

Les Ecrehous Code of Conduct

Issued by Ports of Jersey

The Ecrehous is a unique marine environment protected under the RAMSAR Convention. Increasing numbers of visitors are threatening this environment, and in order to minimise the impact, all visitors are politely requested to adhere to this Code of Conduct.

Flora and Fauna

Respect should be shown at all times to the local flora and fauna.

- Throughout the year a diversity of birds nest on the reef and many migrating species land to rest. Please keep any disturbance to a minimum (including the use of drones) and stay well clear of nesting sites, some of which are roped off, especially from 1 January to 31 July, the main nesting season.
- Visits to the seal colonies at the edge of the reef should be kept to a minimum. Vessels should approach slowly, not get too close, and keep their passengers as quiet as possible to avoid disturbing the seals any more than absolutely necessary.
- Do not feed or touch the wildlife

Toilet facilities

There are no public toilet facilities on Les Ecrehous. If nature calls, please choose a discreet location below the half tide mark. If you plan to stay for a while, you should bring appropriate equipment.

Litter, barbecues

Please ensure that you take all of your litter home with you, including disposable barbecues. If a barbecue is removed whilst still hot, the area upon which it was sitting should be doused with cold water or covered with cold stones to safeguard people with bare feet.

Residents' privacy

Huts are all privately owned. Please respect the privacy of the residents and their property.

Safety

Tidal currents around the Ecrehous are very strong. Care should be taken at all times when swimming and when landing from and re-boarding your boat, and particularly when the shingle bank between La Marmotiere and Le Bliantq Ile is covered.

Please beware of the dangers of the rising tide and ensure you do not get cut off on an isolated rock.

Speed

Speed restrictions are set out in Jersey Harbours' General Direction No 2. Mariners are asked to show consideration when passing other boats within the mooring area to avoid making unnecessary wash.

Moorings

With the exception of the one marked States (Impots) Visitors' Mooring, all moorings at the Ecrehous are privately owned. They are laid and maintained with different size vessels in mind. Visitors should avoid using them as far as possible. If you use a mooring you should move off it quickly and courteously as soon as the owner arrives.

Moorings should not be used by more than one boat at a time except with the owner's permission.

Fishing

When fishing at the Ecrehous please adhere to Jersey fishing regulations. In particular, the use of floating rope to set pots in the approaches is not allowed (Jersey Harbours' General Direction No 8).

Thank you for reading and adhering to this Code of Conduct. Enjoy your stay at this unique reef.



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