

River Tay Jet Skiers

Code of Conduct

We, the undersigned, volunteer to agree to the following conduct, to balance the interests of responsible jet skiers on the River Tay at Perth, with the local communities' concerns over noise and other disturbance.

Area of Activity

We will operate jet skis on the River Tay within the area marked in pink on the attached map (Appendix 1).

Activity Hours

We will carry out our activities within the following hours:

- 8.30 am on water until 9.00 pm off water. A window of 30 minutes at slip before and after is allowed for unloading/loading.
- Usually our hours of usage will be 4pm – 9pm (Monday to Friday) and 9.00 am – 9.00 pm (during the weekend).

Duration in Water

We will not carry out our activities for periods of longer than 2 hours on any one day, although tide conditions may mean this will be shorter duration.

Numbers of Users

We will restrict our activities so that no more than 6 users will be on the water at any one time. Wherever practicable no more than 3 users will operate between Perth Railway Bridge and Perth Bridge at any one time, except for the purpose of using the railway bridge slipway. However in peak summer we cannot control independent craft users.

Number of Occasions on Water

Our activities are dictated by tide levels, therefore there are only certain times of the year that we can carry out this activity. Usually a minimum tide of 3.8m is required. Tide times can be found at <http://www.perthharbour.co.uk/perth-harbour-tide-tables.html>
Weather conditions may mean that we may not be able to operate on certain days.

An average for the year for jet ski activity is 20-25 hours.

Noise Reduction

We will only use Jet Skis which have EU certification for noise emission standards.

We will ensure our craft are fitted with silencers and these will be in good working order.

We monitor our skis periodically to check noise emissions and are currently between 88-96 decibels (15 metres from the side of the jet ski, operating on the water). If however any of our jet skis are found to exceed those noise levels, it will be withdrawn until it complies.

If there are concerns over any particular craft, we will measure the noise emissions to ensure they are meeting manufacturers standards.

Speeds

Speed limits of 5 mph at the harbour mouth entrance and 10mph going past Friarton yacht club will be observed. Craft are usually quieter at higher speed.

Identification of Craft

Each of our craft will have a number clearly marked on it so that any concerns with a particular user can be dealt with by identifying that person.

We will keep a list of numbers and users, and will share that information if requested by the Police or Perth & Kinross Council.

Parking of Vehicles

We will be considerate to other users of the footpath and road carriageway and will not block the footpath above Perth Railway Bridge slipway when unloading our craft. We will also be considerate and will not block the slipway once the user has unloaded or loaded their jet ski.

Wildlife

Right of way will always be given to any wildlife on the water. Jet skis will also stay away from the shoreline to avoid nesting wildlife except when landing, or due to a breakdown.

Safety

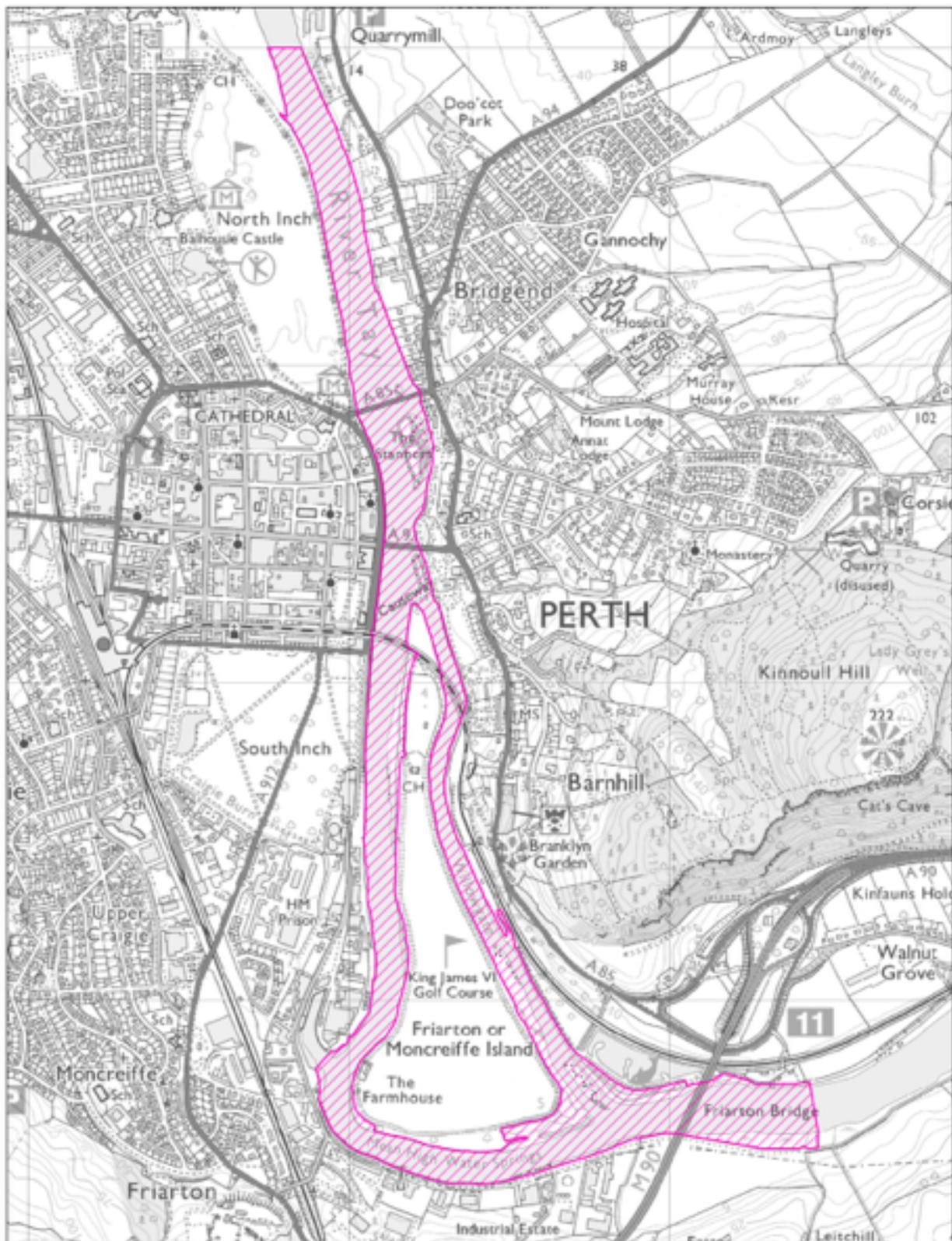
The safety of users and others is paramount to us. We will operate safely at all times and where there is more than one user we will operate at a safe distance from each other.

Communication

We commit to sharing the Code with other Jet Ski users on this stretch of water and encourage them to abide by the content of this Code.

Signed Name

Appendix 1 - Jet Ski Area



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