

In partnership with:



Approved Management Agent:  
Safewater Training Ltd  
68 Victoria Parade  
New Brighton  
Wallasey  
CH45 2PH

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Dear Applicant,

## 2024 Launching and Foreshore permits application form

Permits for the 2024 boating season are now available from:

Safewater Training Ltd  
68 Victoria Parade  
New Brighton  
Wirral  
CH45 2PH  
[info@safewater.co.uk](mailto:info@safewater.co.uk)  
Telephone: 0151 630 0466

Permit fees for the 2024 season (set by Wirral Council) are:

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| Powered craft   | £120 |
| Unpowered craft (for example, Sail) (New Brighton only) | £50  |
| Commercial craft  | £185 |
| Vehicle only permit                                     | £50  |

## How to apply and pay

Payments are accepted online to Wirral Council at:

- [wirral.gov.uk/make-payment](http://wirral.gov.uk/make-payment) > Pay online by card > Other Payments > Slipway Permit Payments
- make a note of the amount paid and the online payment reference (to input on page 3 below)

This application form should then be completed and taken or sent, along with the following items to Safewater Training Ltd for your permit to be issued:

- proof of payment to Wirral Council (online reference number)
- certificate of competence (RYA Level 2, RYA PWC Proficiency, RYA ICC Power)
- craft certificate of insurance
- towing or launching vehicle certificate of insurance
- two passport size photographs
- stamped self-addressed envelope (if postal application)

Permit applications will not be processed unless all the above documentation is provided. By returning your completed form, you are giving consent for Safewater to provide your personal details including name, address, photograph, and vehicle details to Wirral Council. (see terms and conditions on page 4).

Wirral Council is in the process of installing an automated barrier and CCTV camera at the Victoria Road South, New Brighton, slipway. In addition to the seasonal Bye Law Officers, this will help control access to the foreshore 24/7 365-days per year. This barrier will be linked to the council's Emergency Control Centre (ECC). Access will be provided primarily based on the vehicle registration(s) listed on the respective permit application and provided to Wirral Council. The barrier will have an intercom, direct to the ECC 24/7, should there be any need to speak with an officer.

## Notes for filling in Vehicle, Launching and Recovery permit application

### Photographs

- two passport type photographs are required for all Vehicle, Launching and Recovery permits.

### Certification

- all PWC and Jet-ski riders are required to hold the RYA Personal Watercraft Certificate of Proficiency
- all recreational and commercial powered craft users are required to hold the RYA Level 2 National Powerboat Certificate or its equivalent
- all users of Sailing Dinghies should hold the RYA Level 2 National Sailing Scheme certificate (or be able to produce logbook demonstrating suitable level of experience)

### Purpose for access

- 'recreation' includes recreational fishing, diving, racing boats, water skiing, PWC
- only tick 'commercial' if the operator is making their living in total or part from their activities

Copies of Certificate of Proficiency, Vehicle Insurance Certificate, Craft or Vessel Insurance Certificate or IFCA Card and Company Tax information will be required.

### Authorised Slipways for PWC's, jet-skis and powered craft

- PWCs and jet-skis are restricted to Victoria Road South, New Brighton [No.3].
- All powered craft or vessels other than PWCs or jet-skis are restricted to Victoria Road South, New Brighton [No.3], Moreton Embankment [No.7] and Dove Point, Meols [No.8].

### Restricted Slipways

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| Harrison Drive [No.6]          | Sailing boats only                          |
| Dee Lane, West Kirby [No.14]   | Hilbre Tenants and Cockling only            |
| Sandy Lane, West Kirby [No.17] | Unpowered Craft only                        |
| Thurstaston [No.15]            | Dee Sailing Club or Commercial Fishing only |
| Banks Road, Heswall [No.16]    | Access to moorings or unpowered craft only  |

### Access to the following slipways by special permission only:

Egremont [No's 1 and 2], Victoria Road North, New Brighton [No.3], Portland, New Brighton [No.5], Sand Heys, Meols [No.9], Hoyle Road, Hoylake [No.10], Trinity Road, Hoylake [No.11], Kings Gap, Hoylake [No.12], Stanley Road, Hoylake [No.13]. Under normal circumstances, these slipways will be kept locked.

