

Further Advice and Information

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Tel: 01626 215666

Environment Agency - Pollution Incident Hotline

Tel: 0800 807060



The Partnership is led by Teignbridge District Council and involves all the relevant Statutory Agencies working together for a sustainable future for the estuary and coastal areas – balancing interests, protecting natural resources and pursuing opportunities for improvement.

Please conduct your craft with care and consideration
Respect other water users and the environment

Teign Estuary Water Users Guidance

The Teign Estuary is used extensively by a wide range of leisure and commercial vessels varying in size from small dinghies and powerboats to commercial fishing boats and merchant ships.

It requires courtesy and understanding from all users so everyone can enjoy their activities or go about their business safely, without causing undue nuisance, creating hazards or impacting on the natural environment and wildlife.

Basic safety reminders:

All vessels should give way to and keep well clear of any ship entering or leaving the harbour. Ships are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre in the channel and have right of way at all times.

Also due consideration must be given to the strength of the current in the entrance and lower estuary during spring tides which can be as much as 5 knots. Particular caution needs to be taken when passing underneath the bridge or through the moorings during these conditions.

All vessels must:

- Comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- Not secure to or obstruct any navigation mark, buoy or beacon.
- Watch their wash. Even a modest wash can be alarming to users in small craft such as tenders, sailing dinghies and canoes.

Keep a good look out at all times and
enjoy the estuary safely

ALL CRAFT - SPEED LIMITS

Estuary - 6 knots for the whole estuary between the Ness at Shaldon and Stover Canal near Newton Abbot.

Open Coast - Powered leisure craft are prohibited between the shore and yellow marker buoys parallel to the shore. Access only via the marked access lanes.



THE HARBOUR PATROL WILL IDENTIFY AND PROSECUTE OFFENDERS



Board Sailing (windsurfing)
Prohibited between Shaldon Bridge and the Ness. Permitted above Shaldon Bridge.



Personal Watercraft (jet-skis)
Prohibited in the estuary, except for passage to and from the sea between sunrise and sunset. Prior to launching all PWC have to complete a registration form and display sticker (cost £5). Available from launch site at Polly Steps (May-Sept), the Harbour Office and Teign Dive Centre.



Water-Skiing
Prohibited in the estuary, except in the designated area near Coombe Cellars for members of the South Devon Water-ski Club. (Temporary membership available. Tel: 07837 019957 for details).

Navigational Marks a reminder

Green buoys or beacons are used to mark the Starboard (right hand side) of the main channel when heading into the estuary from the sea, or up river (East to West).

Red buoys are used to mark the Port (left hand side) of the main channel.

Green (Starboard) or red (Port) warning markers are used to denote a possible hazard – such as an underwater pipe outfall.

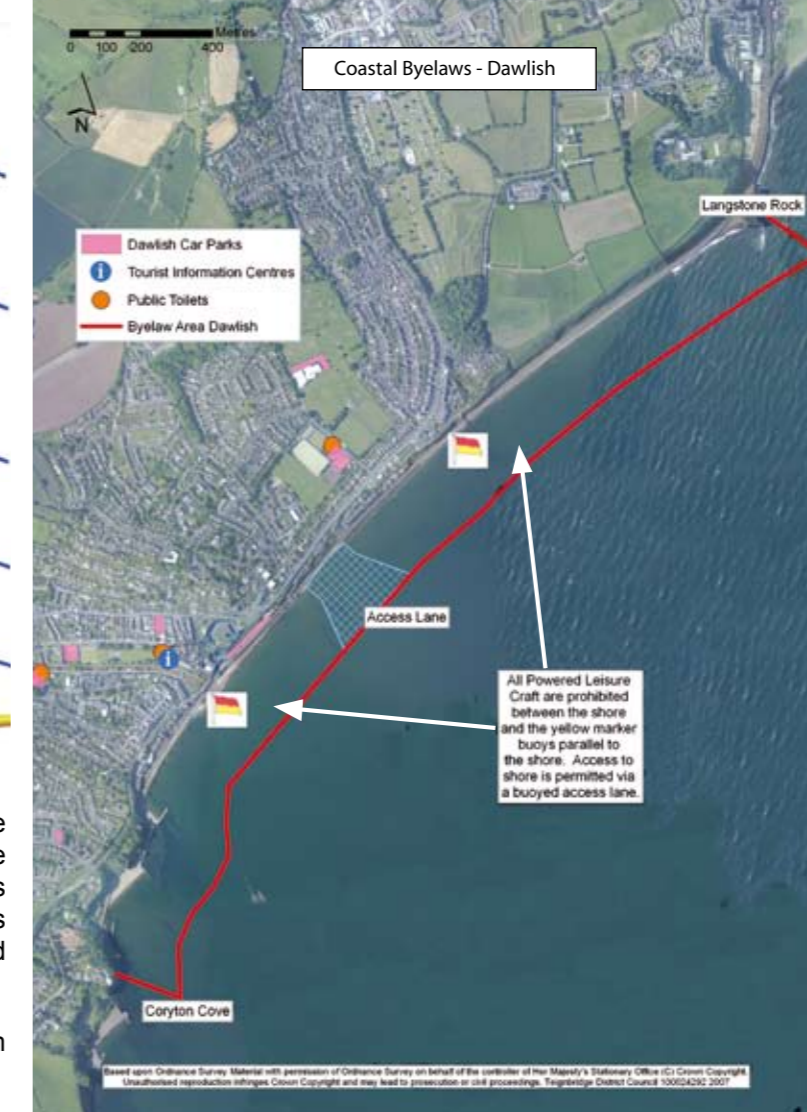
Yellow buoys are used to mark the areas from which leisure craft are prohibited along the bathing beaches on the open coast, and are also used to mark the limits of the water ski area by Coombe Cellars.

