

Operation Governor

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhance the safety of all water users within the Dockyard Ports of Gareloch and Loch Long, the Ministry of Defence Police monitor the speed of all vessels using this area. We do this using the latest sophisticated radar equipment, both onboard our police launches and RIBS, and from within our control room. This equipment is in action all day, every day! Because of the increased risk to life caused by speeding vessels during summer months, we will be stepping up our campaign from July to September.

For everyone's sake, Heed your Speed!



The legally enforceable speed limits are:

Rhu Restricted Channel	7 knots
Faslane/Couport Restricted Areas	7 knots
Eisewhere in the Dockyard Ports	12 knots

Should you require to exceed these speed limits for such purposes as water skiing etc, you can apply to the Queens Harbour Master at HMNB Clyde who has the authority to issue a licence which permits this.

Other Restrictions in this area

Be aware that the Dockyard ports are busy areas, with both Royal Naval and merchant vessels constantly on the move. It is in your own interests that you familiarise yourself with the port closure signals used at HMNB Clyde, RNAD Couport and at the Rhu narrows.

Faslane and Couport Signals

- Lights: Three Green.
- Flag: Pennant No. 9, Red, Yellow, Black and White quarters



Rhu Narrows Signals

- Lights: One Red, Two Green.
- Flag: Red with a White diagonal stripe.



When these signals are displayed, **No vessel shall enter that area, apart from HM Submarines and escort craft.**

THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY!

The above signals will be displayed at HMNB Clyde, RNAD Couport, the Green Isle, Rosneath, Navy Buildings in Greenock, and by all escorting tugs and patrol craft

The Faslane, Couport and Rhu Narrows Bylaws 1986 make it an offence to enter or cause any vessel to enter the areas known as "PROTECTED AREAS" Get to know where these areas are. If in doubt ask a police launch on VHF Channel 73. This bylaw is permanently and rigidly enforced.

Ministry of Defence Police Clyde Marine Unit BOATWATCH



As part of our ongoing commitment to the marine community in this area, we hold an up to date register of vessels moored within the Dockyard Ports. If any of our patrol boats notices a problem with your vessel, we will endeavour to get a message to you as soon as possible.

This service is offered at no cost.

If you wish your vessel to be included in this scheme, whether large or small, sail or power, please fill in your details overleaf and return it to:

Boatwatch
Ministry of Defence Police
Clyde Marine Unit
HMNB Clyde
Dunbartonshire
G84 8HL

Tel: 01436 677291

Alternatively you can pass it to any MOD Police Officer- **WE ARE HERE TO HELP!!**