

Regulation of the national park

The island of Port-Cros is classified “coeur de parc” (heart of park), the access of dogs is regulated. It is not allowed to pull boats ashore.

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The Nav&co mobile application allows boaters to navigate while having access to essential information concerning maritime regulations, beaconing and surrounding biodiversity.



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Regulation within the ZMEL

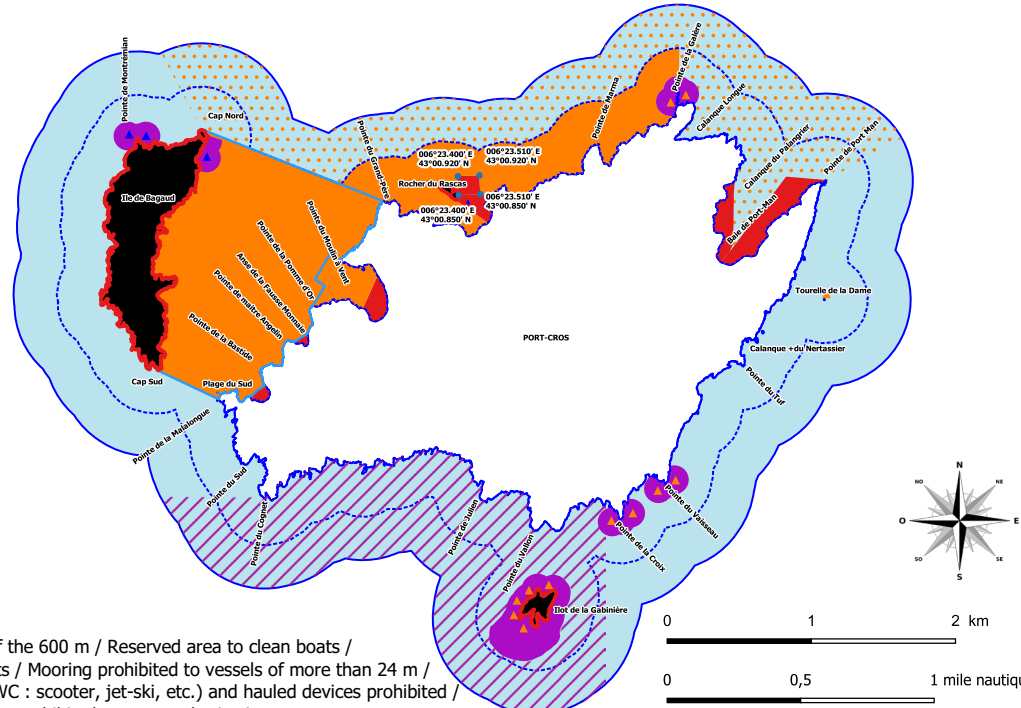
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| Available and free of charge daytime (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) | Chargeable and by reservation nighttime (6 p.m. to 8 a.m.) |
| 1 buoy = 1 boat | 68 buoys |
| 1 person always aboard | Speed limited to 5 knots |



For any information:
<http://www.portcros-parcnational.fr/fr/des-decouvertes/sejourner/la-zmel-de-bagaud>
or by QR code

Yachting and diving around Port-Cros

Two hulks at the plage de la Palud and plage du Sud, allow dinghies to moore for accessing beaches. A mooring buoy to share at the plage de la Palud allows to swim to the underwater trail.



- Marine heart and limit of the 600 m / Reserved area to clean boats / Speed limited to 12 knots / Mooring prohibited to vessels of more than 24 m / Powered watercrafts (PWC : scooter, jet-ski, etc.) and hauled devices prohibited / Autonomous scuba diving prohibited, except authorisation
- Limit of the 300 meters / Speed limited to 5 knots
- Wilderness terrestrial area (prohibition of landing)
- Traffic and mooring prohibited
- Mooring prohibited
- Mooring prohibited to vessels of more than 12 m
- Mooring prohibited except on diving device
- Mooring devices reserved for diving. Presence of a person on board capable of maneuvering the vessel is mandatory during the busy periods from 9 am to 5 pm
- Mooring devices reserved for diving
- Diving prohibited from April 1st to September 30th
- ZMEL (Mooring and Light Equipment Area) (68 mooring buoys from April 15th to October 15th)

