



Calendar Year - 2026

Subject: Port Ludlow Bay Marine Speed Regulations

To: All Visiting Yachtsmen & Boaters

Welcome to Port Ludlow Bay. Thank you for choosing Port Ludlow Bay to enjoy part of the incredible beauty this area has to offer. We sincerely hope that your stay is an enjoyable and memorable one. We are proud that our bay is a destination and a safe place to visit. It is full of novice and experienced kayakers, rowers, canoes, swimmers, paddle boarders and other small and large craft.

To promote a culture to fully appreciate and enjoy these many activities, we wish to emphasize our focus on “Safety First”. It was with this that Jefferson County Ordinance No.7-92: Ord.5-90:11 (attached) was passed over a decade ago. It specifically designates the Port Ludlow Bay starting from a line directly East from USCG Marker #4 be “declared a **Restricted Area** and the boat speed in that Restricted Area shall be **five nautical miles per hour**”. This restriction applies to all craft regardless of their size or wake.

The PLVC is doing all we can to ensure that Ludlow Bay is a favorite spot for you and others to visit again and again. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the Port Ludlow Village Council via info@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org.

Happy boating.

Sincerely,

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8.40.110 Speed limit.

Except as permitted in JCC [8.40.220](#), it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vessel at a speed sufficient to create a wake or in excess of seven nautical miles per hour, whichever is less, within 150 feet of any shoreline, pier, breakwater or restricted area. However, in instances where steerage may be lost due to high winds or excessive currents, a vessel may exceed seven knots to such speed as may be sufficient for safe operation of the vessel, leaving the least wake possible; provided, that the area of Port Ludlow Bay southerly of a line extending due east from the southern tip of Burner Point to the east shore of Port Ludlow Bay is hereby declared a restricted area and the boat speed in that restricted area shall be five nautical miles per hour.

[Ord. 7-92; Ord. 5-90 § 11]