

Loch Lomond Bye-laws 2007 - Powerboat Speed Restrictions



Areas of the loch have been designated as Speed Reduction Zones, in which the speed limit is 11 kph = 7 mph = 6 knots. See diagram on next page. The Club has been granted exemption from the speed restrictions, however there are strict conditions attached. The conditions, in summary, are:

1. The club boats are marked with the word "SAFETY", by means of hoods over the outboards (or similar) for the RIBs and for rigid hull boats by clear lettering on both sides.
2. Increased speeds over 11kph will be kept to an absolute minimum and only to render assistance to craft requiring assistance or to position a craft in a location to best ensure the safety of craft in their care.
3. The 11kph limit will be observed during mark laying operations except in weather conditions when the time to lay marks, observing the speed limit is likely to endanger the safety of individuals and craft participating in events organised by the club.
4. During powerboat training the 11kph should be observed and any manoeuvres requiring to be carried out at speed should be conducted outwith the 11kph areas unless the weather conditions are such that said manoeuvres are likely to pose a threat to the safety of students.

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DO not rely on the GPS for an indication of speed: To keep below 11kph, run in Displacement mode - i.e. **When the boat is NOT planing.** (See pictures below).

Outside restricted areas speed should be as appropriate. – Know the limits of the speed restricted areas.

<p>To be certain that you are within the 11kph restrictions. -</p> <p>Aim to travel at “Gurgling speed”- this will be slightly less than the true displacement speed. -</p> <p>The boat runs flat, creates very little waves and wake.</p> <p>Water/wake has a distinctive “Gurgling” sound.</p> <p>Very economical on fuel</p>	 <p><i>At gurgling speed the hull produces few waves.</i></p>
<p>Running at the limit of displacement speed -</p> <p>Creates huge wash, is noisy, will make you very unpopular with those racing (and of course other loch users).</p> <p>Very expensive on fuel.</p>	 <p><i>At displacement speed the wash is phenomenal. This is antisocial when boats are on moorings or people are lazing by the water.</i></p>

NOTICE

11 kph (7 mph = 6 knots) Speed Reduction Zones

All crews should make themselves familiar with the zones and note that they cover a substantial part of our race area.

