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This guide has been produced by the River Tay Community Sport Hub to highlight river access and safety considerations for individual and group users.

The River Tay is the longest river in Scotland at 119 miles. It begins life as a tiny spring on Ben Lui and changes its name several times before it passes through Loch Tay. The Tay catchment, with everything from the open waters of Loch Tay to specific rapids further down the river, offers a wide variety of opportunities to paddle all types of canoe and kayak craft and hosts regular national and international competitions and events.

The River Tay also offers exciting opportunities for sailors, rowers, water skiers and many other water users. The river is tidal and its water level can change up to 3 metres between maximum high and low tides.

The river may be considerably higher and faster moving after periods of heavy rainfall. Obstacles at the river edges, such as posts, mud and gravel banks can be hazardous, as well as floating debris. Please proceed with caution while enjoying the River Tay.

The River Tay Community Sport Hub comprises local rowing, canoeing, kayak, waterski and sailing clubs, as well as the Sea Cadets, Willowgate Activity Centre and Perth Harbour.

To find out more please like and follow 'The River Tay Community Sport Hub' Facebook page. Thanks to Calmac Harbours for supporting the production of this safety guide.



W limit for fine rowing boats HIGH water

Waterski Circuit See Caution One

East Channel NOT navigable in fine rowing boats at anytime

SPEED 10 KNOTS LIMIT*

W limit for fine rowing boats LOW water

Commercial Craft & Ships See Caution Two

SPEED 10 KNOTS LIMIT*

E limit for fine rowing boats without safety escort

In an emergency call 999

Waterskiers and Small Craft

Getting in/out
Always manoeuvre with bows into the prevailing conditions, either wind or water flow. All craft are entitled to free passage of the tidal reaches of the Tay subject to the Perth Harbour Bylaws: www.perthharbour.co.uk/perth-harbour-bylaws.

Be Safe, Be Seen
All river users should consider using hi-vis/contrasting clothing and equipment. An active lookout for other river users must be kept at all times. Allow plenty of time to take avoiding action if risk of collision exists.

Speed and Wash
There is a speed limit of 10 knots in force for commercial craft. All other vessels should operate at a safe speed taking into account the wash created and other water users nearby.

Diving & Open Water Swimming
These activities are indicated by flag 'Alpha' - , on their accompanying vessel.

Caution One
Waterski circuit may be in use typically from 1 hour before high water to 3 hours after. This area may also be used by jetskiers and Sea Cadets. All users are asked to proceed with extreme caution, keeping close to the banks at all times.

All vessels should pass port to port.

Caution Two
Commercial craft are restricted to 10 knots. All other craft must show consideration of their speed and wash with regards to the safety and comfort of others.

Ships are restricted by size and draught and are limited in their ability to manoeuvre. All other river users must keep clear.

KEY

	Road		Waterski Circuit
	Railway		Overhead Power Cable
	River Access		Defibrillator Access
	Special Purpose/General Beacon		Port Lateral Mark/Beacon
	Light		Starboard Lateral Mark/Beacon
	Pontoon	*Applies to large commercial vessels (24m+)	

National Governing Bodies of Sport

For sport coaching, events and membership information, please use the individual governing body contacts below:

Scottish Canoe Association – www.canoescotland.org
 Scottish Rowing – www.scottish-rowing.org.uk
 RYA Scotland – www.rya.org.uk/scotland
 Waterski & Wakeboarding Scotland
www.waterskiandwakeboardscotland.co.uk
 Scottish Sub Aqua Club – www.scotsac.com

Useful Contacts



www.outdoorexplare.co.uk

Outdoor Explore offers kayak tours and outdoor activities in Scotland. Call 07904 324 102.



www.taymara.org

www.davidandersonmarine.com



www.perthcity.co.uk

www.tayandearntrust.org



Useful Contacts



www.willowgateactivitycentre.co.uk



Open 7 days a week, Willowgate Activity Centre offers guided kayak tours, paddle boarding, canoeing and taster experiences for individuals and groups and also offers a great egress location to the river.



www.sea-cadets.org/perth

Adventure that launches you for life today
 Contact us at Sea Cadets Perth, Shore Road, Perth, PH2 8BD
 PerthSeaCadets@live.co.uk
 Open Mondays and Thursdays 7-9pm



