

# Tourism Authority (Speed Limit Zone for Pleasure Craft) (Bel Ombre) Regulations 2008

GN 65/2008

## THE TOURISM AUTHORITY ACT 2006

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### Regulations made by the Minister under section 129 of the Tourism Authority Act 2006

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Tourism Authority (Speed Limit Zone for Pleasure Craft) (Bel Ombre) Regulations 2008**.

2. In these regulations -

"Act" means the Tourism Authority Act 2006;

"observer" means a person other than a skipper, who –

(a) is on board a pleasure craft used for waterskiing; and

(b) keeps watch on the waterskier;

"speed limit zone" means the stretch of sea described in Part A, and depicted in the plan set out in Part C, of the Schedule;

"waterskiing zone" means the stretch of sea described in Part B, and depicted in the plan set out in Part C, of the Schedule.

### Amended by [\[GN No. 134 of 2009\]](#)

3. (1) No person shall operate a pleasure craft at a speed exceeding 5 nautical miles per hour (5 knots) in the speed limit zone.

(2) It shall be a sufficient defence to a prosecution under section 126 of the Act for an offence of unlawful operation of a pleasure craft at a speed exceeding 5 nautical miles per hour (5 knots) in the speed limit zone that the person charged had reasonable cause to believe that the safety of -

(a) a pleasure craft;

(b) a person on board a pleasure craft; or

(c) any other person,

was in peril.

**3A.** Notwithstanding regulation 3(1), a person may operate a pleasure craft for the purpose of waterskiing within the waterskiing zone, at a speed exceeding 5 nautical miles per hour (5 knots).

**3B.** No person shall -

(a) operate a pleasure craft for the purpose of waterskiing unless there is an observer on board that pleasure craft;

(b) swim, snorkel or dive in the waterskiing zone;

(c) operate a pleasure craft in the waterskiing zone other than for the purpose of waterskiing;

(d) moor a pleasure craft in a waterskiing zone;

(e) operate a pleasure craft for the purpose of waterskiing or practise waterskiing between the hours of 5:00 p.m and 9:00 a.m.

**3C.** No person shall, when towing a waterskier, operate a pleasure craft in an anti-clockwise pattern.

**3D.** Where a person is prosecuted for an offence under section 126 of the Act coupled with regulation 3(B)(b), (c) or (d), it shall be a sufficient defence for that person that he had reasonable cause to believe that the safety of -

(a) a pleasure craft;

(b) a waterskier;

(c) a person on board a pleasure craft; or

(d) any other person,

was in peril.

**Added by [\[GN No. 134 of 2009\]](#)**

**4.** These regulations shall come into operation on 1st May, 2008.

## **SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 2]

### **Speed limit and waterskiing zones**

#### **Part A - Description of speed limit zone**

The area of the speed limit zone is the stretch of sea from the high water mark to the coral reefs, which is delimited by buoys having the following coordinates:

Starting from point BEL1 on the coast at Bel Ombre off Bel Ombre Government School having grid coordinates 986820 mE, 965975 mN and geographical coordinates 57°24'09.1" E, 20°30'19.5" S, the limit runs along an imaginary line in a direction of 26° West from the South and meets the reef at point BEL2 having grid coordinates 986330 mE, 964975 mN and geographical coordinates 57°23'52.1" E, 20°30'52.0" S. From this point the limit runs in a general easterly direction along the reef up to point BEL3 having grid coordinates 991440 mE, 966190 mN and geographical coordinates 57°26'48.5" E, 20°30'12.6" S. From this point the limit runs along an imaginary line in the north-west direction up to point BEL4 on the coast at the mouth of River Jacotet in Bay Jacotet having grid coordinates 991245 mE, 966390 mN and geographical coordinates 57°26'41.8" E, 20°30'06.1" S. Thereafter, the limit follows the high water mark line in a general westerly direction up to point BEL1.

#### **Part B - Description of waterskiing zone**

The area of the waterskiing zone is the area of the sea which is delimited by buoys having the following coordinates:

Starting from point S2 having grid coordinates 987520 mE, 965672 mN and geographical coordinates 57°24'33.21" E, 20°30'29.39" S, the ski-lane limit runs in a south easterly direction up to point S6 having grid coordinates 988102 mE, 965235 mN and geographical coordinates 57°24'53.29" E, 20°30'43.61" S and is formed by straight lines passing through the following points, having grid and geographical coordinates S3 987623 mE, 965589 mN or 57°24'36.77" E, 20°30'32.09" S, S4 987856 mE, 965464 mN or 57°24'44.81" E, 20°30'36.16" S, S5 987940 mE, 965305 mN or 57°24'47.7" E, 20°30'41.33" S.

Thereafter, the limit follows a semi circular arc having radius 40 metres and centred at a point having grid coordinates 988089 mE, 965197 mN and geographical coordinates 57°24'52.84" E, 20°30'44.85" S passing through point S7 having grid coordinates 988127 mE, 965182 mN and geographical coordinates 57°24'54.15" E, 20°30'45.34" S to point S8 having grid coordinates 988072 mE, 965161 mN and geographical coordinates 57°24'52.25" E, 20°30'46.02" S.

From point S8, the limit runs in a north westerly direction up to point S12 having grid coordinates 987476 mE, 965583 mN and geographical coordinates 57°24'31.69" E, 20°30'32.28" S and is formed by straight lines passing through the following points having grid and geographical coordinates: S9 987921 mE, 965281 mN or 57°24'47.04" E, 20°30'42.11" S, S10 987803 mE, 965476 mN or 57°24'42.98" E, 20°30'35.77" S, S11 987620 mE, 965550 mN or 57°24'36.66" E, 20°30'33.36" S.

Thereafter, the limit follows a semi circular arc of radius 50 metres and centred at a point having grid coordinates 987492 mE, 965630 mN and geographical coordinates 57°24'32.25" E, 20°30'30.76" S passing through point S1 having grid coordinates 987444 mE, 965642 mN and geographical coordinates 57°24'30.59" E, 20°30'30.36" S up to point S2 referred above.

