

## Swimming



- Swimming is prohibited at the landing stages, in the ports, reed beds, the prehistoric pile dwelling at Tougues and the protection zone.
- Protected zones for swimming are indicated by yellow spherical buoys.
- For safety : a support boat must accompany swimmers outside the inshore zone.

## Water sports and water toys



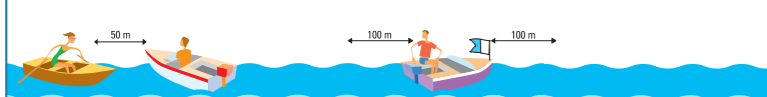
- Water toys (canoe, kayak, paddle, optimist, rowing boat...) prohibited outside the inshore zone.
- Windsurfing and kitesurfing authorized outside the inshore zone and as far as 3.7 km from the shore.
- Water skiing, wakeboarding and wakesurfing prohibited along the inshore zone, except in marked channels.

## Respect for others



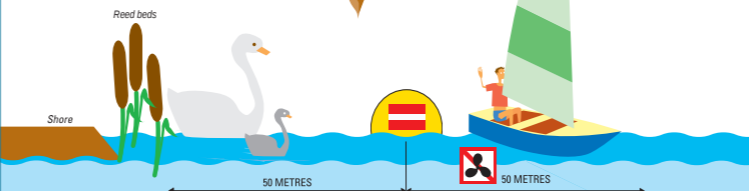
- No speed limit outside the inshore zone.
- Leave a distance of 200m from the stern of a fishing boat (trolling or trawling).

## Boat traffic and sub-aqua diving



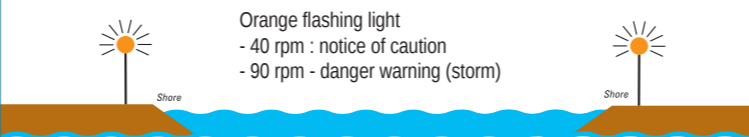
- Overtaking - crossing**
  - Leave a distance of at least 50 metres, slow down, give way to the right.
  - Give way to any small boats and sailing boats.
- Sub-aqua diving**
  - Boating prohibited within a 100- metres radius of this flag.

## Environment



- Boating, swimming and diving prohibited within 50 metres of the front of the reed beds.
- All motor boats prohibited within 50 metres of the yellow spherical buoys.

## Warning lights



- If notice of caution : put on a life jacket. Water toys and swimming prohibited.
- If danger warning (storm) : all boating and swimming prohibited, except for passenger boats already in service.

The Franco-Swiss navigation regulations for Lake Léman (RNL) and the specific navigation regulations (RPP) are available :

- at the direction départementale des Territoires (DDT) offices (local authority)
- at tourist offices, town halls and harbour masters' offices on the French side of Lake Léman.

They can also be downloaded at : [www.haute-savoie.gouv.fr](http://www.haute-savoie.gouv.fr) under the heading "Environnement"

For all information relating to pleasure craft licence, navigation permit and safety equipment, visit :

[www.ecologie-solidaire.gouv.fr](http://www.ecologie-solidaire.gouv.fr)

For your declarations or authorization requests, please contact :

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# Lake Léman Navigation regulations

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Boating and water activities on Lake Léman are governed by the Franco-Swiss navigation regulations of Lake Léman (RNL in French) amended in June 2019 and by the specific navigation regulations (RPP in French) of 23rd June 2015. The latter have been adapted locally from the national general regulations (RGP in French).

The aims of the specific navigation regulations (RPP) :

- to improve respect for the environment,
- to guarantee safety to users,
- to simplify the regulations,
- to maintain the existing balance between the various activities on the lake.

The specific navigation regulations (RPP) consist of :

- rules that define the areas associated to boating conditions and to various specific water activities :
  - the prohibited zones,
  - the protected zones,
  - the reserved zones (eg : inshore zone, reserved channels).
- a master plan of the lake which maps out these areas).

Before setting off, you must :

- carry on board : your licence and navigation permit, the current Franco-Swiss, general and specific navigation regulations (RNL, RGP and RPP in French)
- consult the regulations concerning Lake Léman
- check your safety equipment
- check the weather forecast

Please comply with the regulations !

- observe the navigation regulations (appropriate speed, respect restricted zones...)
- it is prohibited to sail a boat >6hp without a licence
- you must have a navigation permit in your possession when it is mandatory
- boats with a length ≥5 m must have a registration number
- it is prohibited to sail under the influence of alcohol (blood alcohol concentration <0.8g/l) or drugs





Failure to comply with the regulations will result in a fine from the National Gendarmerie (the local police).

