
SEA BATHERS (PROTECTION) (SPECIFIED AREAS) ORDER 2011

The Chief Officer makes the following Order in exercise of his powers under section 3 of the Sea Bathers (Protection) (Consolidation) Ordinance 1986(a).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea Bathers (Protection) (Specified Areas) Order 2011 and comes into force on 1 July 2011.

Periods of operation

2. This Order applies during the period in each year from 1 April to 31 October inclusive.

Specified areas

3. (1) The specified areas reserved exclusively for persons bathing in the sea are the parts of the sea set out in the Schedule, together with the parts of the foreshore which is within 5 metres from the water line of those parts of the sea.

(2) This article and the Schedule apply whether or not article 4 or 6(1) has been complied with.

Indication of specified areas

4. The Fiscal Officer must arrange for the specified areas to be marked by buoys which are clearly visible during any period in which this Order applies.

Access lanes

5. (1) The Fiscal Officer may create an access lane by arranging for buoys to designate a route, no wider than 100 metres, between the seaward and landward limits of a specified area.

(2) An access lane forms part of the specified area for all purposes except its use by a boat to cross in either direction between the seaward and landward limits of the specified area.

(3) Access lanes may only be created in the following locations and numbers—

- (a) no more than 3 in the area set out in paragraph 1(g) of the Schedule (Ladies Mile),
- (b) 1 in the area set out in paragraph 3(f) of the Schedule (Fairwinds); and
- (c) 1 in the area set out in paragraph 3(g) of the Schedule (Dhekelia Watersports Club).

(4) The buoys used to designate an access lane may be of the same type as, or of a different type from, those used for indicating the specified areas.

Maps

6. (1) A copy of a map or maps marked to show the specified areas—

- (a) must be deposited at the office of the relevant Area Officer; and

- (b) must be made available for inspection at that office to any person on request.
- (2) All map references in the Schedule are as follows:
- (a) in paragraph 1, to the 1:50,000 scale map, Series GSGS 5145, Sheet WSBTA, edition 5-GSGS;
 - (b) in paragraph 2, to the 1:10,000 scale map, Series GSGS 5801, Sheet Akrotiri and Environs, edition 2-GSGS;
 - (c) in paragraph 3, to the 1:10,000 scale map, series GSGS 5801, Sheet Dhekalia, edition 3-GSGS.

Revocation

7. The Sea Bathers (Protection) Order 2008**(b)** and the Sea Bathers (Protection) (Amendment) Order 2009**(c)** are revoked.

SCHEDULE

Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area

1. The following parts of the sea, together with any waters inshore of those parts:
- (a) Evdhimou Beach (West)—
between 77803482, 77853480 and 77783465;
 - (b) Evdhimou Beach (East)—
between 78523511 and 78753508, extending seawards 100 metres;
 - (c) Paramali Beach—
the waters inshore of the line between 82093547 and 82403547;
 - (d) Happy Valley Beach—
between 82963572, 82933565 and 83013570;
 - (e) Tunnel Beach—
(i) the waters inshore of the line between 84123613 and 84263609, and
(ii) between 84343614 and 84483610, extending seawards 50 metres;
 - (f) Curium Beach—
between 88603605 and 89253550, extending seawards 200 metres;
 - (g) Ladies Mile Beach—
between 00652883 and 00953310, extending seawards 200 metres.
2. In Royal Air Force Station Akrotiri, the following parts of the sea, together with any waters inshore of those parts:
- (a) Sub Aqua Club Beach—
between 02522615 and 02502622 extending seawards 100 metres;
 - (b) Buttons Bay—
between 02462643 and 02352649 extending seawards 100 metres;
 - (c) Water Ski Club Beach—
between 01172777 and 00952788 extending seawards 50 metres;
 - (d) JAWS Beach—
between 00772805 and 00782800 extending seawards 50 metres.

Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area

3. The following parts of the sea, together with any waters inshore of those parts:

- (a) Officers' Club Beach (West)—
the waters inshore of the line between 67837107 and 67507107;
- (b) Officers' Club Beach (South)—
the area between 67517102, 67517095, 67417095 and 67417105;
- (c) Church of England Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Club Beach—
the waters inshore of the line between 67187125 and 66737115;
- (d) Dhekelia Jetty—
the area between 66627082, 66577082, 66577100 and the point on the south eastern extremity of Dhekelia Jetty nearest 66667085;
- (e) Victor Beach Club—
the area between 65437110, 65377097, 65267097 and 65267108;
- (f) Fairwinds Beach—
the area between 65207107, 65207097, 64017080 and 64007090;
- (g) Dhekelia Watersports Club Beach—
the area between 65877103, 65847096, 65747096 and 65747111.

Dated this 16th day of June 2011.

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Chief Officer,
Sovereign Base Areas.

(SBA/AG/2/AM/448)

Notes

- (a) Ordinance 4/86.
- (b) Public Instrument 9/08.
- (c) Public Instrument 11/09.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Introduction

1. This explanatory note relates to the Sea Bathers (Protection) (Specified Areas) Order 2011. 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 the Order. So when an article or part of an article does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.

Particular points

3. This Order specifies areas of the sea which are reserved exclusively for persons bathing in the sea from April to October each year.

4. Article 3 and the Schedule contain the definitive specification of the sea bathing areas. Maps setting out the specified areas are available for public inspection at the Area Offices.

5. The Sea Bathers (Protection) (Consolidation) Ordinance 1986 restricts activities in specified areas, including the use of fishing nets, spear guns, and boats. "Boat" is defined broadly in section 2 of the Ordinance to include, among others, windsurfers and other floating objects which may endanger the safety of bathers.

6. Boats may pass through certain specified areas using access lanes if those lanes are designated by buoys under the authority of the Fiscal Officer.

7. The specified areas are to be marked by buoys. It is a criminal offence under section 6 of the Ordinance to interfere with these buoys. The same or different buoys may be used to designate access lanes. A specified area, set out in the Schedule, applies whether or not it has been correctly indicated by buoys, whereas an access lane only exists if it is marked by buoys.