

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

SALCOMBE HARBOUR – KINGSBRIDGE ESTUARY

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 01 OF 2026

SAFETY WITHIN SALCOMBE HARBOUR

The Salcombe Harbour Authority wants everybody to safely enjoy the harbour and has issued this guidance to mariners.

1. **Wearing of life jackets/buoyancy aids.** Although not mandatory all mariners, and especially children, are very strongly encouraged to wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid when afloat.
2. **Use of Kill Cords.** Power boat helms should always wear a kill cord whenever the engine is running, and check that it works at the start of each day. It is recommended that they are worn around the leg since they can easily slip off when worn around the wrist.
3. **Speed limits.** The speed limit within the harbour is 8 (eight) knots, although there is a 6 (six) knot speed limit north of a line drawn between Salcombe and Smalls Cove (50°14'N) and south of a line drawn between Heath Point and Halwell Point (50°15'.1 N) including all of the waters of Batson and Southpool Creeks. There is also a six knot speed restriction within the Kingsbridge Basin north of 50°16'.5N. (Detailed on the diagram below)
4. **Be 'wake aware'.** Mariners should take care to minimise their wake within the harbour so as not to upset or capsize vessels moored, at anchor or berthed alongside. The speed limit is not a target and quite often an appropriate speed for your surroundings is much slower.
5. **Navigating with care.** Helms are discouraged from using telephones or other apparatus that may cause distraction or loss of concentration while under way.
6. **Navigating while under the influence of drink or drugs.** Navigating while incapable of taking proper control of a vessel through drink or drugs is an offence (bye-law 44).
7. **Calling the emergency services.** In an emergency afloat or along the coast please contact UK COASTGUARD on VHF #16, DSC or telephone 999.

Cancel this LNTM 31 December 2026

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