

Summary of Byelaws relating to the North and South Shields Ferry



Extract of the Byelaws made under section 6 of the Port of Tyne Act 1970 relating to the North and South Shields Ferry

- 1 In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires –
- “the Executive” means the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive;
- “ferry boat” means any ferry boat belonging to, or maintained, or used by, or under the control of the Executive for the purpose of working the North and South Shields Ferry;
- “ferry premises” means and includes all quays, wharves, landing stages, bridges, buildings, lands and approaches used in connection with the North and South Shields Ferry;
- “authorised person” means an employee of the Executive, and includes any Police Constable acting in the execution of his duty;
- “ticket” means any ticket or documentation issued by the Executive for the conveyance of any passenger... and includes any season ticket, free pass, privilege ticket or any warrant, identity card, voucher or other similar authority in exchange for which, or on production of which, any ticket for the conveyance of a passenger on the North and South Shields Ferry may be issued by the Executive.
- 2 A person who is reasonably suspected of contravening, or attempting to contravene, any Byelaw in part II of these Byelaws shall give his name and address to an authorised person when requested to do so, and any person may be removed from any ferry boat or ferry premises by a Police Constable.

Part II – Byelaws relating to the North and South Shields Ferry

- 3 (1) No person who is in a state of intoxication shall enter or remain in any ferry premises or ferry boat.
- (2) The Executive may –
- (a) refuse access to any ferry boat or ferry premises to any person who is in a state of intoxication, or in an unfit or improper condition to travel, or whose dress or clothing is in a condition liable to soil or damage the linings of any ferry boat or the dress or clothing of any other person; or
- (b) require any such person as aforesaid, or any person found causing an obstruction, to leave any ferry boat or ferry premises as soon as he can safely do so.
- (3) No person who is refused access to any ferry boat or ferry premises under this Byelaw shall enter or remain therein or thereon or attempt to do so, and any person on being required to leave any ferry boat or ferry premises under this Byelaw shall comply with that requirement.
- 4 No person shall while in any ferry boat or ferry premises conduct himself in an indecent manner, whereby annoyance is or may be caused to any member of the public.
- 5 No person shall –
- (a) spit upon the floor of, or upon or against any other part of, any ferry boat or ferry premises, or any article therein; or
- (b) place, drop or throw any litter in any ferry boat or ferry premises except in receptacles expressly provided for that purpose.
- 6 No person shall without lawful authority or other reasonable excuse –
- (a) remove or detach any of the fittings, furniture, decorations or equipment of any ferry boat or any ferry premises or any notice, advertisement, number, figure, or thing in any ferry boat or ferry premises; or
- (b) displace or alter any notice board, fare table, route indicator or any printed or other notice or advertisement in any ferry boat or ferry premises; or
- (c) use any equipment provided for the use of passengers or intended passengers in any ferry boat or in or upon any ferry premises for any purpose other than that specified in a notice exhibited in a conspicuous position upon or near such equipment.
- 7 No person shall without lawful authority discharge a firework or pyrotechnic on any ferry boat or ferry premises.
- 8 No person shall without lawful authority or other reasonable excuse board or attempt to board or remain upon any part of any ferry boat or enter or attempt to enter or remain upon any part of any ferry premises used for operational purposes, which, being a part where entry by members of the public is, in the opinion of the Executive, likely to involve danger to life or disruption of facilities for travel, is marked by a notice exhibited in a conspicuous position on or near such part as being not available for entry by the public.
- 9 No person of either sex above the age of 10 years shall without reasonable excuse board or attempt to board or remain in any part of any ferry boat or enter or attempt to enter or remain in any part of any ferry premises which is marked or notified as being reserved or appropriated for the exclusive use of persons of the other sex.
- 10 No person while in any ferry boat or in any part of any ferry premises to which the public have access shall without the consent of the Executive –
- (a) sing, recite or perform, with or without any musical or other instrument so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ferry boat or in or upon the ferry premises.
- (b) cause or permit any noise to be made by the operation of any gramophone, record player, tape recorder or radio or similar instrument, being a noise which is so loud or continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ferry boat or in or upon the ferry premises; or
- (c) (i) display affix or exhibit any printed, written or pictorial matter or any other matter or any other article or distribute any book, leaflet or other printed matter or any sample or other article for the purpose of advertising or publicity.
- (ii) sell or expose or offer for sale any article or goods whatsoever; or
- (iii) tout, ply for or solicit alms, reward or custom or employment of any description.
- 11 No person shall without the consent of an authorised person ride a bicycle, tricycle or motor cycle or similar machine, or bring any handcart, barrow or similar conveyance upon any ferry premises, or ferry boat.
- 12 (1) No persons shall take or place, or cause to be taken or placed, in any ferry boat or ferry premises, or while in any such ferry boat or premises have in his possession any flammable, explosive or corrosive gas or petroleum based liquid (otherwise than in a petrol tank of a motor cycle or moped the cubic capacity of which does not exceed 90cc).
