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**PREFECTORIAL DECREE**

regulating speeding beyond the 300 metre coastal strip in inland maritime waters overlying the public maritime domain allocated to the Conservatoire de l'espace littoral et des rivages lacustres in the coastal zone of the commune of Théoule-sur-Mer (Alpes-Maritimes)

ANNEX : an annex.

The Maritime Prefect for the Mediterranean,

Having regard to the International Convention of 20 October 1972 on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG);

Having regard to the Penal Code, in particular articles 131-13 and

R. 610-5; Having regard to the Environment Code;

Having regard to the Transport Code, and in particular Articles L. 5242-2 ;

Having regard to Decree no. 2004-112 of 06 February 2004 as amended relating to the organisation of State action at sea;

Having regard to Decree no. 2007-1167 of 02 August 2007, as amended, on driving licences and training for the operation of motorised pleasure craft;

Having regard to Decree no. 2016-1108 of 11 August 2016 creating collections of administrative acts of maritime prefectures in electronic form;

Having regard to prefectural decree no. 13/2008 of 23 July 2008 regulating the mooring of vessels in the harbour of Théoule ;

Having regard to Prefectoral Order no. 19/2018 of 14 March 2018, as amended, regulating navigation and scuba diving along the French Mediterranean coastline;

Having regard to Prefectoral Order no. 123/2019 of 03 June 2019 laying down the general framework for anchoring and stopping vessels in the French inland and territorial waters of the Mediterranean ;

In view of prefectural decree no. 205/2020 of 14 October 2020, as amended, regulating the anchoring and stopping of vessels of 24 metres or more in the Alpes-Maritimes department, from the Pointe de l'Aiguille to the mouth of the Var river;

In view of prefectural decree no. 249/2020 of 15 December 2020 regulating the anchoring and stopping of vessels of 24 metres and over in the Var and Alpes-Maritimes departments, from the old port of Saint Raphaël to the Pointe de l'Aiguille at the mouth of the Var river (on the outskirts of the Esterel massif) ;

monitored by: maritime regulations office

Having regard to Prefectoral Order n° 141/2023 of 29 May 2023 regulating navigation, the anchoring of vessels, scuba diving and the practice of speed water sports in the 300 metre coastal strip bordering the commune of Théoule-sur-Mer;

Having regard to Prefectoral Order n°384/2023 of 20 November 2023 governing various practices in the French Mediterranean inland waters and territorial sea;

Having regard to the maritime public domain allocation agreement signed between the Prefect of Alpes-Maritimes and the Director of the Conservatoire de l'espace littoral et des rivages lacustres on 07 June 2017;

Having regard to the opinion of the local nautical committee which met on 07 February 2024;

Considering the high level of nautical traffic in this sector, and in particular its accident-prone nature, given the nautical activities that take place there, both because of the intrinsic attractiveness of this area bordering the Esterel massif and because of its location between the navigation basins of the east of the Var and the west of the Alpes-Maritimes;

Considering the need to reduce ambient underwater noise with regard to the conservation objectives of the species and habitats identified in the inland maritime waters overlying the public maritime domain allocated to the Conservatoire de l'espace littoral et des rivages lacustres in the area of the coastline of the municipality of Théoule-sur-Mer;

On the proposal of the Alpes-Maritimes Departmental Director for Territories and the Sea:

For the purposes of this order, it is specified that the geodetic coordinates are expressed in the WGS 84 geodetic system (in decimal degrees and minutes);

#### Article 1<sup>er</sup>

Within the perimeter located in the inland maritime waters overlying the maritime public domain allocated to the Conservatoire de l'espace littoral et des rivages lacustres (CERL) by the maritime public domain allocation agreement signed between the Prefect of Alpes-Maritimes and the Director of the Conservatoire de l'espace littoral et des rivages lacustres on 07 June 2017, as referred to above, bounded by segments [AB], [BC], [CD], [DE] and the coastline joining points E and A, the speed of ships and craft of all kinds is limited to 15 knots beyond the 300 metre coastal strip. In the 300-metre coastal strip located within the perimeter thus defined, the maximum speed of registered ships and craft is 5 knots in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the aforementioned Prefectoral Order no. 19/2018 of 14 March 2018.

The geodetic coordinates of the above-mentioned points are :

A : 43° 30.885' N - 006° 56.268' E  
B : 43° 30.501' N - 006° 57.276' E  
C : 43° 30.245' N - 006° 57.790' E  
D : 43° 28.758' N - 006° 57.357' E  
E : 43° 28.819' N - 006° 56.006' E

## Article 2

The speed limit defined in article 1 does not apply to State vessels and craft responsible for policing the stretch of water, to craft ensuring the surveillance and safety of the stretch of water or on rescue missions as well as to professional towed water sports vessels operating from the shore bordering the regulated perimeter defined in article 1 within the framework of a title of occupation of the natural public maritime domain having been issued prior to the date of publication of the present decree.

In the context of these professional activities, towed water sports vessels must, in order to enter and/or leave the regulated perimeter defined in Article 1, navigate directly and continuously in the axis of the speed water sports channel instituted by the aforementioned Prefectoral Order n° 141/2023 of 29 May 2023 before entering or leaving the said channel, to the exclusion of any other movement within the said regulated perimeter.

