



PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY LIMITED



Local Notice to Mariners

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STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING IN PORTLAND HARBOUR

Portland Harbour Authority have seen a sharp increase in Stand Up Paddleboarder use in the past few years.

These craft have been responsible for a large proportion of the Harbour Patrol & Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) rescues on the water this year.

Users are reminded of these main safety points. Be a **SEADOG**.

- **SUP** with a friend or group where possible, wear a buoyancy aid, always take a paddle, wear suitable clothing for the time of year, carry a phone in a waterproof pouch, tell someone when/where you are launching from and when you plan to return, in an emergency call 999 and ask for the coastguard.
- **Ensure** your leash is the correct type (see below) Beware of the fast movement of water underneath Ferrybridge, Using the correct leash is really important.
- **ALWAYS** check the prevailing weather and tide conditions before going on the water. If in doubt, don't go out.
- **Do not send young, inexperienced children out on their own.** They may not be strong or competent enough to return to shore safely. Most SUP's and paddles are sized for an adult.
- **Offshore winds.** It may seem sheltered close to the launching area but may take you by surprise a few meters from the beach and carry you downwind very quickly. This is very apparent along the Hamm Beach and near to Billy Winters Café.
- **Get some lessons!** This will enable you to safely enjoy the water and build confidence.

SUP LEASHES



QUICK RELEASE BELT SYSTEM

For use on any moving or flowing water where there is a risk of snag/entrapment

COILED

CALF LEASH

For use on lakes/canals/sea/coastal bays/surf where there is **NO** risk of snag or entrapment.

COILED = General SUP

STRAIGHT = Surf

ANKLE LEASH

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Your Environment...

Where are you paddling? What are the conditions? Depending on where you're paddling and the conditions you face, you might need to wear your leash in a different place for safety and security. Take a look at the diagram to see which leash system suits the environment you paddle.

Coiled or Straight?



Leashes can be coiled/curly or straight. The type of leash is important depending on the environment you paddle.



This Notice is issued under the powers vested by the Portland Harbour Revision Order 1997.

Captain M Shipley
General Manager (Marine)
Harbourmaster
13th October 2023

Owners, Agents, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.