

Zonation and Code of Conduct Review Kitesurfers Meeting



Minutes

10:00-12:00 Tuesday 21st February 2017

**Location: Exe Sailing Club, Tornado, Shelly Rd, Exmouth
EX8 1EG**

Attendees

Stephanie Clark, Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP)
Steph Bridge, Edge Watersports
Ralph Collison, Exe Kiteboarders

SC gave an outline of the proposed Voluntary Exclusion Zones (VEZs), accompanied by maps and an explanation why the areas were important.

Drew Langdon teaches powerboating in Kings Lake at entry level, with youth training taking place within the powerboat area. To the right of this are rocks, glass, muddy areas and dries out quickly.

Eric Bridge works with EDDC to put out existing kitesurfing VEZ and is happy to continue to do this.

SB stated that Edge uses area during September and wouldn't like the VEZ to be extended through September. SC has come across literature that suggests that the existing kitesurfing VEZ extended through September (states Sept-Dec in tide tables and 2008 Code of Conduct).

ACTION: SC to check the dates that the original kitesurfing VEZ covers.

SB definitely would want the VEZ to close at the end of December.

SB takes stand-up paddleboarders in whole of Dawlish Warren NNR.

SB concerned about moorings within Dawlish Warren VEZ and thinks that Myles' boat is moored here.

ACTION: SC to re-check whether any moorings are within Dawlish Warren VEZ.

Concern expressed that powerboaters and waterskiers continue to use the area and won't use the area responsibly.

Suggestions to advertise VEZ:

- Facebook groups: Edge and Exe Kiteboarders.
- Signs (behind bus shelter on Queens Drive car park)
- Websites (local information page)
- App.
- Include reason why: eelgrass
- Include "working with EEMP & kitesurfers"

SC stated that an updated kitesurfing Codes of Conduct will be created. SC to send draft to SB and RC to check and cross reference with existing two codes.

Summary of Proposed Suggestions from Kitesurfers Meeting

- Confusion about whether the original kitesurfing VEZ included September. Sept-Dec is stated in tide tables and 2008 Code of Conduct, but what date in September isn't stated. SB doesn't want the VEZ to include September.
- SB wants the closing date of the VEZ at end of December.
- Edge and Exe Kiteboarders can help to advertise VEZ through website and Facebook pages.