

Marine Management Organisation

Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

Allonby Bay Highly Protected Marine Area Anchoring Byelaw 2025

The Marine Management Organisation¹, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 129 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009², makes the following Byelaw to further the conservation objective of Allonby Bay Highly Protected Marine Area³.

Citation

1. This Byelaw may be cited as the Allonby Bay Highly Protected Marine Area Anchoring Byelaw 2025.

Commencement

2. This Byelaw comes into effect 14 days after the day on which it is confirmed by the Secretary of State.

Interpretation

3. In this Byelaw:

“the Act” means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;

“anchor” means any weight, hook, grapnel or similar device attached to a vessel with a line or a chain;

“ETRS 1989” means the European Terrestrial Reference System 1989;

“specified area” means the area more particularly described in Schedule 1 as Allonby Bay specified area;

“stowed” means the anchor is in a raised position, not in the water and stored in the same manner as it is when the vessel is underway;

“vessel” includes –

- a. hovercraft,
- b. aircraft capable of landing on water, and

¹ The Marine Management Organisation was established by the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, section 1.

² 2009 c. 23.

³ The Allonby Bay Highly Protected Marine Area (Marine Conservation Zone) Designation Order 2023.

- c. any other craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not capable of carrying any person.
4. Co-ordinates used in this Byelaw are measured from ETRS 1989 datum.

Prohibitions

5. A person must not deploy an anchor or allow an anchor to be deployed in the specified area.
6. A person must keep any anchor stowed when in the specified area.

Exceptions

7. Paragraphs 5 and 6 do not apply to a person performing an act which would otherwise constitute an offence against this Byelaw, as set out in paragraph 8, if:
- a. the act was carried out in accordance with written permission issued by the Marine Management Organisation permitting that act for scientific, stocking or breeding purposes; or
 - b. the act was carried out in accordance with a marine licence issued by the Secretary of State under Part 4 of the Act.

Offence

8. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Byelaw constitutes an offence contrary to section 139 of the Act.

Made under the Common Seal of the Marine Management Organisation on:

The Common Seal of the Marine Management Organisation was affixed to this Byelaw in the presence of:

Peter Clark
Director of Operations
Marine Management Organisation

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of the power conferred by section 130(8) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 confirms this Byelaw.

A Senior Civil Servant for, and on behalf of, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Date:

Schedule 1 – Allonby Bay specified area

1. The “specified area” means the area enclosed by lines between the co-ordinates in the table:

Point	Latitude (degrees and decimal minutes)	Longitude (degrees and decimal minutes)	Line to next point
1	54° 43.8886' N	03° 28.8481' W	Geodesic
2	54° 44.2593' N	03° 29.9114' W	Geodesic
3	54° 44.3254' N	03° 30.8564' W	Geodesic
4	54° 45.2827' N	03° 33.0106' W	Geodesic
5	54° 46.4827' N	03° 31.5016' W	Geodesic
6	54° 47.2439' N	03° 29.2921' W	Geodesic
7	54° 46.0841' N	03° 25.9840' W	Following mean high water South returning to point 1

2. The specified area is identified for illustrative purposes only on the map overleaf:



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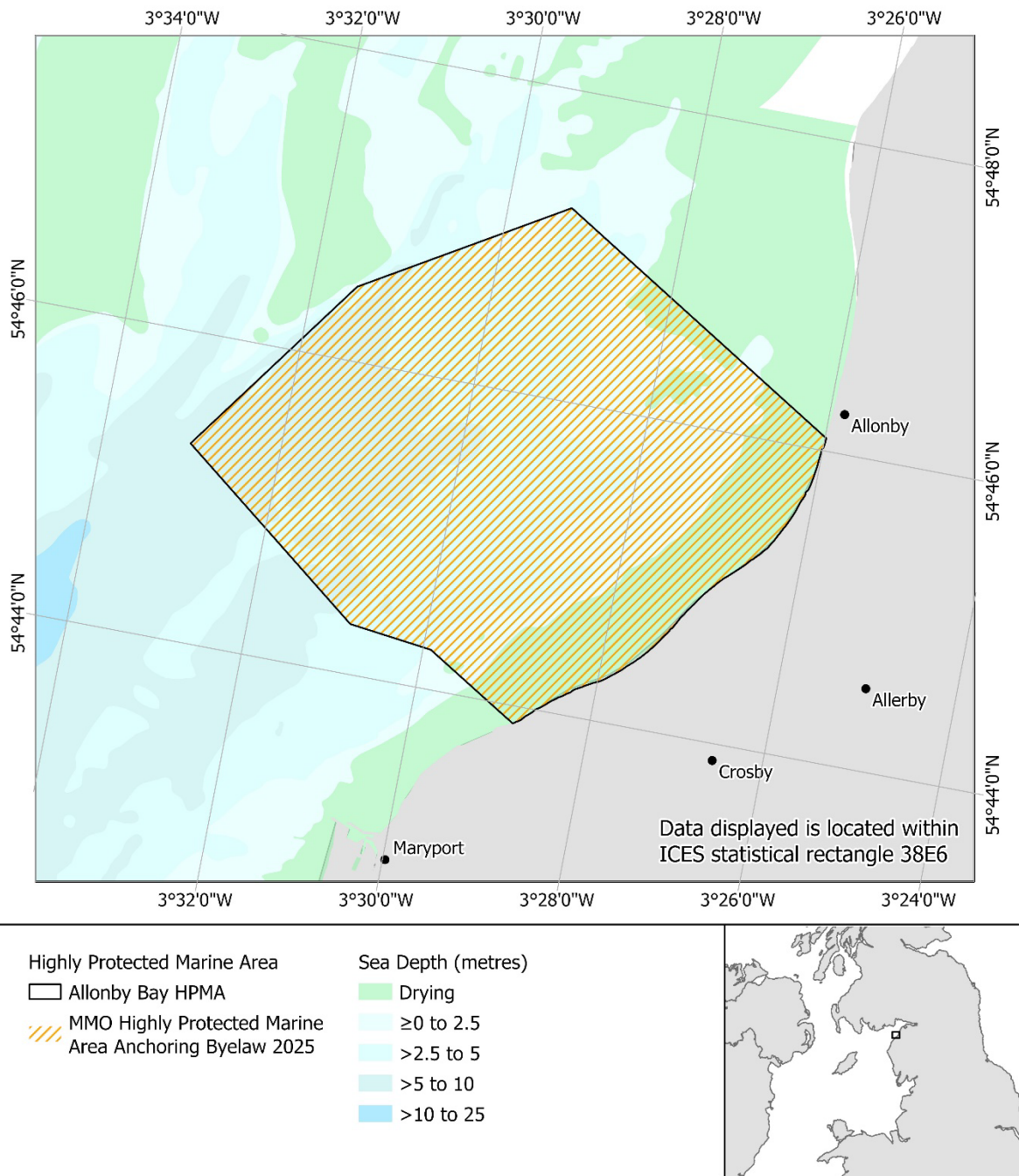


Figure 1: Specified area relating to Allonby Bay Highly Protected Marine Area.

Explanatory Note

(This note is not part of the Byelaw)

This Byelaw prohibits the deployment of an anchor and requires any anchor be stowed, as defined by the Byelaw, when within the specified area, as defined in the Schedule to this Byelaw. The specified area relates to Allonby Bay Highly Protected Marine Area as listed at paragraph 3. Exceptions to the prohibitions exist and have been detailed in this Byelaw.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Byelaw constitutes an offence contrary to section 139 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.