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### Port Authority Introduces 5-Knots Speed Limit For Inner Harbour

The Port Authority recently carried out a safety and navigation risk assessment for all commercial and recreational users of the inner harbour and concluded that 5 knots is a safe speed for all vessels. This speed limit has now been incorporated in the Port Act and any vessel which exceeds this may be liable to prosecution.

Full details of the amendment to the Port Act can be found on the Government's website at <http://www.gibraltarlaws.gov.gi/articles/2015=076.pdf>

CEO and Captain of the Port, Commodore Bob Sanguinetti, said "All harbour users are reminded of the requirement to, at all times, proceed at a safe speed and not to produce wake or wash that could cause a nuisance to other users. The inner harbour is used by rowing boats, tenders and dinghies, many of which have a low freeboard and could easily be swamped, and vessels moored alongside could be damaged. All users of this busy patch of water should therefore navigate with due consideration to others to minimise the risk of injury or damage."

Minister for the Port, Paul Balban, said "*The Government is committed to ensuring that the safety of all users of the Port is maintained to the highest standard and we see this new speed restriction as a positive move towards achieving this.*"