



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURES AND TRANSPORT
MARITIME DISTRICT OFFICE OF GRADO

BATHING SAFETY ORDINANCE No.

51/2019

The undersigned Ship Lieutenant (Coastguard), Head of the Maritime District of Grado:

Having regard to: Law 3 April 1989, no. 147 "Accession to the International Convention on maritime search and rescue with annex adopted at Hamburg on 27 April 1979 and its implementation";

Having regard to: Presidential Decree 28 September 1994, no. 662 "Regulation implementing Law 3 April 1989, no. 147 concerning accession to the Convention on maritime search and rescue (SAR 79) adopted at Hamburg on 27 April 1979 and related Attachment";

Having regard to: Presidential Decree 3 December 2008, no. 211 "Reorganisation of the Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport";

Having regard to: The Prime Minister's Decree 21 December 1995 "Identification of the state-owned maritime areas excluded from delegation to the Regions pursuant to Art. 59 of Presidential Decree 24 July 1977, no. 616";

Having regard to: Art. 105 of Legislative Decree 31 March 1998, no. 112, as amended by Art. 9 of law 16 March 2001, no. 88 concerning the conferment of State functions and administrative tasks to Regions and Local Authorities;

Having regard to: Legislative Decree 18 August 2000, no. 267 including "Single text on laws regulating local authorities";

Having regard to: Constitutional law 18 October 2001, no. 3 "Amendments to Title V of Part Two of the Constitution";

Having regard to: Regionale Law 13 November 2006, no. 22 "Regulations for state-owned maritime property used for tourism and recreational purposes and amendment of Regional Law 16/2002 regarding soil protection and state-owned water resources" wherewith the Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region has delegated to the Municipalities the exercise of authority over state-owned maritime property with tourism and recreational purposes;

Having regard to: Law 08 July 2003, no. 172 containing "Provisions for the reorganisation and revitalisation of recreational boating and nautical tourism";

Having regard to: Legislative Decree no. 171 of 19 July 2005 containing "Recreational boating code and implementation of Directive 2003/44/EC pursuant to Art. 6 of law 8 July 2003 no. 172";

Having regard to: Decree of the Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport 29 July 2008, no. 146 containing "Regulation implementing Art.65 of Legislative Decree 18 July 2005, no. 171 containing recreational boating Code";

Having regard to: Legislative Decree 3 November 2017, no. 229 "Amendment and integration of legislative decree 18 July 2005, no. 171, containing recreational craft code and



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implementation of directive 2003/44/EC, pursuant to Article 6 of law 8 July 2003, no. 172, implementing Article 1 of law 7 October 2015, no. 167”;

Having regard to: Legislative Decree no. 116 of 30 May 2008 containing “Implementation of directive 2006/7/CE” relating to the management of the quality of bathing water and repeal of directive 76/160/EEC, which sets the bathing season from 1 May to 30 September;

Having regard to: the Decree of the Ministry of Health 15 July 2003, no. 388 “Regulation containing dispositions on first aid in businesses, implementing Article 15, paragraph 3, of legislative decree 19 September 1994, no. 626, and subsequent amendments” laying down the characteristics and supplies of the first aid kit;

Having regard to: Presidential Decree 2 October 1968, no. 1639 containing “Regulation for the implementation of law 14 July 1965, no. 963, concerning rules for maritime fisheries”;

Having regard to: Legislative Decree 09 January 2012, no. 04 containing “Measures for the reorganisation of fisheries and aquaculture law, pursuant to Article 28 of law 4 June 2010, no. 96” and subsequent amendments and additions;

Having regard to: the Agreement between the Ministry of Health, the regions and the autonomous provinces of Trento and of Bolzano on hygienic and health aspects for the construction, maintenance and surveillance of swimming pools used for bathing purposes of 16 January 2003 and published in the Official Gazette - General Series - no. 51 of 3 March 2003;

Having regard to: Dispatch reg. no. 82/022468/I of 3 April 2002 of the General Directorate for Maritime and Internal Navigation Infrastructures jointly with the General Coast Guard Command containing directives for the “Regulation of the use of beaches and sea bathing areas – Bathing ordinances”;

Having regard to: Dispatch reg. no. 02.01.04/34660 of 07 April 2006 of the General Coast Guard Command containing “Bathing Ordinance – Distribution of responsibilities between Maritime Authorities and local authorities on the subject of the regulation of bathing activities – Provisions concerning the regulation of safety and lifeguard service aspects”;

Having regard to: Article 1, paragraph 251, letter E of Law 27 December 2006, no. 296 (finance act 2007) which provides that concession holders have the obligation to allow the open and free access and transit, for reaching the water’s edge in front of the area included in the concession, also for bathing purposes;

Having regard to: Dispatch reg. no. 02.01/30482 and reg. no. 02.02./32472 respectively of 27 March 2007 and 03 April 2007 of the General Coast Guard Command relating to the implementation of the provisions of the aforementioned Article 1, paragraph 251, letter E, of Law 27 December 2006, no. 296;

Having regard to: Dispatch reg. no. 02.01/13413 of 08 February 2007 of the General Coast Guard Command relating to the regulation of nautical activities;

