



ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

MARINE DEPARTMENT

ROTHESAY HARBOUR

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 3 of 2023

INTRODUCTION OF M.S. WATERCRAFT ORDER 2023

The above Order is designed to ensure that Owners and Operators of watercraft (including jet skis and other small craft) in use in UK waters are held accountable for their acts or omissions whilst using their craft.

The Order applies to watercraft which are defined as a motorised vessel which is capable of moving under its own mechanical power, is used, navigated or situated wholly or partly in or on water, and is capable of being used to carry one or more person(s).

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The Order also provides for the use of Sections 58 and 60 of the Merchant Shipping Act with the owner, user or operator of such craft being liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment of up to 2 years or an unlimited fine, or both.

More information on the Order can be found on:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2023/35/introduction/made>

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