

**Tourism Authority (Snorkelling Zone and Speed Limit Zones for Pleasure Craft)  
(Belle Mare) Regulations 2016**

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**THE TOURISM AUTHORITY ACT**

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

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Tourism Authority (Snorkelling Zone and Speed Limit Zones for Pleasure Craft) (Belle Mare) Regulations 2016**.

2. In these regulations -

“Act” means the Tourism Authority Act;

“snorkelling zone” means the stretch of the sea demarcated by red marker buoys, described in the First Schedule and depicted in the plan set out in Part II of the Second Schedule;

“speed limit zone” means the stretch of the sea described in Part I of the Second Schedule and depicted in the plan set out in Part II of that Schedule.

3. (1) No person shall operate a pleasure craft in the snorkelling 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 in a snorkelling zone that the person charged had reasonable cause to believe that the safety of a person was in peril.

4. (1) No person shall operate a pleasure craft at a speed exceeding 10 nautical miles per hour (10 knots) in the speed limit zones.

(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 10 nautical miles per hour (10 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.

5. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 February 2016.

Made by the Minister on 29 January 2016.

## **FIRST SCHEDULE**

[Regulations 2 and 3]

### **SNORKELLING ZONE**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SNORKELLING ZONE AT TROU CORNE BELLE MARE**

The area of the Snorkelling zone is the stretch of the sea which is delimited by buoys (linked by imaginary straight lines) having the following coordinates —

Starting at buoy Trou Corne 1 (Red) having grid coordinates 581576mE, 7767564mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 15.47" S, 57° 46' 50.72" E the limit runs in a general South-easterly direction passing through buoy Trou Corne 2 (Red) having grid coordinates 581655mE, 7767443mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 19.39" S, 57° 46' 53.48" E up to buoy Trou Corne 3 (Red) having grid coordinates 581684mE, 7767400mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 20.78" S, 57° 46' 54.48"E.

Thereafter the limit runs in a South-westerly direction up to buoy Trou Corne 4 (Red) having grid coordinates 581 582mE, 7767373mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 21.67" S, 57° 46' 50.97" E.

Thereafter the limit runs in a general North-westerly direction passing through buoy Trou Corne 5 (Red) having grid coordinates 581558mE, 7767427mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 19.91" S, 57° 46' 50.14" E, up to point buoy Snorkelling Trou Come 6 (Red) having grid coordinates 581517mE, 7767534mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 16.43" S, 57° 46' 48.69" E.

Thereafter the limit runs in a North-easterly direction up to the starting point being buoy Trou Corne 1 (Red) having grid coordinates 581576mE, 7767564mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 15.47" S, 57° 46' 50.72" E.

## **SECOND SCHEDULE**

[Regulations 2 and 4]

### **SPEED LIMIT ZONE**

#### **PART I - DESCRIPTION OF SPEED LIMIT ZONE**

##### **Speed Limit Zone A**

The area of the speed limit zone is the stretch of the sea which is delimited as follows –

Starting from point BM1 on the coast at Belle Mare near Long Beach Hotel (Ex-Coco Beach Hotel) having grid coordinates 580671mE, 7769409mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 15.56" S, 57° 46' 19.26" E, the limit runs along an imaginary line in a South-east direction and meets buoy Green having grid coordinates 580827mE, 7769348mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 17.55" S, 57° 46' 24.62" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs South-west to buoy Belle Mare 28 (yellow) having grid coordinates 580672mE, 7769092mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 25.90" S, 57° 46' 19.33" B.

Thereafter, the limit runs in a general South-easterly direction passing through buoy Belle Mare 29 (yellow) having grid coordinates 580742mE, 7768833mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 34.32" S, 57° 46' 21.78" E, buoy Belle Mare 26 (yellow) having grid coordinates

