

**Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport  
Olbia Port Authority**

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**ARTICLE 8**

**Discipline on the use of Windsurfing, Kite-surfing, jet skis, Water scooters, Jet-surf, Jet-sky, Sea scooter and similar vessels, as well as on the activity of "towed snorkeling" and on the use of "freewheeling"**

1. Navigation and use of sailboards (windsurfing)

1.1 Windsurfers can sail, in morning hours, at a distance not exceeding 1 (one) mile from the coast. Navigation is prohibited:

- in all those areas reserved for bathing where there are no appropriately delimited launch corridors. in this case, in the strip of sea reserved for bathing there is the obligation to sail with the sail lowered.
- within the ports and along the access routes to them, all year round.

1.2 Those intending to engage in this activity must wear an approved lifejacket.

2. Navigation and use of kite-surfing

2.1 The exercise of Kitesurfing can only be done during the day.

2.2 The practice of Kitesurfing is subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- a) the use is allowed to those who have reached 14 (fourteen) years of age;
- b) during use it is mandatory to permanently wear an individual life-saving device and a protective helmet;
- c) it is compulsory to equip the vehicle with a safety device that allows the wing to open and the consequent foiling, however keeping it tied to the person;
- d) it is compulsory to use safety systems that allow the conductor to disengage and, in extreme cases, to abandon the sail (cd. ala), or use a suitable tool to cut the ropes (so-called lines) in case of emergency;
- e) it is forbidden to lift the wing off the ground if there are people or obstacles within a radius of 100 meters downwind;
- f) it is forbidden to leave the kitesurf unattended without having disconnected at least one side of the wing.

2.3 It is forbidden to conduct the aforementioned boards:

in the area reserved for bathing;

in the port waters and in those immediately facing the mouth of the same, as well as in the areas of anchorage reserved for ships at anchor in the Gulf of Olbia:

near maritime signals and fishing facilities;

at a distance of less than 100 meters from ships, boats or watercraft at anchor or at sea or from swimmers and scuba divers.

It is also forbidden:

land or depart, with the aforementioned boards if supported by the kite wind, from free beaches not equipped with a special launch corridor;

fly over the beaches and, in general, the coasts frequented by tourists and bathers.

2.4 The departure and re-entry on board the vehicle must take place exclusively using special launch corridors dedicated to the activity of kitesurfing. They can be installed - upon request for authorization from the competent territorial body - by dealers, charterers, associations, etc.

2.5. These corridors must have the following characteristics:

minimum length: 200 meters;

width: beachfront at least 30 meters + wide opening at least 60 meters;

they must be delimited laterally by two lines of orange coloured buoys placed at a maximum distance of 20 meters from each other;

the mooring post of the buoys constituting the aforementioned lines must be connected to each other on the bottom by means of a non-floating line;

to facilitate the identification of the corridors returning to the beach, the last external buoy(right and left) placed at the limit of the 200-meter line must be orange and have a 80 cm, indicating the name of the holder and the authorization number; each buoy must bear the words "KITE SURF OUTPUT CORRIDOR - BATHING PROHIBITED" -.

This prohibition must also be reported on a special sign located on the shoreline at the entrance to the corridor.

Furthermore;

- the departure and return, through the launch corridors dedicated to KiteSurfing, must take place with the "body drag" technique (ie by being dragged by the kite with the body immersed in water, up to a distance of not less than 100 meters from the shoreline);

- in the corridor the transit of one KiteSurf is allowed at a time, with the right of way to the returning vehicle;

- The holder of the authorization is responsible for the arrangement and perfect maintenance of the corridor signage.

2.6 The provisions of this point 2 apply throughout the year with the exception of art. 2.3 1, and

articles 2.4 @ 2.5,

### 3. Navigation and use of water scooters or jet skis and similar boats

3.1. Without prejudice to the provisions regarding navigation limits from the coast by Art. 27 paragraph 3 para or of Legislative Decree 171/2005 and ss.immii., As well as the prohibitions within the marine protected area "Tavolara - Punta Coda Cavallo", the use of pleasure craft called watercraft , jet skis, jet-skies and similar boats is subject to the following conditions:

- during the summer bathing season, the launching, hauling, departure and the landing is allowed from the ports, landings and structures for assistance to pleasure boating, as well as from the appropriate launch corridors, at a maximum speed of 3 (three) knots;

- in the remaining period of the year, launching, hauling, departure and landing is allowed from any point on the coast.

