

**1985**  
**Teignmouth**  
**Harbour**  
**Byelaws**

Under

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Revision Order  
1924

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Applying to and extending  
to the Harbour of  
Teignmouth – Devon

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**NOTE**

The expression "The Harbour" in the following Byelaws includes the whole area of water between the mouth of the River Teign and Newton Abbot.

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**Preamble**

In pursuance of the Teignmouth Harbour Order, 1924, the Harbour Docks and Piers Clauses Act, 1847, and of all other powers enabling them in this behalf, the Teignmouth Harbour Commissioners hereby make the following Byelaws:-

**1. Commencement of Byelaws**

These Byelaws shall come into operation on the expiration of fourteen days after the date of the allowance and confirmation thereof by the Minister of Transport. From that date the General Byelaws made for the administration of Teignmouth Harbour under the Teignmouth Harbour Act, 1853 and allowed and approved by one of the Judges of the Superior Courts on 16th July 1855, are hereby repealed.

**2. Interpretation**

In the following Byelaws the expressions "The Commissioners" and "The Harbour" shall bear the meaning defined in Section 3 of the Teignmouth Harbour Order 1924 and the expression "Harbour Master" shall mean the Harbour Master or other Officer duly appointed by the Commissioners to act in such capacity and the Assistants of such Harbour Master or other Officer.

**3. Obedience to orders of Harbour Master**

If the Master, Pilot, or other person having the charge or command of any Ship or Craft shall refuse or neglect to moor such Ship or Craft in such part of the Harbour as the Harbour Master shall direct, or shall refuse or neglect to unmoor or move such Ship or Craft to another part of the Harbour when directed so to do by the Harbour Master then in either of the aforesaid cases it shall be lawful for the Harbour Master to moor or unmoor or move such Ship or Craft.

**4. Obstructing the servants of the Commission**

No person shall obstruct, impede, molest or interrupt, or aid and abet any other person in obstructing, impeding, molesting, or interrupting the Harbour Master in the discharge of his duties.

**5. Obstruction on beach of Harbour**

No person or persons shall place or allow to remain any Timber, Wood, Fish Shells, Stones, or other articles on the Beach of the Harbour unless permission is given in writing by the Harbour Master. Any such obstruction shall be removed within 24 hours notice in writing being given by the Harbour Master to remove the same.

**6. Use of beach of Harbour by Vessels**

No person or persons having charge of any decked boat exceeding 40 feet in length shall allow the same to remain on any part of the Beach of the Harbour for more than seven days at a time without the permission of the Harbour Master except for the purpose of being repaired.

**7. Responsibility of Pilots**

Every Pilot or other person having the charge or command of any Ship or Craft coming into the Harbour is hereby directed not to leave such Ship or Craft until proper chains or ropes are put out for its safety and such Ship or Craft is properly moored to the satisfaction of the Master or owner.

**8. Speed limit in Harbour**

No power propelled Ship or Craft of any kind (excepting Ferry boats belonging to the Teignbridge

District Council) shall be navigated in any part of the waters of the Harbour in such a manner as to cause undue disturbance of the water or inconvenience to other vessels using the Harbour or at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour over the ground except on such occasions as may from time to time be authorised by the Commissioners over a course appointed and regulated as the Commissioners may direct.

**9. Ballast etc. not to be discharged into Harbour**

No tar or other effluents or ballast or rubbish (as defined in the Teignmouth Harbour Order 1924) shall be allowed to escape into or be thrown into the Harbour. No Ship or Craft of any kind shall discharge bilge water into the Harbour except in case of necessity and then only during the first three hours of the ebb tide in the River Teign.

**10. Moorings**

No person shall lay or sink or permit to be laid or sunk below the low water mark of spring tides any mooring anchor or sinker or any mooring chain wire or rope of any kind for the purpose of mooring any Ship or Craft or any floating object in the Harbour unless the consent in writing of the Harbour Master shall be first had and obtained.

**11. Access to Harbour**

After audible warning has been given from a ship or craft about to enter or leave the Harbour by the sounding of a prolonged blast from its whistle, siren or foghorn, no Ship or Craft shall be placed or be permitted to remain within the Harbour in such a position as to obstruct or interfere with access to or egress from the Harbour.

**12. Silencers of Engines**

No person shall navigate in the Harbour any Ship or Craft which is mechanically propelled and which is not fitted with an efficient silencer.

**13. Water Ski-ing, Aquaplaning and Board Sailing**

No person shall take part in water ski-ing, aquaplaning or board sailing except with the written permission of the Commissioners given either specifically or generally, and only in such areas as shall be designated, and in accordance with such reasonable conditions as may be imposed by the Commissioners.

**14. Penalties**

Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50 for each offence.

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The above Byelaws have been confirmed by the Secretary of State and in their present form came into force on the 21st September 1985.

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Attention is drawn to The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act, 1971 under which it is an offence to allow oil to be discharged or to escape into the River or Harbour. Penalties for such an offence vary; the maximum fine being £50,000.