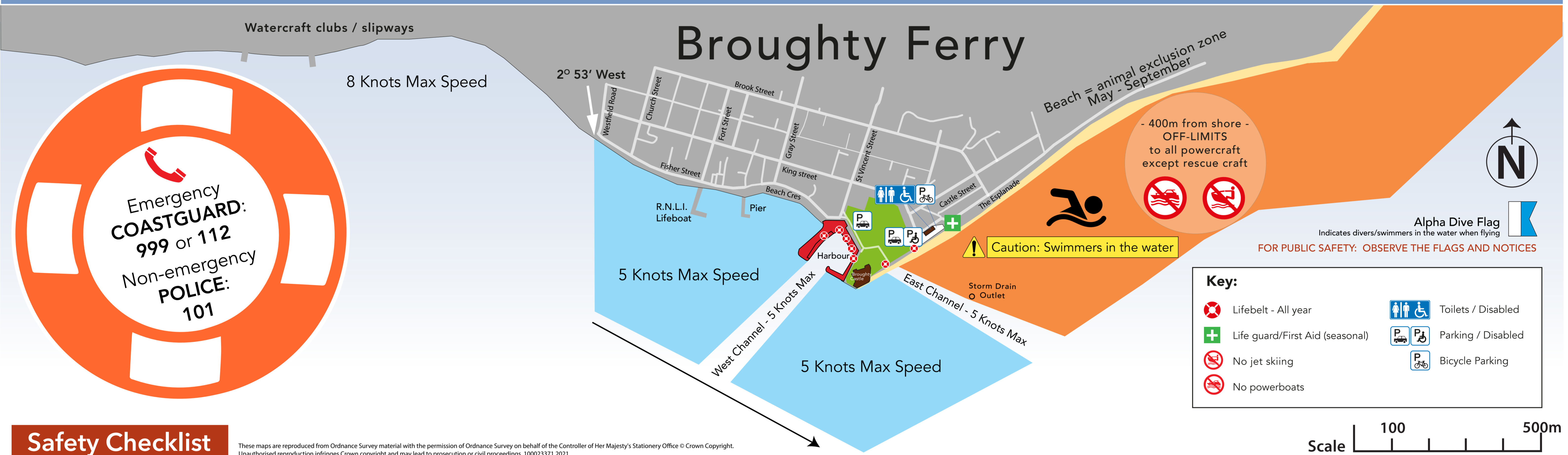


Broughty Ferry Code of Practice for Water Users

The Tay estuary is a beautiful place enjoyed by many people and is great for nature. Please follow this code. Be safe, Be responsible, Be considerate.



Safety Checklist

All water users

Always check the weather and tide times.

Always carry a means of calling and signalling for help.

DO NOT approach vessels navigating the shipping channel.

Let someone ashore know your plans and expected return time.

Be visible (e.g. wear bright clothing, hi-vis swim cap, stay in groups).

DO NOT endanger other water users or wildlife.

Beware of the cold, enter the water slowly and wear a well-fitting wetsuit.

All water users must adhere to the Dundee Port Authority (General) Byelaws 1984 and Port of Dundee General Directions.

Water users must also familiarise themselves with local Notices to Mariners. These documents can be viewed at: www.forthports.co.uk

All craft

Always wear a lifejacket and carry the correct safety equipment.

Inform everyone onboard of emergency procedures.

Get the right level of training for your craft.

Look out for swimmers and small craft, pass them slowly.

All craft should carry a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch for navigational and traffic updates on channel 12 and 16.

All users of mechanically propelled watercraft within the Tay must comply with the designated launch areas, areas for operation, speed limits and exclusion zone as advertised and displayed.

Be responsible

Keep noise and wake to a minimum so as not to impact on people and wildlife nearby.

Access points and slipways should be kept clear at all times.

Prevent litter, bin it responsibly or take it home.

Watch out for wildlife

The Tay is a fantastic place to enjoy wildlife but please give it space.

Let wildlife choose how close it wants to get, don't approach closely or chase, and if you have to pass by, go slowly.

Intentional or reckless disturbance or harassment of marine mammals is an offence punishable by a fine of **£10,000** and/or up to **12 months imprisonment**.

Reports of such incidents should be made to Police Scotland on 101.