Having regard to: Dispatch reg. no.132225 of 28 October 2016 of the General Coast Guard Command relating to the use of canine units for lifeguard purposes on beaches;

Having regard to: Dispatch reg. no. 26421 of 26 February 2019 of the General Coast Guard Command relating to the use of medical oxygen cylinders at seaside bathing facilities;

Having regard to: Ordinance no. 10/07 of 18 April 2007, adopted by the Head of the Maritime District of Monfalcone, pursuant to Law 8 July 2003, no. 172, which regulates



navigation limits with regard to the coast;

Having regard to: The existing Ordinance containing “Rules for the regulation of recreational boating in the Maritime District of Grado”;

Whereas: the lifeguard service is set up as a management body for state-owned maritime areas and as such constitutes a specific obligation that the conceding body imposes with relevant clauses inserted in the concession licence for holders of concession of bathing facilities or with a specific ordinance;

Having assessed: the morphological conformation of the coast under its jurisdiction in relation to the diverse use of the same for bathing purposes as well as the presence of bathers in a coastline characterised by a sandy coast and shallow waters;

Taking into account: the result of the minutes of the meeting, held on 11 April 2017 at the Coast Guard Command of Monfalcone jointly with the Director of the 118 Regional Operational Centre, which aimed to implement the existing estimates on minimum sanitary requirements which bathing establishments must be provided with as well as to define the characteristics of the first aid room, for their precise and uniform application within their scope of authority;

Having assessed: the observations made during the meetings held at the Municipal Hall of the Municipality of Grado and of the Municipality of Lignano Sabbiadoro, respectively on 08 May 2019 and 11 March 2019, in which representatives of the aforementioned Municipal Administrations as well as operators of the bathing tourism sector have participated;

Deeming it: necessary to regulate aspects concerning navigation safety, of bathers as well as of sea users in general, which are the responsibility of this maritime Authority being directly connected with the use of state-owned maritime property along the coast of the Maritime District of Grado;

Having regard to: Regional Resolution of 14 December 2018 no. 2351 – “Identification and classification of bathing waters – Bathing Season 2019”;

Having regard to: one’s own Bathing Safety Ordinance no. 49/2019 of 15 May 2019, by which obligations were introduced concerning the presence of 1 5l rechargeable oxygen cylinder with 200 bar pressure, in a special first aid room;

Taking into account problems which have arisen during the supply of the aforementioned equipment for medical oxygen therapy, expressed by a large number of bathing establishment licence Holders, also concerning the compulsory medical prescription for their purchase and possible use;

Having regard to: the existing Bathing Ordinances issued by the Municipality of Grado and Lignano Sabbiadoro respectively;

Having regard to: The Decree of the Directorate General Agrifood, Forestry and Fisheries Resources – Biodiversity Unit of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, no. 2666/AGFOR of 08.04.2019 published in BUR no. 16 of 17.04.2019, prohibiting access to and use of beaches of the coastal strip of the lagoon area within the Municipalities of Marano Lagunare and Grado (Island of Martignano, of San Andrea, of the Banco Anfora, of the Banco d’Orio up to the final area known as of the Tratauri) during the reproductive period of avifauna of Community interest from 1 May to 31 July 2019;

Having regard to: Law 24 November 1981, no. 689 containing “Amendments to the penal system”;



Having regard to: Legislative Decree 30 December 1999, no. 507 containing “Decriminalisation of minor offences and reform of the sanctions system, pursuant to Art. 1 of law 25 June 1999, no. 205”;

Having regard to: Articles 17, 28, 30, 68, 81, 1161, 1164, 1174 and 1231 of the Navigation Code and Articles 27, 28, 59 and 524 of the related Implementation Regulation, maritime section;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS

Article 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Ordinance, containing provisions on bathing within the time limits defined by the competent managing bodies, is applicable within the Maritime District of Grado, which includes the territory of the coastal Municipalities of Grado (GO) and Lignano Sabbiadoro (UD) and extends from the estuary of the Isonzo river (median axis) to the estuary of the Tagliamento river (median axis), with the purpose of protecting the prime interest of safeguarding human lives at sea and the safety of navigation.
2. The lifeguard service is provided for bathers with the purpose of safeguarding public safety and for maritime rescue in accordance with standard professional and effectiveness characteristics and the related resources are assessed for the purposes of local SAR (*Search and Rescue*) planning, as specialised maritime rescue operations.
3. During the period of opening to the public of bathing establishments, in compliance with the regulations of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region and the Municipalities of Grado and Lignano Sabbiadoro competent on the subject, within the same the lifeguard service must be operational in the hours and in the manner indicated in the rules listed below.
4. **THE NUMBER BLUE 1530** is operational for emergencies at sea in order to ensure rapid action of the rescue craft. This is a toll-free number and must be used to signal needs for the rescue of lives at sea. The Maritime District Office of Grado may be contacted at the following telephone number: 0431/80050.

