

# Dog Bylaws and Beach Safety

We want you to have fun on our lovely beaches, but we also want you to be safe. Please read all the information contained in this leaflet.

- Swim between the red and yellow flags
- Always monitor children closely
- Ask lifeguards for advice
- Keep away from man made structures
- Read safety signs
- Never swim alone
- Put your hand in the air and shout for help if you get into difficulty
- If you see someone in difficulty, tell a lifeguard. If you can't see a lifeguard, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard



## Rhyl



### DOG RESTRICTIONS

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> September each year, dogs are restricted on certain areas of the beach in Rhyl and Prestatyn.

Not everyone loves dogs, so during the busiest times of the year we have dog restricted areas on our most popular beaches. Don't worry though, Rhyl and Prestatyn still have plenty of beach for you and your pooch to enjoy a run on the sand!

### The Dog Exercise Areas:

The beach area from Old Golf Road, Rhyl, eastwards to Ffrith Festival Gardens, Prestatyn and the area to the east of The Sailing Club at Barkby Beach, Prestatyn.

### Dog restricted areas:

The beach areas from Sydenham Avenue, Rhyl eastwards, to Old Golf Road in Rhyl. All beach areas from Ffrith Festival Gardens, Prestatyn eastwards, to Prestatyn Sailing Club, Barkby Beach, Prestatyn.

#### LIFEGUARD ZONE



red and yellow flag marks an area patrolled by lifeguards. We encourage people to swim in the lifeguarded zone between the flags.

#### WATERSPORTS ZONE



Chequered flags mark areas used by craft such as boats and jetskis. Don't swim here.

#### DANGER



A red flag means danger. Don't go in the water if you see this flag flying.

#### WIND DIRECTION



An orange windsock means dangerous wind conditions. Don't use inflatables if the sock is pointing out to sea.

## Prestatyn



### MAN MADE HAZARDS

Piers, groynes, harbour walls and other man made hazards can be dangerous as they create changeable and unexpected conditions around them. Rips, undertows, large waves and dramatic changes in water depth can all be dangerous around man made structures. Please keep off any of these.

### INFLATABLES

Inflatables can be very dangerous at the beach and we strongly recommend you leave them at home. A light breeze can blow an inflatable out to sea very quickly. If you do decide to use an inflatable, ensure children are within easy reach, preferably with the inflatable secured by a line held by an onshore adult. If you are blown out to sea, do not try and swim back to shore, signal for help by waving and shouting

### RIP CURRENTS

A rip is a channel of water with a strong current which can drag you out into the open sea very quickly. They are very dangerous and can be hard to spot. Discoloured water, foam, a break in the surf line, debris floating out to sea or a rippled patch in a calm sea can all be indicators of a rip current.

If you feel yourself caught in a rip, don't panic. Signal for help from the beach by raising your hand and swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current. **DON'T** try to swim directly towards the shore against the current.

