

Extract from Canterbury Navigational and Safety Bylaws

1) The area of Sumner Bay within 400 metres of the shore from Shag Rock to the Sumner Bay Breakwater on its eastern (shore) end and the area within 200 metres of the shore on the eastern side of the South Brighton Spit are reserved areas for the use of swimmers, windsurfers, sailboarders, surfboarders, kite surfers and vessels propelled solely by oars, paddles or sail and an area where clause 2.4 (1) (a) and (b) shall not apply to the operation of non-powered vessels.(2) No persons shall navigate a powered craft in the reserved area specified in Schedule 3.4 (1) except where the vessel:(i) is being landed or launched from the Sumner Lifeboat Ramp or the immediately adjacent boat ramps or slipways and is propelled directly from or to the nearest point outside the reserved area; or

(ii) is being used to transit the Avon-Heathcote Estuary/Ihutai and is propelled directly from or to the nearest point outside the reserved area; or

(iii) is not underway and is anchored or being used for fishing or diving within the reserved area.