Article 2 SEA AREAS RESERVED FOR BATHERS

1. The sea area up to **400 metres** from beaches or low coasts is mainly reserved for bathing.
 - a) The limit of the area reserved for bathing must be marked by the holders of the concession of each bathing facility by positioning at least three **red buoys** firmly anchored to the seabed and at a distance of not more than 50 metres from each other, parallel to the coastline, in correspondence of the concessions’ seafront ends.
 - b) Concession holders must mark the limits within which non-expert swimmers may bathe. The safe waters limit (1.60 m in depth) must be marked by placing white floats, connected to a rope, at intervals of not more than 5 metres, whose ends must be anchored to the seabed. Should this not be possible, adequate signs easily visible for users must be placed on the beaches and/or on poles placed in the water in front thereof, written in various foreign languages besides Italian, including at least English and German (for the Municipality of Grado also Slovenian), and with the following wording:

“CAUTION – SAFE WATERS LIMIT (1.60 metres) NOT MARKED”

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- c) Concession holders must adequately mark any possible area which is dangerous and/or where bathing is prohibited due to the presence of estuaries, rocks, scarce water depth, etc., with adequate signs which are easily visible for users, written in various foreign languages besides Italian, including at least English and German (for the Municipality of Grado also Slovenian), and with the following wording:

“CAUTION – DANGEROUS AREA”
(indicate the specific problem)

- d) Holders of bathing facilities concessions have the obligation to carry out frequent monitoring to verify that all the buoys, posts, signs placed at the beginning of the bathing season are still positioned, taking care of their immediate restoration whether uprooted, removed, tampered with or at any rate caused to be illegible.
- e) The provisions pursuant to the previous letters a), b), c), and d) are also applicable to the Municipalities of Grado and Lignano Sabbiadoro for beaches and parts of the coast intended for free use, falling within their respective territorial jurisdictions. Moreover, should the installation of the signs indicating waters intended for bathing and/or the safe water limits not be guaranteed, the Municipalities themselves must, prior to the opening of the bathing season, place on the relevant public beaches adequate signs which are easily visible for users, written in various foreign languages besides Italian, including at least English and German (for the Municipality of Grado also Slovenian), depositing suitable mapping at the Maritime District Office of Grado, and with the following wording:

“CAUTION BATHING WATERS LIMIT (400 metres FROM THE COAST) NOT MARKED”
(for letter a)

“CAUTION – SAFE WATERS LIMIT (1.60 metres) NOT MARKED”
(for letter b)

- f) The buoys and the related fixing bodies must be definitely removed at the end of the bathing season, and anyhow not after 15th October, by bathing facilities concession holders and by the Municipalities for signalled waters in front of public beaches.

2. Grado Coastline:

- a) **In the sea area in front of the public beach called Costa Azzurra, adjacent to the breakwater pier (Former Nautofono), 400 m from the water’s edge, the Municipality of Grado will have the responsibility for positioning buoys connected by an orange floating line, to border the sea area intended for bathing, with the purpose of avoiding mingling between bathers and vessels in transit in the entrance canal to the port of Grado. Such buoys will be suitably marked with small luminous night buoys.**
- b) In the costal area in front of the sandy shore of Grado Pineta, between the bridge of Punta Barbacale and the jetty for which a concession has been granted to the “Camping Al Bosco”, characterised by the presence of shallow waters and a high concentration of Posidonia, taking into account the particular conformation of the sandy beach as well as the presence of the hydraulic channel, presently the only water way to allow the transit of vessels from/towards the pre-existing Boat Club, the sea area reserved for bathing is reduced to a distance of 50 metres from the beach that is, considering the changeable nature of the state of the sites and also the width of the hydraulic canal, at a distance of at least 10 metres from the median axis of the canal.
- c) The bathing establishments concession holders present therein for the areas for which concessions have been granted and/or the Municipality of Grado for beaches intended for



free use must guarantee the installation of sea signalling systems, suitable for the reduced distance, in compliance to what is provided for in previous paragraph 1, also undertaking the adequate indication/signalling of the sea area intended for bathing with appropriate signs which are easily visible for users, written in various foreign languages besides Italian, including at least English, German and Slovenian, and with the following wording:

**“CAUTION – PRESENCE NAVIGABLE CANAL
REDUCED LIMIT FOR BATHING WATERS”**

**Keep at a distance of at least 10 metres from the median
axis of the canal**

b) In the same sandy beach area (known as “Sacca dei Moreri” area), specifically in the sea area which is west of the “Camping al Bosco”, near the newly formed sand island, the Municipality of Grado will set up a launching corridor, to the south, for boards with kites (KITESURF), having the characteristics foreseen by the existing Ordinance containing “Rules regulating recreational boating and water sports in the Maritime District of Grado”, as the only area of start/landing of the aforementioned kitesurf boards(see attached map).

3. In the aforementioned sea areas reserved for bathing, in the hours between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. **IT IS PROHIBITED** to transit with any motor or sail unit, including windsurfs, with the exception of:

- a) small size recreational boats, without an engine, such as gigs, canoes, pedal boats, rowing catamarans, long boats, as well as pedalos and similar;
- b) vessels of the Coast Guard vessels, Armed Forces, Police and other public bodies operating in rescue and maritime policing activities;
- c) units belonging to voluntary associations operating in rescue activities coordinated by the Maritime Authority;
- d) transport means belonging to R.P.A., used for the sampling of water for bathing purposes, which can be recognised by the “Sampling service”;
- e) waterjet propulsion vessels for rescue services;
- f) vessels used in the clearing of waters, authorised by the Maritime Authority.

