

DART HARBOUR & NAVIGATION AUTHORITY

Local Notice to Mariners 08-09

SPEED LIMIT ON THE RIVER DART

The speed limit on the whole of the River Dart is 6 knots.

We have recently become aware of occasions where craft have greatly exceeded this limit, causing wash and interference to other river users. Prosecutions for excess speed no longer require the authority to quote a specific speed in cases where it can be demonstrated that a craft is clearly exceeding the speed limit. Excess wash is detrimental to the river banks, causes unnecessary erosion resulting in a decrease in depths on the river and also damages moorings. Wash must therefore be kept to a minimum even if this means proceeding at a speed of less than 6 knots.

All river uses are therefore reminded of the need to respect the speed limit and reduce wash where possible.

Captain David White
Harbour Master

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