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MARINE AND PORTS SERVICES (MARINERS) (NON-MARINERS RAFT-UP) NOTICE 2026

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SCHEDULE
Closure of Area of MANGROVE BAY and prohibited area

The Minister responsible for marine and ports services, in exercise of the power conferred by section 12(1)(a) and (b) of the Marine and Ports Services Act 2021, issues the following Notice:

Citation

1 This Notice may be cited as the Marine and Ports Services (Mariners) (Non-Mariners Raft-Up) Notice 2026.

Interpretation

2 In this Notice, "boat" includes a personal water craft and "boatman" includes a person who operates a personal water craft, commonly referred to as a jet-ski.

Non-Mariners Raft-Up

3 The Non-Mariners Raft-Up event will take place within the waters of Mangrove Bay, Somerset on Sunday, 2 August 2026.

Closure of Mangrove Bay

4 (1) All that area of water of Mangrove Bay, Somerset southwest of a line between the Boaz Island Gas Station and the easternmost island at the tip of Kings Point (indicated in the Schedule) will be closed to normal marine traffic on Sunday, 2 August 2026 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

(2) There will be an access channel for all marine traffic within the waters of Mangrove Bay, Somerset heading in a straight line between the southern end of Watford Bridge and the easternmost island at the tip of Kings Point (indicated in the Schedule).

Five-knot no-wake restriction

5 A five-knot no-wake restriction shall apply to all mariners, pilots and boatmen navigating all that area of water referred to in paragraph 4.

Area in which personal water craft are prohibited

6 (1) For the purposes of subparagraph (2), the area of water of Mangrove Bay, Somerset, southwest of a line between the southern end of Watford Bridge and the easternmost island at the tip of Kings Point (indicated in the Schedule) is a prohibited area.

(2) A person operating a personal water craft is prohibited from entering the area of water referred to in subparagraph (1).

Patrol of area

7 All that area of water referred to in paragraph 4 will be patrolled by the Royal Bermuda Regiment coast guard unit, and all mariners, pilots and boatmen are required to exercise caution when approaching the area owing to the presence of swimmers and numerous boats at anchor or moored together.

Offence

8 It is an offence under section 12(5) of the Marine and Ports Services Act 2021 for a mariner, pilot or boatman to fail to observe the requirements of this Notice, punishable on summary conviction in accordance with section 84 of that Act.

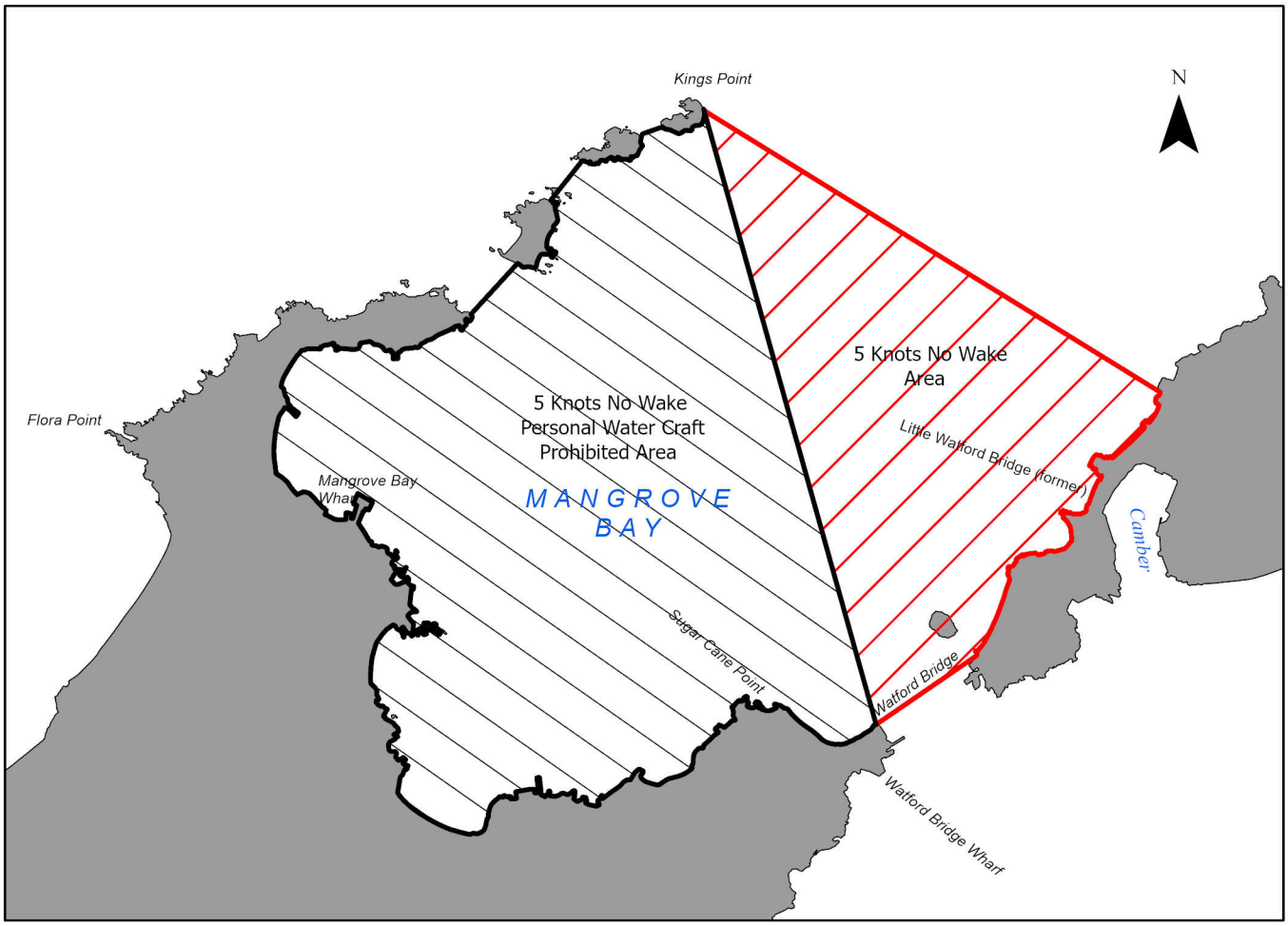
Exemption

9 This Notice does not apply to personal water craft operated by the Royal Bermuda Regiment coast guard unit.

SCHEDULE

(paragraphs 4, 6 and 7)

CLOSURE OF AREA OF MANGROVE BAY AND PROHIBITED AREA



Made this 29th day of July 2026

Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport

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