The aforelisted units must in any case keep an adequate safety distance from bathers and be extremely cautious during transit.

4. In the aforementioned sea areas reserved for bathing **THE FOLLOWING ARE ALSO PROHIBITED:**

- a) mooring/anchoring of any naval vessels, except in cases provided for with a special concession or marine authorisation for state-owned property;
- b) landing/splash-down of any type of vehicle, including hang-gliders, ultralight airplanes and similar transport, and low-flying, except in cases provided for in existing regulations, such as rescue transport and police during service operations;
- c) landing/transit with windsurfs, kite-surfs, parachutes and other types of wind boards in coastal areas frequented by bathers, except in cases in which bathing establishments concession holders, or Municipalities for public beaches, have arranged the separation, manifestly and with special launching corridors, of the areas for intended for bathers from those reserved for carrying out such activities.

5. Swimmers who wish to swim outside the sea areas reserved for bathing must signal their presence with a float, including a red flag with a white diagonal stripe, connected to a line which is maximum 3 metres in length.

6. In order to safeguard to an even greater extent human lives at sea a **buffer zone of 50 metres**



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beyond the sea area reserved for bathers is set up, within which vessels with sails, with sails and auxiliary engine and engine propulsion may not navigate.

7. Recreational craft with engine propulsion must navigate at a speed which does not exceed 10 knots and with a displaced hull should they find themselves in the sea area between the external limit of the sea area reserved for bathing (400 metres) and the 1000 metres from the beaches.
8. Craft with sails or sails and auxiliary engine, if not propelled by rowing, must reach the shore exclusively using the special launching corridors whose characteristics are indicated below:
 - a) 20 metre width. Such a measure, which in any case cannot be less than 10 metres, may be reduced should the concession's seafront be equal or less than 20 metres;
 - b) depth (length) equivalent to the sea area reserved for bathers in the interested area;
 - c) bordering set up, to the sides, by two lines, with red floating sheer poles, at a distance of not more than 10 metres from each other, and supported by yellow or orange buoys, at a distance of 50 metre intervals, of which the first, towards the land, are anchored at 5 metres from the water's edge, and the last, towards the sea, up to the limit of the sea area reserved for bathing; in case of strong tidal ranges the concession holder may limit the use of the lines substituting, only in the last 200 metres of the corridor, these and the related red floating poles with yellow or orange buoys placed every 25 metres instead of every 50 metres
 - d) at the beginning of the corridor, sea side, an easily visible sign must be placed, in various languages, indicating **"LANDING CORRIDOR – BATHING PROHIBITED"**.

The aforementioned wording (translated in English and German) must also be shown on a special sign placed on the water's edge at the entrance to the corridor.

The permit holder is responsible for the setting up and perfect maintenance of the fixed and floating signage of the launching corridor.

The signage mentioned in the previous paragraph must be made of material resistant to bad weather, easily visible and written in Italian, English and German).

9. It is allowed to leave or reach the harbours, set up or maintained in maritime state-owned property concession regime, navigating with a route which is perpendicular to the coast, at a speed which may not exceed 3 (three) knots and without causing problems for bathing.

The previous directive is not applicable to the sea area in front of the sandy beach of Grado Pineta, between the bridge of Punta Barbacale and the jetty for which a concession has been granted to the "Camping Al Bosco", taking into account the particular conformation of the sandy beach as well as the presence of the hydraulic channel, presently the only water way to allow the transit of vessels from/towards the pre-existing Boat Club.



Article 3 SEA AREAS WHERE BATHING IS PROHIBITED

1. Bathing IS PROHIBITED:

- a) within the port of Grado which, for the purposes of this Ordinance, consists of the port's navigable entrance canal, bordered by mooring posts; the sea area adjoining the coastline between the end of the breakwater pier of *Costa Azzurra* AND *Punta del Grotto*; the navigable canal between the *Punta del Grotto* and the initial section of *canale Belvedere* near *riva Mosconi*; from the canal (*Porto Canale di Grado*) which enters the two internal docks, also including the (*Porto Mandracchio*);
- b) in the port of Lignano Sabbiadoro which, for the purposes of this Ordinance, consists of the small Municipality port called *Porto Casoni* and the docks, which are non-communicating, the more internal one called *Darsena Porto Vecchio* and the more external one called *Marina Punta Faro*, as well as the related entrance canal, together with the small port *Darsena Marina Uno* located along the river *Tagliamento*;
- c) in a radius of 100 metres from the entrances and port structures;
- d) less than 200 metres from commercial vessels or military ships at anchor;
- e) in the waters of the minor harbours of the Maritime District of Grado, as well as in a radius of 100 metres from the related entrances and port structures;
- f) in the stretches of water in front of river outlets up to 100 metres from the coast (at Lignano sul *Tagliamento*), as well as inside the maritime navigable canals;
- g) in stretches of sea where bathing is prohibited for hygienic-health reasons or other kinds of reasons;
- h) inside the duly marked launching corridors;
- i) in the sea areas indicated by relevant ordinances.