## Article 3

Infringements of this order will render their perpetrators liable to prosecution and the penalties laid down in articles 131-13 and R. 610-5 of the French Criminal Code, articles L. 5242-2 and L.5243-6 of the French Transport Code, and articles 6 and 7 of decree no. 2007-1167 of 02 August 2007 referred to above.

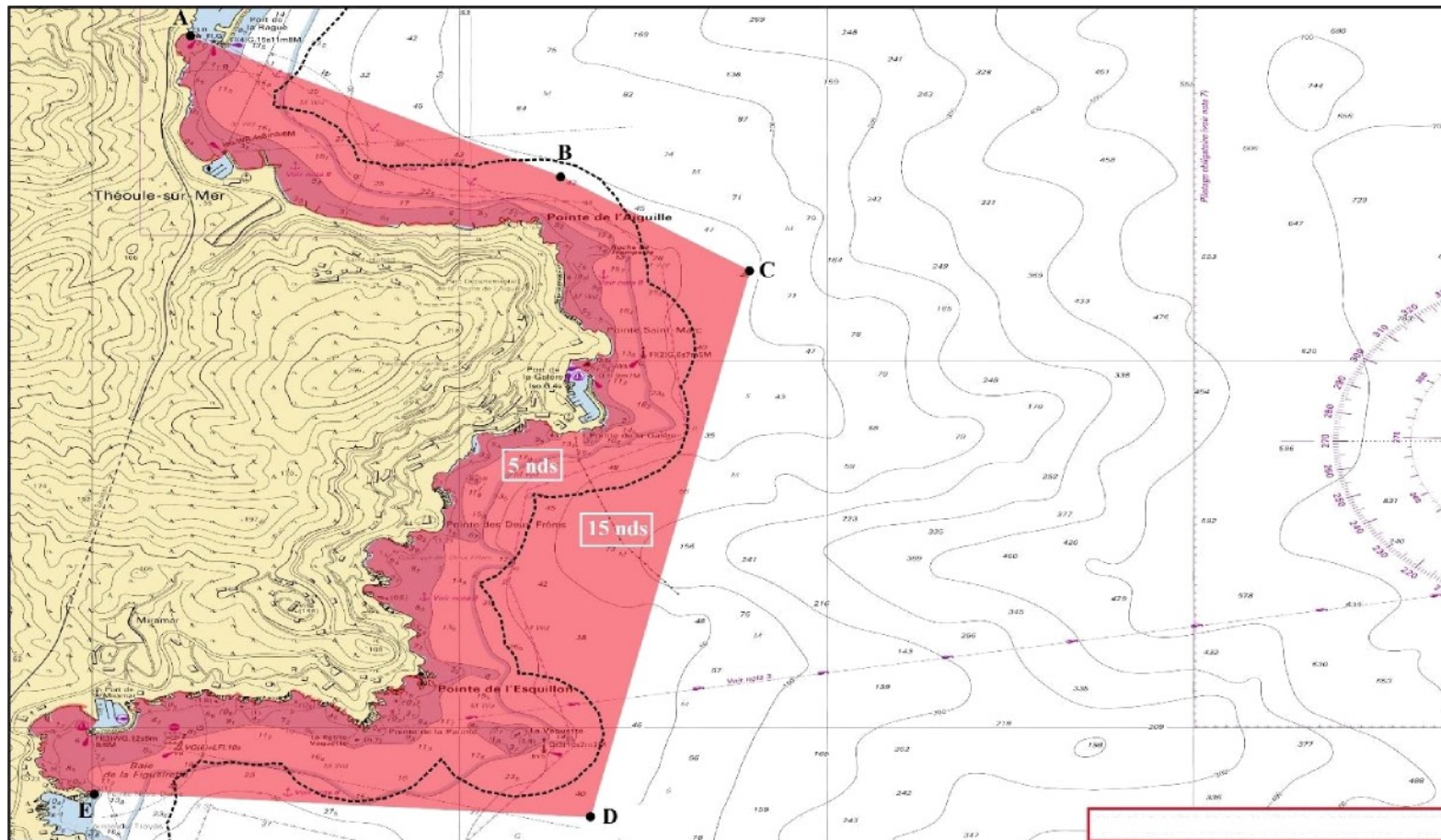
## Article 4

The Alpes-Maritimes Departmental Director for Territories and the Sea, and the officers and agents authorised to enforce navigation regulations are each responsible for enforcing this order, which will be published in the Recueil des actes administratifs of the Préfecture maritime de la Méditerranée.

Vice-admiral Gilles Boidevezi, Maritime  
Prefect for the Mediterranean,

**Original signed**

# ANNEX I

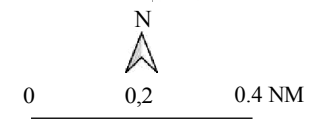


  
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**LEGENDE :**

- Perimeter of inland maritime waters overlying the public maritime domain allocated to the CCCL
- 300-metre coastal strip
- Points mentioned in the order

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