

BRIDPORT HARBOUR
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 04/2026
WEST BAY POWERBOAT RACING EVENT
25 & 26 JULY 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Powerboat Racing Event will take place in the waters off **West Bay, Bridport**, on **Saturday 25 July 2026** and **Sunday 26 July 2026**.

A designated race course will be established offshore of West Bay as shown in the chart below. The event will involve high-speed racing powerboats together with safety craft, official vessels and support boats operating within and around the race area.

Race Area

The race course will be established and marked by race buoys as shown in the chart below.

Mariners are advised that:

- Racing vessels will be operating at high speed within the designated course area.
- Safety boats and official vessels will be active throughout the event.
- Increased vessel movements can be expected in and around the race area.
- Non-participating vessels should remain well clear of the race course whilst racing is in progress.
- Mariners navigating in the vicinity should proceed with caution and maintain a proper lookout at all times.
- All harbour users should comply with any instructions issued by event officials, safety vessels, Harbour Authority staff.

Race Course Chart



Race

Timetable

Saturday 25 July 2026

Time	Race
1130 - 1145	Pro Cat Races 1 & 4
1200 - 1230	Offshore Aqua Bike Races 1 & 3
1245 - 1315	OCR Races 1 & 3
1330 - 1400	OCR Races 2 & 4
1415 - 1430	Pro Cat Races 2 & 5
1445 - 1515	Offshore Aqua Bike Races 2 & 4
1530 - 1545	Pro Cat Races 3 & 6

Sunday 26 July 2026

Time	Race
1100 - 1115	Pro Cat Races 1 & 4
1130 - 1200	Offshore Aqua Bike Races 1 & 3
1215 - 1245	OCR Races 1 & 3
1300 - 1330	OCR Races 2 & 4
1345 - 1400	Pro Cat Races 2 & 5
1415 - 1445	Offshore Aqua Bike Races 2 & 4
1500 - 1515	Pro Cat Races 3 & 6

All timings are subject to amendment due to weather, sea conditions or operational requirements.

Safety Information

Mariners are requested to keep well clear of the race area during race periods. Powerboats will be operating at high speed and may manoeuvre rapidly within the course area.

Particular caution should be exercised when navigating near the event.

Mariners should anticipate increased vessel activity within the vicinity of the race area between **1100 and 1615 on Saturday 25 July 2026** and **1030 and 1600 on Sunday 26 July 2026**.

All harbour users, recreational craft, anglers, paddleboarders, kayakers, swimmers and other water users are strongly advised to remain clear of the race course whilst racing is in progress.

The Harbour Master reserves the right to amend, postpone or cancel any part of the event should weather conditions or safety considerations require.

Further Information

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