Article 4 REGULATION OF LIFEGUARD SERVICES

1. Bathing establishments must guarantee lifeguard services **at least from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Should concession holders intend to provide tourism-bathing services beyond such hours, they must guarantee lifeguard services, informing the public by affixing special **signs** at the entrance to the establishments.

For these purposes “*tourism-bathing services*” include all activities linked to the enjoyment of the sea as well as those of **rental of beach umbrellas, sun loungers, cabins and/or changing rooms, beach craft, solarium.**

2. Should bathing facilities intend to operate for exclusively heliotherapy purposes, in the periods established for this purpose by the Region and competent coastal Municipality, the service of lifeguarding must be guaranteed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays and on days before public holidays, in the hours and manner in Article 4 of this Ordinance while on the other days the facilities may remain open with the proviso that bathing activities are excluded by hosting a red flag on a special pole and displaying a specific sign with is easily visible for users, written in various languages besides Italian including at least English, German and Slovenian, with the following wording:

**“CAUTION: UNSAFE FOR BATHING
DUE TO LACK OF LIFEGUARD SERVICES”**

3. In beaches intended for free use, coastal Municipalities are responsible for the organising lifeguard services. Should they not guarantee lifeguard services, the Municipalities themselves must immediately inform the Maritime District Office of Grado, prior to the opening of the bathing season, also placing at the same time, at all access points to the sea,



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adequate signs which are easily visible for users, written in various foreign languages besides Italian, including at least English, German and Slovenian, with the same wording as in the previous paragraph 4, depositing suitable mapping at the Maritime District Office of Grado.

4. The maritime state-owned strip within 5 m from the water's edge, is needed for lifeguard activities and it is therefore prohibited to occupy such a strip with sea umbrellas, chairs, deck chairs, stools, cloths, etc., as well as nautical equipment, which may potentially limit or prevent the carrying out of the aforementioned services.
5. During bathing establishments' opening times, as established by managing Bodies, the concession holders or managers of bathing establishments, free public beaches or marine camps, must organise and guarantee lifeguard services **uninterruptedly** also through third party businesses, with at least a lifeguard, certified by one of the Bodies authorised to issue the relevant licence, **every 80 metres** of seafront, or section, subject to, should there be more than one operator, the obligation for each of them to maintain and guarantee the immediate use of the respective supplies and lifeguard vessels.
6. Taking into account the coastal morphology, characterised by flat beaches and sandy beaches as well as shallow waters, the sea front to be watched by each operator may be extended up to 160 metres, prior to the presentation by the single or associated concession holders, to the Maritime District Office of Grado, of a comprehensive "**Rescue Plan**" to be submitted, each year, prior to the opening of the Bathing Season, for the approval of the Head of the Maritime District. Such a plan must include the following complementary measures designed to optimise lifeguard services:
 - a) a detailed planimetry of the concerned coastal area, indicating the length of the total sea front and of individual establishments, the number, characteristics and location of the elevated lifeguard stations, or the oarboats and/or recreational vessels exclusively with waterjet propulsion;
 - b) the agreement, duly initialled by the interested parties, concerning the organisation of lifeguard services;
 - c) personal information on the legal representative and/or the director;
 - d) the implementation mode of lifeguard services;
 - e) the number, title/role and location of lifeguard services personnel;
 - f) the identification and name/s of the *Head/Heads of the Coordination of lifeguard safety services*;
 - g) the communication system adopted by lifeguard services, through the use of radio transceiver and/or telephone system.

Should a collective safety plan be drawn up providing for the presence of a lifeguard every 160 metres of seafront, the first and last station of the interested area must in any case be placed not more than 80 metres from the limit of the area itself, except in the event of a station located at the limit, so as to respect in any case the length of 160 metres as the maximum sea front watched by a single operator.

7. The concession holders or managers of bathing establishments, free public beaches or sea camps, both individually and as a group, prior to the opening date for the public, must communicate to the Maritime District Office of Grado the implementation mode of the lifeguard service, by sending an "**information sheet**" in *Attachment no. 1* of this ordinance. Lifeguards must be guaranteed psychophysical rest times.
8. In the event of changes in the conformation of the sandy beaches or of the coast (e.g. tidal ranges phenomena, erosion or setting up of rocks parallel to the water's edge, artificial barriers, etc.) which prevent the vision of all the concession's seafront, the number of lifeguards must be increased, also in consortium with other neighbouring establishments, so as to constantly watch all the sea area.
9. ~~At the edge of **swimming pools** and/or pools intended for bathing located on maritime state-~~



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owned areas, without prejudice to compliance with specific laws on such installations, during the hours in which they are open to the public, in relation to size of the water area, the following number of lifeguards must be present:

- a) for installations having pools with water areas up to 100 square metres, no. 1 lifeguard;
- b) for installations having pools with water areas larger than 100 square metres, no. 1 extra lifeguard for every 400 square metres of surface or section.

