | X | Donegal Bay |
| St. John's Point to Drumanoo | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Killybegs |
| Inside Aran Island | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | Burtonport |
| South of a line joining Horn Head to Rinnafaghla Point | X | X | ✓ | X | Sheephaven Bay |
| South of a line joining Binrobin to Rinnaskeagh | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Sheephaven Bay |
| South of a line joining Greencastle Pier to Magilligan Point | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Lough Foyle |
| Inishowen Head to Ballyaghlan Point | X | X | ✓ | X | Lough Foyle |