3.2 For driving jet skis or jet skis and similar vehicles, the age of majority and a boat license are required, in accordance with Legislative Decree 18 July 2005 no. 171 (pleasure boating code) and by the Ministerial Decree of 29 July 2008, n. 146 (regulation implementing the nautical code),

3.3. It is recognized that the person in command of the unit (commander), in possession of the relevant qualification title, does not coincide with the driver of the vehicle. This possibility is only allowed:

a) the captain is present on board the unit and if he / she is in possession of a nautical license obtained for at least one year;

b) if the vehicle is equipped with automatic safety devices that can be activated by the commander that prevail over the manual controls activated by the driver, causing their total deactivation;

c) if the prevalence of the aforementioned automatic safety devices can be found in the certification issued by the vehicle manufacturer;

d) if the commander has direct control over the conduct of the craft in case of need.

During navigation, allowed only during the day with favourable weather and sea conditions over 200 meters from the coast and at a distance of no more than 1 (one) mile from the coast, an individual life jacket must be worn regardless of the distance from the coast. This provision also applies to persons transported.

Jet skis or personal watercraft and similar means of safety devices / equipment must necessarily be equipped with an automatic return accelerator, as well as a device on the ignition circuit which ensures that the engine stops in the event of a fall of the conductor installed in such a way clearly visible as well as its attack on the pilots.

### 4. Navigation and use of "jet-surf":

The practice of jet-surfing is subject to compliance with the following conditions:

a) The use is allowed to those who have completed 14 (fourteen) years of age and in any case under the supervision of an adult expert in swimming;

b) The jet-surf can only be carried out during the day and in guaranteed favourable weather and sea conditions;

c) For the landing & for the departure, if with its own propulsion with a speed not exceeding three knots, there must be a launch corridor otherwise with the engine off you must proceed with your arms using the "body drag" technique (ie: being dragged by the board with the body immersed in water, up to a distance of not less than 200 meters from the shoreline);

The navigation must take place with its own propulsion with a speed not exceeding three knots only over 200 meters from the coast and, in any case, within 1 mile from the coast with an individual life-saving device and a protective helmet.

For the conduct of jet surfing it is not mandatory to have a boat license,

#### 5. Propulsion unit with device called "freewheeling"

"Freewheeling" means a propulsion means with a propeller, protected or unprotected, operated by hand by means of a crank, the hub of which is positioned on a unit by means of a clamp or similar, designed for use at sea for excursions on the surface, capable of carrying one or more people,

The use of propelled units with a device called "freewheeling" is prohibited in the stretches of water intended for bathing.

#### 6. Variable trim propeller water thrusters designed for underwater excursions, swimming and snorkelling called "Sea scooter"

By sea scooter we mean a propulsion vehicle with a protected propeller operated by a normally electric motor, equipped with automatic stop devices in case of abandonment by the conductor, designed for use at sea for surface excursions, diving, swimming - and snorkeling, capable of dragging a person.

The use of the sea scooter is subject to compliance with the following conditions:

a) driving is allowed only during the day. During the summer bathing season, conduction is prohibited in areas reserved for bathing (or in any case forbidden to navigation) or otherwise frequented by swimmers.

b) the driver, if under the age of 14, must use the vehicle under the supervision of an adult, expert in swimming;

c) the conductor, when submerged, must be specially marked on the surface, in analogy to what is provided for underwater activity, with a float equipped with a red flag with a white diagonal stripe, tied to a rope of maximum length of 60 meters visible to a distance of not less than 300 meters.

#### 7. Sporting-nautical activity called "Trailed Snorkeling" or similar.

7.1 This activity consists in carrying out snorkelling using the towing of a sled / wing on which the handles are obtained, to which the bather is connected, allowing him to vary the towing depth. Towing is performed at low speeds from boat to motor,

7.2. The performance of this activity is bound by compliance with the following requirements:

2) the conductor of the towing boat, who must be in possession of a boat license, must be accompanied by another person expert in swimming:

b) the vessel used (with the exception of the water scooter) must have hydrojet or propeller propulsion shielded so as not to allow contact of the propeller with the towed bather;

- c) the bather must be specially marked on the surface, in analogy to the provisions for underwater activity, with a float equipped with a red flag with a white diagonal stripe, tied to a rope with a maximum length of 30 meters visible at a distance of no less at 300 meters; similarly, a red flag with a white diagonal stripe must be hoisted on the towing boat;
- d) use of a polypropylene tow rope;
- e) towing speed which does not cause damage to the person being towed and which does not cause waves;

the towing vehicle, in addition to the equipment provided based on the navigation actually carried out, must be equipped with an adequate first aid kit, a life jacket with 30 meters of floating line and a device for reversing the gear and putting the engine in neutral;

the towing vehicle must also be equipped with a tow hook type hooking system for the towing cable and a large convex rear-view mirror;

the lateral safety distance between the towing vehicle and the other boats must be greater than 100 meters;

possibility of towing a single bather;

prohibition to use, for the bather, of any kind of water-based self-contained breathing apparatus;

obligation of the bather to be towed within 30 meters from the boat but not less than 10 meters.

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