The number of lifeguards responsible for watching the swimming pools and/or pools must be calculated in addition to the staff provided for watching the marine bathing establishments. Access to closed swimming pools must be effectively denied through the use of the devices provided for in existing safety laws.

10. The lifeguard service, if guaranteed through a consortium or another form of association, that is entrusted to a third party company, endowed with the foreseen requirements, appointed by the managing subjects, without prejudice to the obligation of the aforementioned supplies, does not exempt the managers from monitoring, pursuant to what is established in the respective concession permits, the efficiency and correct operation of the lifeguard service. In particular, the provision of the service as a consortium or another form of association implies, for the entire sea front interested by such service, the responsibility of all subjects who have become members of a consortium or association for this purpose.
11. The **lifeguard**, pursuant to Article 359, paragraph 2, of the Penal Code, carries out a public utility service and is directly and personally responsible for his/her actions in compliance with the obligations of this ordinance. Said lifeguard, except for cases of force majeure, may not be involved in other activities or in any case given other tasks, without having been previously replaced by another certified operator and must:
 - a) remain in the assigned lifeguard station, or on the sea on the service water craft so as to adopt, in every circumstance, the position which allows the greatest possible vision;
 - b) have the valid licence which certifies his/her qualifications available;
 - c) wear a red T-shirt, with the words "LIFEGUARD" or "RESCUE" white or of another colour which can be perfectly distinguishable from red;
 - d) possible clothes, worn as a protection from bad weather on top of the T-shirt mentioned in the previous letter a), must have the characteristics required for the aforementioned;
 - e) be equipped with a whistle "professional with three separate bodies";
 - f) be equipped with a (*rescue can*);
 - g) have a behaviour which is appropriate for the role and provided service, watch in compliance with this ordinance and immediate report, personally or through the concession holder or manager who equally obliged, to the local Maritime Authority (Maritime District Office of Grado or Local Maritime Office of Lignano Sabbiadoro) all the accidents which occur both on the sandy beaches and in the water, also seeing to sending the "**accident detection sheet**" in *Attachment no. 2* to this ordinance, in the manner indicated therein;
 - h) supply on any occasion the fullest collaboration with the Maritime Authority, reporting without delay any situation which is dangerous for the safety and for safeguarding and protecting public well-being or cases of environmental pollution;
 - i) administer first aid in the event of accidents linked to bathing, within the limits of first aid tasks and of the acquired certifications and ensure, at the end of the intervention, jointly with the Head of the Lifeguard service, appointed before the beginning of the bathing season, that is if not in the person of the manager of the bathing establishment, to send to the local Maritime Authority (Maritime District Office of Grado or Local Maritime Office of Lignano Sabbiadoro), the aforementioned "accident



detection sheet” within 24 hours from the event;

- j) request the intervention of the police force, in case of serious disturbances of public order;
- k) prior to the public bathing opening times, prepare the lifeguard station verifying the precise amount of all the supplies provided for that purpose.

12. Every lifeguard is assigned a **lifeguard station**, to be located between the first row of sun umbrellas and the water’s edge on an appropriate structure elevated at least two metres above sea level, so as to ensure the covering of the water front pursuant to paragraph 2 of this article. The following must be always available at each lifeguard station:

- a) binoculars (with magnification and minimum lens of 7 x 50);
- b) a megaphone;
- c) a pair of flippers;
- d) a **red oarboat** suitable for carrying out lifeguard services, having on each side the wording “LIFEGUARD” or “RESCUE” in white, and equipped with a lifebuoy provided with a floating line at least 25 metres in length, with a boat hook or gaff, with a small anchor to facilitate rescue operations and with an oarlock system which prevents the loss of the oars. Such a craft must *not* be, in any circumstance, intended for other uses and must be placed, during the opening times of the establishment, in the seafront or on the water’s edge ready to be used in case of need.

So as to better identify the sandy beach section possibly interested by an emergency, thereby speeding up the arrival of the rescuers, in beaches where there are more than 3 lifeguard towers, the concession holder will have to **number**, them, in red, easily visible, in progressive order from West to East. The bathing establishments of Lignano Sabbiadoro, called “*uffici spiaggia*”, are exempt from such an obligation due to their pre-existing numbering.

13. The concession holders, individual or associated, have the right, in the interests of providing a more adequate assistance to bathers, to place at the lifeguard station a **waterjet propulsion equipment** for lifeguard services, previously notifying thereof the Maritime District Office of Grado.

The obligation to ensure lifeguarding services in the forms established in this article is unaffected, since the use of the waterjet propulsion equipment for lifeguarding is only auxiliary or complementary to the lifeguard oarboat pursuant to the previous paragraph 9 letter d).

It is the lifeguard’s **prudent discretion** to choose the most appropriate equipment to optimise the rescue operation performance, depending on the circumstances characterising the choice (weather and sea conditions, seriousness of the situation, distance from the person in danger, site characteristics, etc.). In the event of an intervention, whosoever operates must proceed with the caution and common sense set by the circumstances, keep a suitable safety distance from bathers and avoid, with his/her behaviour, to prejudice the safety and protection of public well-being.