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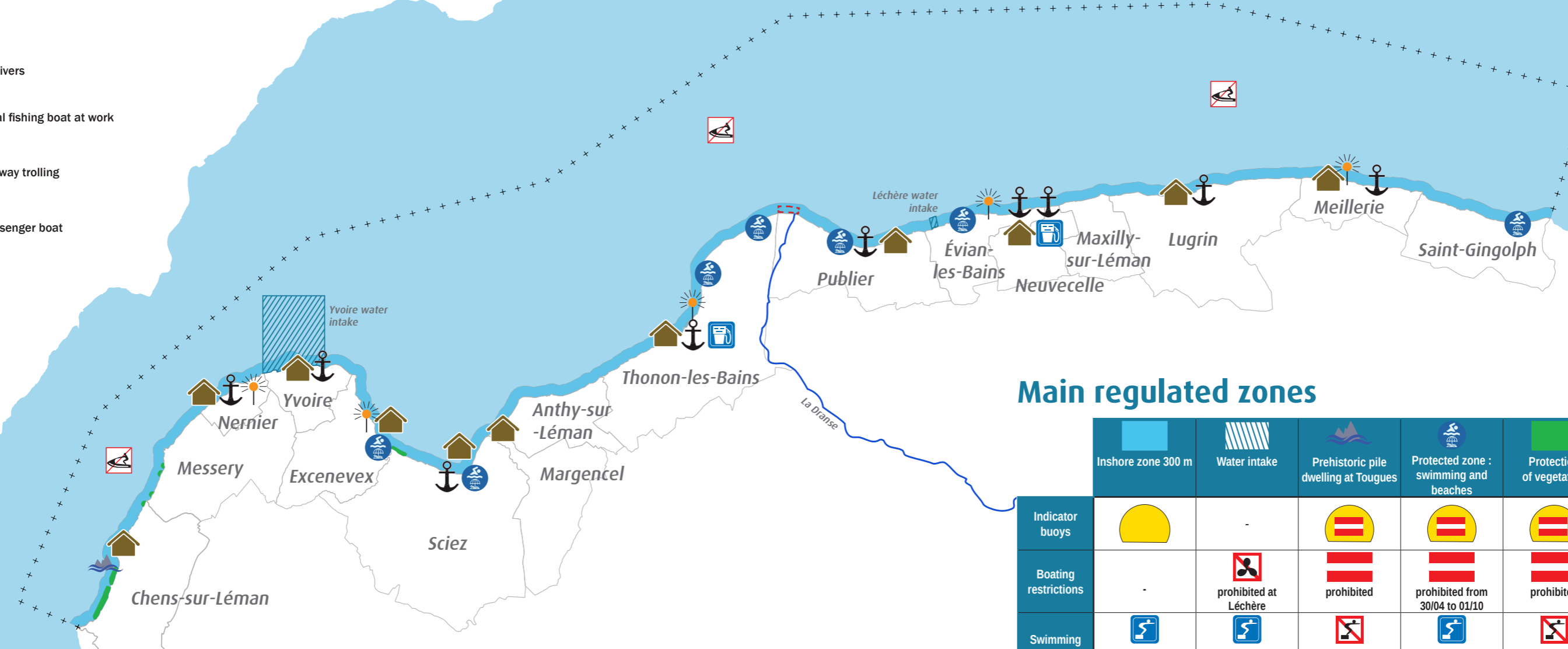
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## Flags

























-  Boat with divers
-  Professional fishing boat at work
-  Boat underway trolling
-  Priority passenger boat


## Main pictograms

-  Speed limit in km/h
-  Motor boats prohibited
-  No entry
-  Port
-  Landing stage
-  Orange flashing light  
- 40 rpm : notice of caution  
- 90 rpm - danger warning (storm)



## Main regulated zones

	 Inshore zone 300 m	 Water intake	 Prehistoric pile dwelling at Tougues	 Protected zone : swimming and beaches	 Protection of vegetation	 Protection zone for the Dranse estuary
Indicator buoys		-				
Boating restrictions	-	 prohibited at Léchère	 prohibited	 prohibited from 30/04 to 01/10	 prohibited	 prohibited
Swimming	 permitted	 permitted	 and diving prohibited	 permitted	 and diving prohibited	 prohibited
Speed limit	 10 with some exceptions	-	-	 10 when not in use	-	-



The use of special motorized equipment (jet skis, motorized watercraft, water scooters...) is prohibited.

Kite-surfing is regulated.

Enquire beforehand !