Mooring of vessels of more than 24 m prohibited

Jet-skis, hauled devices, motorized surfboards and underwater scooters prohibited in the marine heart of the national park (600 m)

For the safety of users of the marine environment, mooring is regulated and speed limited to:

- 12 knots between 300 and 600 meters from the coasts,
- 5 knots in the area of 300 meters and in the ZMEL (Mooring and Light Equipment Area)
- 3 knots in the harbour

On the whole coastal fringe of the island of Port-Cros and the islets of Bagaud, Gabinière and Rascas, it is prohibited, except for imperative security reasons, to ground any watercraft or moore outside the mooring rings provided for this use, with the help of a lanyard or an anchor, on the terrestrial part. In addition, on islets, disembarkation is prohibited on the dock provided for this purpose.

From June 15th to September 15th, traffic outside marked trails is prohibited on the entire terrestrial territory of the national park.

By order of the maritime Prefect, only the mooring of vessels equipped with holding tanks in the waters of Port-Cros is allowed. Pleasure boaters are therefore invited to equip their boat according to the applicable standards.

- > Anchorage within the ZMEL (Mooring and Light Equipment Area) is prohibited at all times. Mooring is possible there from April 15th to October 15th on devices provided for this use.
- > Aboard, avoid the use of domestic detergents: resort to biodegradable detergents.
- > Ensure to not discharge your used waters at sea : think about the marine life and the coastline's plants. Any form of discharge is prohibited in the waters of the national park.
- > Noises and disturbances of nature to disrupt the tranquility of the sites are prohibited.

Scuba diving around Port-Cros

Scuba diving in a scuba diving suit in the waters of the Port-Cros National Park is prohibited except for holders of a diving authorization. To obtain this authorization, each individual diver or each diving establishment must now register online on the CaPeL website (Online Dive Log) <https://capel.portcros-parcnational.fr/> This website allows him to sign the rules and transmit his diving data. In-person verification in the National Park houses remains necessary in order to obtain the "diving" sticker that is required to be affixed on the boat.



The diving regulation stipulates a limitation to 40 divers simultaneously per site and prescribes respectful behaviors of the habitats and species. It enforces in particular to not :

- feed fishes: they must stay wild
- flip the rocks
- get in contact with the bedrock or animal or plant species

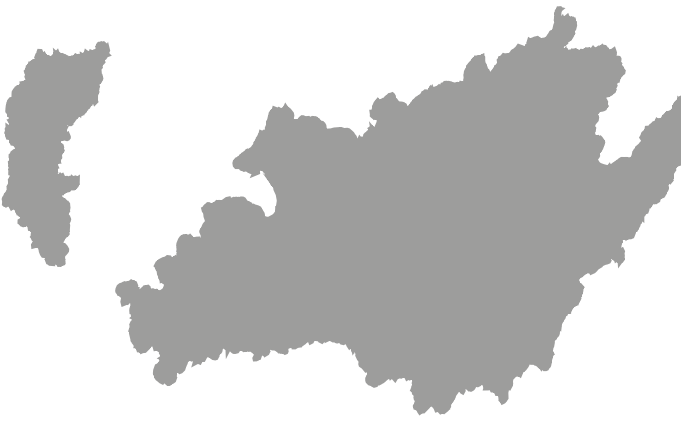
For this reason, the learning of diving is regulated. Nighttime diving is regulated because the intensive use of underwater lighting disrupts the tranquility of fishes.

Divers, *signal yourself at the surface* with regulatory flags !

- For your safety, mooring *is not authorized within a radius of 100 meters* around diving sites.
- Authorized divers (individual or structure) have priority for mooring on diving buoys. Several vessels up to a limit of 3 vessels can moor there simultaneously during the time required for the dive. Mooring is prohibited for vessels over 15 meters.
- During the mooring time, the presence of a person on board able to maneuver the vessel is compulsory during the busy periods of May and June and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m in July and August on the sites of following dives: La Gabinière, la Croix, le Vaisseau and la Galère.



Yachting, fishing, diving around Port-Cros island and access to the harbour



A national park is a territory of exception opened to all but under one's responsibility. It is protected by a specific regulation. Thank you for respecting it.