- (2) Nothing in this Byelaw shall apply to small quantities of spirit or liquid carried by any person for his personal use and not for the purpose of trade and business, provided that all due precautions are taken for the prevention of injury therefrom.
- (3) Without prejudice to any penalty incurred by the contravention of this Byelaw, if the person in possession of anything to which this Byelaw applies fails, when requested to do so by an authorised person, immediately to remove that thing from any ferry boat or ferry premises, the same may be removed therefrom by, or under the direction of, an authorised person.
- 13 (1) Except as provided by paragraph (2) of this Byelaw, no persons shall cause or permit to be brought into, or cause or permit to remain in, any ferry boat or any part of ferry premises –
- (a) any animal,
- (b) any bicycle, tricycle, motor cycle or moped;
- (c) any trunks or other articles or luggage of a bulky nature; or
- (d) any other article which by reason of its nature could be reasonably expected to cause, or does cause, obstruction, inconvenience or danger to any passenger or damage to property.
- (2) Paragraph (1) of this Byelaw does not apply to –
- (a) any dog secured by a lead;
- (b) any other animals securely contained in a basket or similar container which can be carried by hand;
- (c) any wheeled chair; or
- (d) any other animal or article which is brought into any ferry boat, or any part of any ferry premises, with the consent of an authorised person;
- (e) any bicycle, tricycle and motor cycle or moped the cubic capacity of which does not exceed 90cc and for which a valid ticket is held.
- (3) Any animal or article referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (2) of this Byelaw shall be so controlled or placed as to avoid obstruction, inconvenience or danger to any passenger or damage to property and any consent or permit referred to in sub-paragraph (d) may at any time be withdrawn where in the opinion of an authorised person this is necessary for the prevention of obstruction or in the interests of safety.
- (4) Without prejudice to any penalty incurred by the contravention of this Byelaw, if the person in charge of any animal or article to which paragraph (1) of this Byelaw applies fails when requested to do so by an authorised person, immediately to remove the same from the ferry boat or, as the case may be, part of the ferry premises, that animal or article may be removed therefrom by, or under the direction of, an authorised person.
- 15 (1) In this Byelaw “conveyance” means any vehicle (whether or not mechanically propelled); and includes any wagon, truck, cart, carriage, trailer, handcart, barrow, bicycle, tricycle or motorcycle.
- (2) Except in cases of emergency or with the permission of an authorised person, no person shall park or leave any conveyance in or upon any ferry premises.
- (3) Any conveyance parked or left in contravention of paragraph (2) of this Byelaw may be removed by, or under the direction of, an authorised person and the cost of the removal shall, without prejudice to any penalty incurred by contravention of this Byelaw, be paid to the Executive by the person in charge of the conveyance.
- 17 No person while in any ferry boat or ferry premises shall intentionally obstruct or impede any person in the execution of his duty.
- 18 No person shall without reasonable excuse enter, or attempt to board any ferry boat or enter any ferry premises by way of any gangway or through any door thereof until all persons who are leaving or are on the way to leave such ferry boat or ferry premises by way of such gangway or through such door have passed over such gangway or out of such door.
- 19 No person shall smoke or carry a lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette on any part of any ferry boat or ferry premises where smoking is expressly prohibited by a notice exhibited in a conspicuous position upon or near such part.
- 20 Except in the case of accident or other emergency, no person shall without lawful authority –
- (a) board or leave, or attempt to board or leave any ferry boat whilst it is in motion or otherwise than at the side appointed for passengers to board or leave the same.
- (b) ascend or descend, or attempt to ascend or descend by any means other than a fixed stairway provided in a ferry boat for ascending, or, as the case may be, descending passengers.
- (c) open, or attempt to open, any gate, ramp or barrier leading to or from any ferry boat.
- 21 No person shall without lawful authority or other reasonable excuse move or interfere with, or attempt to move or interfere with, any ferry boat or any part of ferry premises.
- 22 No person shall without lawful authority or without reasonable excuse operate, move, work or tamper with any mechanical or electrical appliance upon any ferry boat, or any switch, lever or other device operating or controlling any such mechanical or electrical appliance.
- 23 (1) No person shall without lawful authority board any ferry boat for the purposes of travelling unless and until he or someone on his behalf has obtained a valid ticket entitling him to travel thereon.
- (2) Any person travelling on a ferry boat shall, if requested to do so by an authorised person, produce, and if so requested deliver up, a ticket showing that his fare has been paid.

Note

- The Executive does not undertake, nor by publication of any timetable, handbill or notice is to be deemed to undertake, that its ferry services shall operate, start or arrive at the times set out in its timetables or at all.
- The Executive shall not be liable or accountable for any loss, damage, hurt or inconvenience or injury arising from –
 - the failure of ferry boats to start or arrive at the time specified in its timetable or at all;
 - delay in a journey on the ferry boat or any deviation or breakdown arising from any cause.

Please observe the Byelaws.