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STRANGFORD LOUGH FERRY

Strangford Lough Ferry and Harbour Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made . . . . . 10th October 1988

Coming into operation . . 27th November 1988

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12, 39(1) and 40(3) of the Down County Council (Strangford Lough Ferry) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as ''the Act of 1967'') and section 83 of the Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act 1847(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as ''the Act of 1847'') as incorporated by section 47 of the Act of 1967 and now vested in it(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and having consulted with Ards Borough Council and the Down District Council and with the consent of the Secretary of State(**d**) and the Crown Estate Commissioners(**e**) insofar as such consents are required under section 9(2) of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1932(**f**) hereby makes the following Byelaws:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Strangford Lough Ferry and Harbour Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 27th November 1988.

Interpretation

2. In these Byelaws:—

''board sailing'' means the navigation or propulsion of a sail board;

''Department'' means the Department of the Environment;

''ferry'' means a boat operated by the Department for the purposes of the ferry undertaking;

''harbour area'' means the lands, landing places, docks, piers, quays, works and sea referred to in section 37 of the Act of 1967;

''sail board'' means a vessel in the form of a raft with a sail designed to be navigated by a person or persons standing upright thereon;

(**a**) 1967 c. ii (N.I.) as modified by S.R. 1988 No. 160
(**b**) 1847 c. 27
(**c**) 1972 c. 9 (N.I.) s. 131: S.I. 1972/1998 (N.I. 21): S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 278: S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 4
(**d**) Functions transferred from the Board of Trade *see* S.I. 1970/1537 Art. 2(1) and S.I. 1983/1127 Art. 2(4)
(**e**) Formerly the Commissioners of Crown Lands *see* 1956 c. 73 s. 1 (now repealed) and 1961 c. 55 s. 1
(**f**) 1932 c. 11

"vessel" has the meaning assigned to it by section 3 of the Act of 1847 save that it shall not include a ferry.

Embarkation, disembarkation and conduct on ferry

3. A driver of a vehicle intending to embark on the ferry shall position his vehicle in the approaches to the ferry so as to cause no obstruction to the vehicles or passengers disembarking from the ferry and so as to ensure the orderly embarkation of the ferry.

4. Before driving on to the ferry a driver shall ensure that his load is secure, the doors of his vehicle are closed and fuel is not spilling from the vehicle.

5. A driver shall drive his vehicle on to the ferry in an orderly manner and shall take up position thereon so as not to obstruct or interfere with the working of the ferry or the embarkation or disembarkation of other vehicles or passengers.

6. A driver shall secure his vehicle on board the ferry by applying the handbrake and turning off the engine.

7. A driver shall remain at the wheel of his vehicle at all times while the vehicle is on the ferry.

8. A passenger on foot or a cyclist shall embark or disembark by the means provided for the purpose.

9. A passenger on foot or a cyclist shall confine himself to such parts of the ferry as are reserved for passengers.

10. No passenger shall conduct himself in such a way as to interfere with the ferry undertaking or to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other passengers.

11. A driver shall, on completion of the passage and as soon as the way is clear for him to proceed, drive his vehicle off the ferry in an orderly manner and shall immediately remove it from the harbour area.

12. Any person embarking on or disembarking from the ferry shall comply with any directions given by an officer of the Department.

Vessels using harbour area

13. No person shall make fast, moor or anchor a vessel or cause the same to be made fast, moored or anchored within the harbour area save in areas designated for those purposes by the Department and publicly displayed in the harbour area in the form of a map or diagram.

14. A person in charge of a vessel within the harbour area shall ensure that the vessel is navigated with such care and caution and at such speed and in such manner as not to endanger the lives of or cause injury to persons or