### Declaration of Insurance

All applicants are required to prove that they have the appropriate insurance for both vehicle and craft. Permit applications will not be processed unless accompanied by proof of current insurance.



# Vehicle, Launching and Recovery Permit Terms and Conditions

## Launch and Recovery at user's own risk

1. The following craft or vessels are exempt from permit charges. Any tender to craft lying on mooring, authorised craft involved and insured in safety or rescue duties.
2. The permit holder must when requested to do so by any authorised servant of the council produce the said permit.
3. The authorised vehicle must only be driven along the most reasonable direct route between the slipway and point of destination provided always that it shall not be driven across a populous part of the foreshore except in the event of an emergency.
4. The authorised vehicle shall be driven at reasonable speeds having regard to prevailing conditions (max 15mph) provided always that where the route being used necessarily traverses a populous part of the shore, due care and attention is given to other beach users.
5. A valid vehicle excise licence should always be held on the authorised vehicle.
6. No litter or other waste material including fish, shellfish or bait shall be deposited on the foreshore or any adjoining land.
7. Any authorised slipway or launching area shall be kept clear and unobstructed at all times.
8. The driver is authorised to use only those slipways specified on permit.
9. The driver of authorised vehicle shall carry his or her driving licence with them at all times and produce on request to any authorised servant of the council.
10. Only vehicles able to gain access to the shellfish beds are permitted on to the foreshore for the purposes of cockling.
11. All statutory provisions, regulations and orders must be observed, and notices or other documents received pursuant to any such requirement, provision, regulation, or order must be produced to the council forthwith.
12. The permit holder shall indemnify Wirral Council, its officers, servants or agents against any expense, liability, loss, claim, proceedings, damages, or costs arising by statute, common law or tort in relation to a third party caused or occasioned by their wrongful or negligent act or omission.
13. The permit holder shall indemnify Wirral Council, officers, servants or agents against any expense, liability, loss, claim, proceedings, damages, or costs arising from their said use of the property other than they shall not be responsible for any expenses, losses, claims, proceedings, damages, or costs attributed to events outside their control and not caused by their negligent acts or omission or the negligent acts or omissions of others.
14. The permit holder agrees to compensate Wirral Council in respect of any loss of or damage to property caused or occasioned by their wrongful or negligent act or omission.
15. The permit holder shall on demand submit for approval to the council an acknowledgement from their insurer confirming their acknowledgement of Wirral Council's interest as the owners of the land upon which the insured vehicle will at times be used.
16. The permit holder shall not at any time park their vehicle on the foreshore or slipway or any embankment adjacent thereto. Failure to comply with this will result in the withdrawal of the permit.
17. This permit shall automatically determine without prejudice to the remedies of the council in respect of anything previously done or suffered hereunder if any breach of these conditions occur.
18. The permit holder shall not leave any vehicle, equipment, articles or materials on the foreshore or slipway or any embankment adjacent thereto.
19. The permit holder shall not collect or cause or permit the collection of any shellfish for human consumption unless he intends to dispose of the same to firms or persons registered with the Port Health Authority.
20. The permit can be revoked at any time following nonadherence to any of these conditions.
21. Three or four wheeled motorbikes or ATV's or similar, to be used for the sole purpose of cockling and transported to and from the cockle beds on a trailer, and then only used on the cockle beds to tend the trailer.
22. No person under the age of 16 is permitted to drive any powered craft unless they hold the appropriate certificate of competence and are accompanied at all times by a qualified adult over the age of 18. (Accompanied means in or on the craft at all times)
23. Swapping PWC rider on the foreshore is prohibited unless all riders hold the RYA Personal Watercraft Certificate of proficiency and are named or covered on the craft insurance certificate. Failure to comply with this will result in withdrawal of permit.
24. The permit holder is responsible for the behaviour of anyone using their craft.
25. All powered craft users are required to hold the RYA Level 2 National Powerboat certificate or its equivalent.
26. All PWC or Jet Ski users are required to hold the RYA Personal Watercraft Certificate of Proficiency or its equivalent.
27. All sailing dinghy users are expected to hold the RYA National Sailing Scheme Level 2 certificate or its equivalent.
28. All boats are required to display a valid permit sticker.
29. The permit holder agrees that Safewater Training Ltd can share their personal and vehicle details (including photograph) with Wirral Council for the purposes of the administration of this permit scheme.