

## **Code of Conduct Review Personal Watercraft (PWC) Meeting**



### **Minutes**

**14:00 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**

**Location:** Mamhead Slipway / Street Scene Camperdown Terrace Depot, Exmouth

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#### **Attendees**

Stephanie Clark, Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP)  
Ian Cudd, Exe PWC User Group  
Pete Blyth, Beach Safety Officer (East Devon District Council)  
Colin Acton, Waterways Team Manager (Exeter City Council)  
Dave Turner, Engineering Projects Manager (East Devon District Council)  
Additional PWC Users

#### **1. Issues being encountered at Mamhead Slipway**

Discussion at Mamhead Slipway.

#### **2. Introduction to Review of Codes – SC**

Suggested Codes:

1. Kite/windsurfing (to include kitebuggying?)
2. Jet skiing/personal water craft (PWC) use
3. Sailing
4. Powerboating
5. Waterskiing/wakeboarding (or link to above?)
6. Paddle-sports (canoeing / kayaking / rowing / gig rowing / Stand Up Paddleboarding)
7. Crab tiling
8. Bait digging and cockle raking (bait collection / shellfishing)
9. Dog walking
10. Angling
11. General code of conduct for all users
12. Dawlish Warren

- Content – will base on existing codes and national guidance.
- Designs of codes will be all similar, for a consistent approach and message.

Need to find out what would work best for each user group, as well as update content.

Need to discuss what to keep and what to amend in existing Exe PWC Code, e.g. slipway on map. Also need to look at codes from other areas, for ideas of what would be useful to add.

### 3. Discussion on Codes

Q: Would the PWC code work best as separate code, rather than include in a general code / joint booklet? e.g. Severn EMS: <https://www.asera.org.uk/good-practice-guidelines/>

- Yes.

Q: Printed or electronic?

- Both

Q: Size of leaflet?

- Current size - A5. Or fold in half to A6.

Q: Does it need to be water resistant?

- Probably not.

Q: How to promote, e.g. sailing member's handbook, newsletter, club websites, distribute printed copies within clubs, etc.

- Hand out codes at Sandy Bay. Possibly Ladram Bay?

Include:

- Go out to sea.
- Need buoys – keep to that side. Yellow used normally. Channel is issue.
- Can this code link with powerboats? Byelaws and areas are different though. Check content similarities once drafted both codes.

**ACTION:** Crossover between trawlers and PWC area – need to check with Trinity / MMO.

SC will draft and send out by email for feedback.  
Draft designs will be on EEMP website Jan-Feb.

### 4. Discussion on Registration

- Needs involvement from CA and PB.
- Could register on website.
- Possible £5 charge – can offer anything for charge? E.g. discounted parking.
- Registration for all powered craft.

**ACTION:** SC to put IC in touch with CA and PB.

**ACTION:** SC to send dates of meetings to PB.