

## **TAVOLARA PROTECTED MARINE AREA RULES & ZONING MAP**

The Tavolara – Punta Coda Cavallo Protected Marine Area was established through Law 979 of 1992, Law 394 in 1991, decree from the Ministry for the Environment on 12 December 1997 and additional amendments. The management of the area is entrusted to a consortium of three municipalities: Olbia, Loiri – Porto San Paolo and San Teodoro. The area is 15,000 hectares large and is divided into three zones, each with different protection levels.

Inside the Tavolara – Punta Coda Cavallo Marine Protected Area, the following zones are defined, and accompanying rules established, by the founding Ministerial Decree (12 December, 1997) and updated with the Ministerial Decree of 28 November 2001:

### **1) Zone A - MARINE RESERVE**

The following activities are permitted in Zone “A”:

- Entrance to the area by Marine Area staff and authorized researchers present for scientific purposes;
- Guided underwater visits, authorized by Marine Area management, in areas with established routes, keeping in mind the sensibility of the environment.

The following activities are prohibited in Zone “A”:

- Swimming or bathing;
- Professional or sport fishing;
- The use of water craft (except official Marine Protected Area craft).

### **2) Zone B - GENERAL RESERVE**

The following activities are permitted in Zone “B”:

- The use of boats and other water craft at a speed of under 10 knots;
- Underwater visits, following the rules of the Protected Marine Area;
- Swimming or bathing;
- Mooring to berths installed by the Area managing authority;
- Professional fishing by residents of towns bordering the Protected Marine Area within regulated weight limits by using environmentally sensitive equipment.

The following activities are prohibited in Zone “B”:

- Trawling and similar fishing techniques;
- Sport fishing.

### **3) Zone C - PARTIAL RESERVE**

The following activities are permitted in Zone “C”:

- Transit of boats and crafts;
- Mooring to berths installed by Area management;
- Underwater diving (while respecting the surroundings);
- Professional fishing by residents of towns bordering the Protected Marine Area within regulated weight limits by using environmentally sensitive equipment;
- Sport fishing, with the following equipment:

A) Fishing rods, lines, hooks, natural and artificial bait – not more than one per person, maximum three fish hooks

B) Handline: no more than one per person, maximum six fish hooks;

C) Trolling: no more than one per boat.

## REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The activities inside the Protected Marine Area are subject to temporary regulations passed by the Olbia Port Authority.

These regulations prohibit anchorage inside the B and C Zones, except in sandy or pebbly areas that are clearly marked and equipped.

In addition, underwater fishing, jet skiing and water sports with tow equipment are forbidden inside the Protected Marine Area