In case of use of a waterjet propulsion equipment for lifeguard purposes, the following rules must be followed:

- a) the equipment must be red and “LIFEGUARD” or “RESCUE” must be written on both sides;
- b) The equipment must be used *exclusively* for lifeguard services;
- c) the equipment must be provided with a rescue stretcher, fastened with a quick release system, compliant with safety requirements for the transport of injured persons;
- d) the equipment must be operated by staff with a boat licence in accordance with Art. 39 of the recreational Boat Code;
- e) on board, besides the operator, there must be another person with lifeguarding qualifications. Both persons on board, while out at sea, must wear Personal Protection Equipment individual as established in the existing Ordinance containing “Rules for



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the regulation of recreational boating in the Maritime District of Grado”;

- f) the equipment must use, during launch and landing operations, the special launch corridor. Alternatively, during bathing hours, it may be stationed near the water's edge or in the sea area reserved for bathing by means of a small anchor or connected to a dead body, to be removed at the end of the bathing season.

The lifeguard waterjet equipment, without prejudice to the fact that it is absolutely prohibited to use it for other activities or intended uses, may be used, during bathing times as provided for in the following paragraphs:

- a) as a priority, in the event of an emergency or rescue operation which may entail danger for human life at sea, when the safety and timely use of the craft mentioned in the previous paragraph 9 letter d) is considered inadequate or inappropriate;
- b) for equipment efficiency tests, in compliance with existing laws on the subject of recreational navigation and according to the modalities of this ordinance, and for the training of staff in any case for short periods, that is for not more than 5 minutes every 2 hours of service, with the objectives of operation of the equipment and rescue simulation of bathers at risk.

14. The concession holder, single or associated, in addition to the mandatory lifeguard service regulated by this ordinance, has the right to complement it with an additional and independent rescue service consisting in **qualified lifeguarding canine units**, that is formed by a lifeguard dog and an operator, previously informing the Maritime District Office of Grado thereof. In this case, said lifeguard dogs must have all the required certification and health certificates stipulated by law. The operator must have a valid lifeguard certificate issued by federations or associations authorised in accordance with the law.

15. When conditions at sea are dangerous, that is with different danger or risky situations for bathing every establishment must hoist, under the responsibility of concession holders, on a pole, installed in an easily visible position, a red flag whose meaning must be understood as a warning of risky or dangerous bathing. Lifeguard services must be in any case guaranteed. The danger warning must be communicated repeatedly with loudspeakers/sound diffusion systems, at least in Italian and English.

16. Every concession holder must be equipped with “first aid equipment” consisting in:

- a. **3 (three) serviceable individual oxygen cylinders, with a capacity of one litre each, without pressure reducer;**
- b. **1 (one) mouth-to-mouth cannula;**
- c. **1 (one) bag valve mask “AMBU” or another equipment acknowledged as being equivalent by the competent health authorities;**
- d. **A first aid kit, also portable, containing the supplies established by the existing law.**

Bathing facilities concession holders may equip themselves with a defibrillator approved in accordance with the existing law, whose use is strictly reserved to staff with the required certification.

Such supplies must always be kept ready for use and stored so as wear and tear.

17. Every bathing establishment must be provided with:

- a) two, or more, lifebuoys of the type compliant with existing law on recreational navigation, with a floating line at least 25 metres in length, to be placed on the water's edge near the extreme limits of the concession, and in any case at a distance of not more than 160 metres from each other;
- b) a special room, not necessarily placed in the central structure, which must be used for first aid, identified by the signage provided for in Attachment XXV point 3.4 of



Legislative Decree no. 81/2008, more specifically by a square or rectangular sign with a white cross on a green background; said room, that may also be used for other purposes, may in any case be indoors, suitable for storing medical equipment and provided with an apposite system which may guarantee the privacy of the rescued person (such as a partition or curtain) such as to contain an outpatient bed at least 180 cm in length, 60 cm in width and 70 cm in height and to enable, in terms of space, the carrying out of first aid practices;

- c) of a suitable fire prevention system in compliance with existing laws on the subject.

Article 5 **Regulation of fishing during the bathing season**

1. During the bathing season, in the strip of sea of 500 metres from the coast from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m. any type of fishing IS FORBIDDEN**, also underwater.
3. Underwater fishing is regulated by Articles 128, 128 bis, 128 ter, 129, 130 and 131 of fishing regulations, approved with a Presidential Decree of 2 October 1968, no. 639 and subsequent amendments and additions.

Underwater fishing as a sport is allowed in apnea without the use of auxiliary respiratory equipment.

Those practising underwater fishing may not collect corals molluscs and crustaceans. Underwater fishing is not allowed:

- a) inside the entrance canal to the Port of Grado and within the latter;
- b) in the minor harbours of the Maritime District of Grado and along their offshore structures;
- c) less than 500 metres from the coasts frequented by bathers;
- d) at less than 100 metres from fixed fishing facilities and gill nets;
- e) from dusk to dawn.

