
**MARITIME PROHIBITION (EPISKOPI BAY)
ORDER 2016**

The Chief Officer makes this order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 38(1)(c) and (2)(b) of the Fisheries Ordinance 2012(a) and section 2(2) of the Fisheries (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance 2016(b).

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Maritime Prohibition (Episkopi Bay) Order 2016.

Commencement

2. This Order comes into force the day following the date of its publication in the Gazette.

Territorial application

3.—(1) This Order applies in the area of territorial waters situated within the quadrangle delineated by the points having the following coordinates—

- (a) position latitude 34°37'.788N, longitude 32°48'.827E,
- (b) position latitude 34°36'.793N, longitude 32°48'.827E,
- (c) position latitude 34°36'.793N, longitude 32°47'.604E, and
- (d) position latitude 34°37'.788N, longitude 32°47'.604E.

(2) In this article, references to latitudes and longitudes are to latitudes and longitudes on the World Geodetic System 1984 Datum, and are expressed in the format known as “Degrees Minutes Seconds”.

Prohibitions

4. Within the area within which this Order applies, the following is prohibited—
 - (a) the use of any fishing gear, or part of fishing gear, at a depth lower than 40 metres under the surface of the sea,
 - (b) underwater diving using a self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (commonly known as “scuba diving”),
 - (c) any other type of underwater diving at a depth lower than 10 metres under the surface of the sea, and
 - (d) any activity that disturbs the seabed.

Period of application

5. This Order will cease to have effect after 31 October 2017.

(a) 23/2012, amended by Ordinances 8/2016 and
(b) Ordinance 21/2016

Dated this 25 day of October 2016

P.E. Rushbrook
Chief Officer
Sovereign Base Areas

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Maritime Prohibition (Episkopi Bay) Order 2016 (“the Order”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Order. It does not form part of the Order.
2. This note should be read in conjunction with the Order. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of it.
3. The Order is made in exercise of powers conferred by Section 38 of the Fisheries Ordinance 2012. That section gives powers to the Chief Officer to prohibit, by order made as a public instrument and for a period specified in the order, the passage or use of vessels in any part of the territorial waters of the Areas, the presence of any person or class of persons, or the carrying out of any activity.
4. Accordingly, *article 4* of this Order prohibits a number of forms of fishing and underwater diving and any activity that disturbs the seabed. That prohibition applies in the area set out in *article 3*, which is a quadrangle of 1 square nautical mile situated within Episkopi Bay, in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area. The prohibition will last until 31 October 2017 inclusive (without prejudice to the Chief Officer’s power to revoke or amend the Order).
5. A map showing the area concerned will be made available for public inspection during normal working hours at the Area Offices at Akrotiri and Dhekelia.

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