580834mE, 77685 57mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 43.27" S, 57° 46' 24.98" B, buoy Belle Mare 13 (yellow) having grid coordinates 580990mE, 7768170mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 55.83" S, 57° 46' 30.42" E up to buoy Green having grid coordinates 581132mE, 7767757mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 9.25" S, 57° 46' 35.41" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs in a general South-westerly direction passing through buoy Belle Mare 23 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581031mE, 7767498mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 17.70" S, 57° 46' 31.95" E up to buoy Belle Mare 22 (yellow) having grid coordinates 580999mE, 7767272mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 25.02" S, 57° 46' 30.90" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs in a general South-easterly direction passing through buoy Belle Mare 21 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581085mE, 7767077mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 31.36" S, 57° 46' 33.89" E, buoy Belle Mare 20 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581206mE, 7766834mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 39.25" S, 57° 46' 38.09" B, buoy Belle Mare 19 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581449mE, 7766680mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 44.23" S, 57° 46' 46.51" B, buoy Belle Mare 18 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581 654mE, 7766476mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 50.83" S, 57° 46' 53.58" E, buoy Belle Mare 17 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581876mE, 7766370mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 54.26" S, 57° 47' 1.25" E, buoy Belle Mare 16 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581 994mE, 7766045mN and geographical coordinates 20° 12' 4.81" S, 57° 47' 5.39" B, buoy Belle Mare 15 (yellow) having grid coordinates 582200mE, 7765785mN and geographical coordinates 20° 12' 13.23" S, 57° 47' 12.52" E up to buoy Belle Mare 14 (yellow) having grid coordinates 582320mE, 776573 8mN and geographical coordinates 20° 12' 14.73" S, 57° 47' 16.65" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs west along an imaginary line up to point BM 2 on the coast near Ambre Hotel having grid coordinates 5 82280mE, 7765620mN and geographical coordinates 20° 12' 18.59" S, 57° 46' 47' 15.30" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs in a general North-westerly direction along the coast up to the starting point being BM 1 having grid coordinates 580671mE, 776 9409mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 15.56" S, 57° 46' 19.26" E.

## Speed Limit Zone B

The area of the speed limit zone is the stretch of the sea which is delimited as follows -

Starting from buoy Belle Mare 11 (yellow) off Long Beach Hotel (Ex-Coco Beach Hotel) having grid coordinates 580960mE, 7769257mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 20.47" S, 57° 46' 29.23" E the limit runs along an imaginary line east to point BM 3 on the reef having grid coordinates 581172.70mE, 7769266.33mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 20.1398" S, 57° 46' 36.5561" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs in a general South Easterly direction along the reef up to point BM 4 having grid coordinates 582780.11 mE, 7765893.40mN and geographical coordinates 20° 12' 9.6085" S, 57° 47' 32.485 1" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs West along an imaginary line up to buoy Belle Mare 12 (yellow) having grid coordinates 582605mE, 7765852mN and geographical coordinates 20° 12' 10.99" S, 57° 47' 26.46"E.

Thereafter, the limit runs in a general North Westerly direction passing through buoy Belle Mare 10 (yellow) having grid coordinates 582463mB, 7765959mN and geographical coordinates 20° 12' 7.52" S, 57° 47' 21.56" E, buoy Belle Mare 9 (yellow) having grid coordinates 582283mE, 7766161mN and geographical coordinates 20° 12' 0.97" S, 57° 47' 15.32' E, buoy Belle Mare 8 (yellow) having grid coordinates 582111mE, 7766351mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 54.83" S, 57° 47' 9.34" E, buoy Belle Mare 7 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581923mE, 7766548mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 48.46" S, 57° 47' 2.86" E, buoy Belle Mare 6 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581772mB, 7766713mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 43.11" S, 57° 46' 57.61" E, buoy Belle Mare 5 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581609mE, 7766891mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 37.33" S, 57° 46' 51.96" E, Belle Mare 4 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581417mE, 7767087mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 30.99" S, 57° 46' 45.32" E, buoy Belle Mare 3 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581241mE, 7767276mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 24.89" S, 57° 46' 39.23" E up to buoy Belle Mare 02 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581177mE, 7767518mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 17.00" S, 57° 46' 36.99" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs North-east up to buoy Belle Mare 25 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581287mE, 7767766mN and geographical coordinates 20° 11' 8.93" S, 57° 46' 40.74" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs in a general North-westerly direction passing through buoy Belle Mare 27 (yellow) having grid coordinates 581077mE, 7768191mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 55.13" S, 57° 46' 33.44"E, buoy Belle Mare 01 (yellow) having grid coordinates 580888mE, 7768588mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 42.26" S, 57° 46' 26.85" E, buoy Belle Mare 30 (yellow) having grid coordinates 580825mE, 7768854mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 33.62" S, 57° 46' 24.65" E up to buoy Belle Mare 24 (yellow) having grid coordinates 580780mE, 7769129mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 24.65" S, 57° 46' 23.04" E.

Thereafter, the limit runs North-east up to the starting point being buoy Belle Mare 11 (yellow) having grid coordinates 580960mE, 7769257mN and geographical coordinates 20° 10' 20.47" S, 57° 46' 29.23" B.

Note -

(1) The geographical coordinates are referenced to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84) and the grid Coordinates are based on the Map Grid of Mauritius 2008 (MGM 2008) as defined in the Cadastral Survey (Land Surveys) Regulations 2013.

(2) mE means metre East.

(3) mN means metre North.

## PART II – PLAN OF SNORKELLING AND SPEED LIMIT ZONE