Vertical sticks or diamond marks on small red buoys, are sometimes used to mark underwater obstructions such as oyster racks.

The Upper Estuary

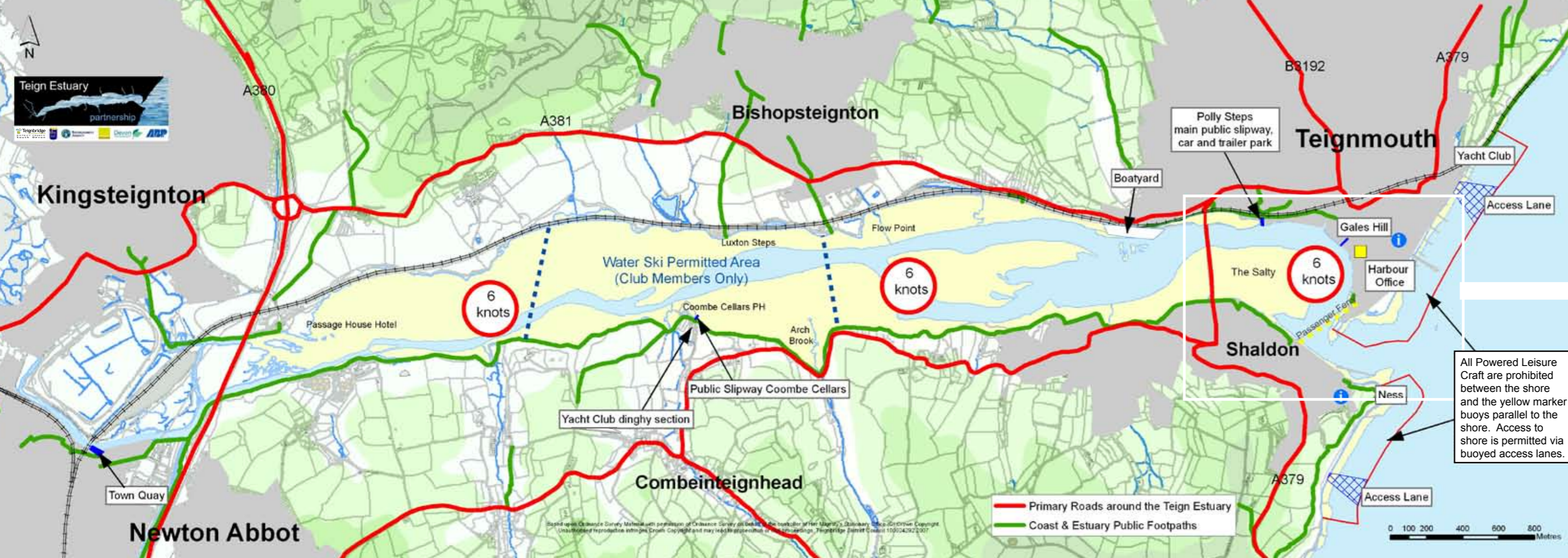
This scenic part of the estuary is navigable by smaller craft, due to the restricted depth of water, to either the Passage House area or to the Town Quay, Newton Abbot. Some caution is needed to follow the channel between the reedbeds and banks in the upper most reaches and it is best to proceed on a flood tide and within 2 hours either side of high water.

The Shaldon Bridge has a height restriction (air draft) of 2.9m at MHS.



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