Tay Rowing Club
www.tayrowingclub.com



www.perthcanoeclub.org.uk



www.perthsailingclub.org.uk



www.dundeeuniversityboatclub.co.uk

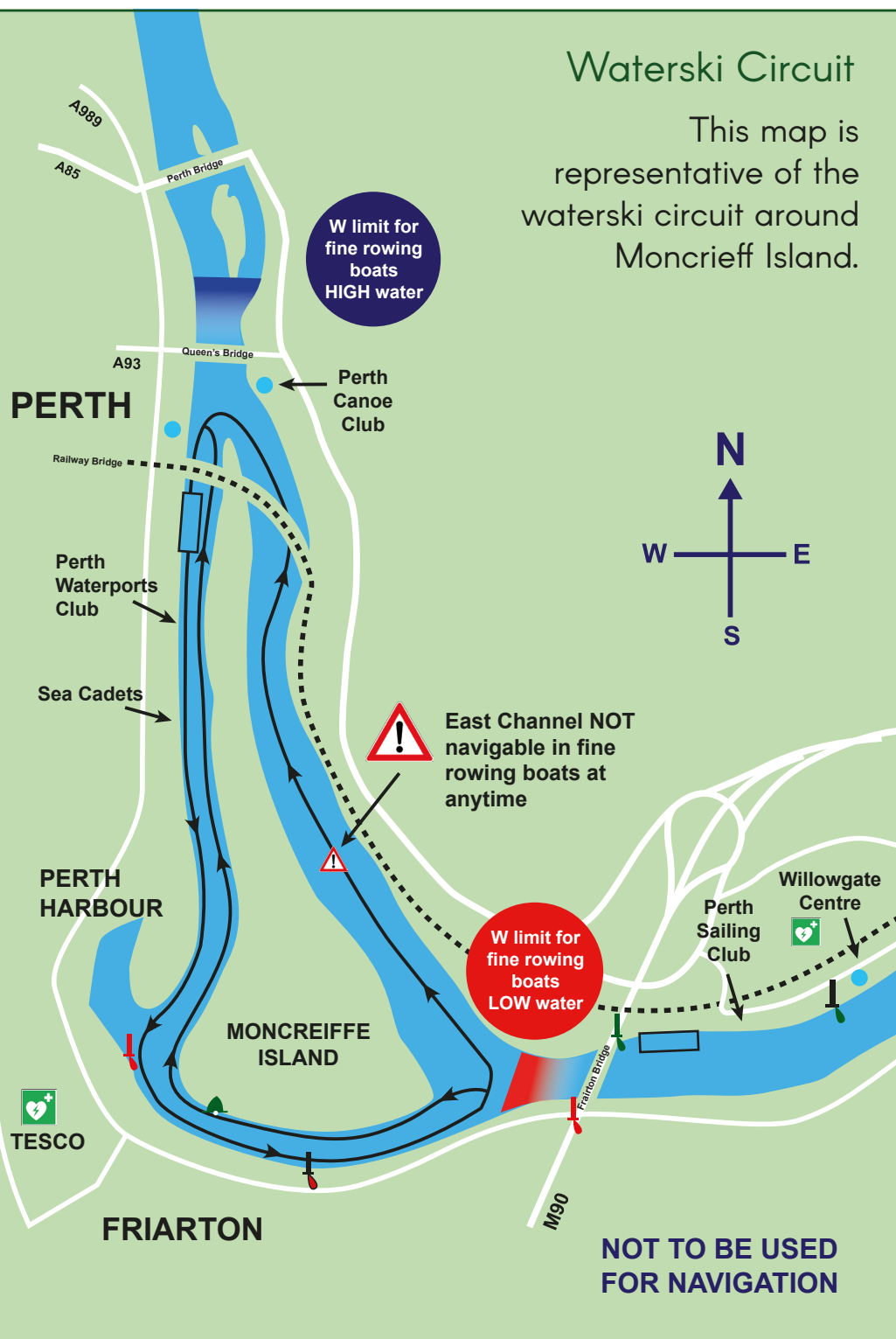
www.perthwatersportsclub.co.uk



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Waterski Circuit

This map is representative of the waterski circuit around Moncrieff Island.



Perth Harbour



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 01738 476476

Incident Reporting

Please record any incidents or near misses at:
www.perthharbour.co.uk/incident-reporting

Diving

All diving **MUST** be cleared with the harbour prior to commencement.

This guide has been produced to aid the safe navigation of the River Tay, it has not been designed as a navigational aid alone and should be used in conjunction with other navigational means.

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