It is prohibited to cross areas frequented by bathers with a loaded underwater weapon. It is allowed to keep the spear gun in a loaded position only during underwater scuba diving.

Sporting competitions and fishing events in general will be regulated with a special ordinance of the Maritime Authority.

Article 6 **Regulation of recreational boating in the Maritime District of Grado**

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the regulation of recreational boating – *sail/kite boards called kitesurf – Jet Ski, water scooters and similar water craft – towing of floats and small rubber dinghies, banana boats - water skiing and parasailing – underwater scooters - leasing and rental of recreational boats – wind boards “windsurfers” and wave surfing – sailing schools and sail board schools – underwater activities*– is contained in the existing Ordinance including the “*Rules regulating recreational boating and water sports in the Maritime District of Grado*”.

Article 7 **Derogations**

Upon presentation of a substantiated and documented request as well as prior assessment of equivalent or higher safety conditions, the Maritime District Office of Grado may grant derogations from the provisions established by this Ordinance.

Article 8 **Public dissemination of the Ordinance**

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1. This Ordinance will be widely disseminated to the public also through its publication in the noticeboard of this Maritime District Office, of the coastal Municipalities of Grado and Lignano Sabbiadoro and through publication on the website internet www.grado.guardiacostiera.it in the Ordinances section.
2. This Ordinance must also be displayed by holders of concessions for bathing facilities/establishments or businesses related to bathing activities, in a place which is easily visible by users and throughout the bathing season.

Article 9 Final provisions

1. It is mandatory for all to comply with this Ordinance.
2. Judicial Police Officers and Policemen are responsible for ensuring compliance with this Ordinance.
3. Offenders will be punished pursuant to the existing law, due to its violation under the circumstances.
4. This Ordinance replaces and repeals no. 49/2019 of 15 May 2019, mentioned in the premises, and any other equally important regulation which may be in conflict with those included in this Ordinance.

Grado, 24 May 2019

**THE
COMMANDER**
Ship Lieutenant (Coast Guard)
Francesca GODINO

Firmato Digitalmente da/Digitally Signed by:
FRANCESCA GODINO

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MARITIME DISTRICT OFFICE OF GRADO**

INFORMATION SHEET

This information sheet must be filled in and signed by the interested persons and delivered by the holders/managers of bathing establishments/free beaches/sea camps to the Maritime District Office of Grado, before the beginning of the bathing season set by the competent Municipal Administrations. A new sheet may be sent should the information on persons carrying out lifeguard services change during the bathing season.

Bathing establishment/association/free beach name _____ location _____

Bathing facility which avails itself of a collective lifeguard service approved by the Maritime authority: YES NO

Section to be filled in by lifeguard/s of bathing facilities

BOX A	1. Mr./Ms. _____ born in _____ and resident in _____ on _____ in via _____ no. _____ Licence issued by _____ on _____ Lifeguard's landline telephone number _____ Lifeguard's mobile phone number _____
	Section to be filled in if there is more than one lifeguard:
	2. Mr./Ms. _____ born in _____ on _____ and resident in _____ in via _____ no. _____ Licence issued by _____ on _____ Lifeguard's landline telephone number _____ Lifeguard's mobile telephone number _____
	3. Mr./Ms. _____ born in _____ on _____ and resident in _____ in via _____ no. _____ Licence issued by _____ on _____ Lifeguard's landline telephone number _____ Lifeguard's mobile telephone number _____
	4. Mr./Ms. _____ born in _____ on _____ and resident in _____ in via _____ no. _____ Licence issued by _____ on _____ Lifeguard's landline telephone number _____ Lifeguard's mobile telephone number _____

Section to be filled in by the holder/manager of the bathing facilities and by the lifeguard/s

BOX B	Linear metres of seafront: _____ ; No. Stations: _____ ; No. Lifebuoys _____ ; No. Swimming pools: _____ ; First aid supplies: _____ ; Serial number and expiration date of oxygen _____ cylinders: _____ ; Supplies of Station 1: _____
	Supplies of Station 2: _____ (Serial number and possible waterjet equipment _____); _____
	Supplies of Station 3: _____ (Serial number and possible waterjet equipment _____); _____
	Supplies of Station 4: _____ (Serial number and possible waterjet equipment _____); _____
	Staff responsible for the operation of possible lifeguard waterjet equipment and boat licence details: 1. _____ ; 2. _____ ; 3. _____ ; 4. _____ ;

Signatures of the holder/manager/legal representative _____

Signature of the lifeguard/s _____



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ACCIDENT DETECTION SHEET – 2019

BATHING FACILITY OR FREE BEACH:								
PLACE:								
MUNICIPALITY:								
DATE	TIME OF THE ACCIDENT							
PLACE OF INTERVENTION	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach <input type="checkbox"/> Sea – distance from water's edge metres.....							
WEATHER CONDITIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD <input type="checkbox"/> BAD <input type="checkbox"/> VARIABLE TENDENTIALLY IMPROVING <input type="checkbox"/> VARIABLE TENDENTIALLY WORSENING							
SEA CONDITIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> CALM <input type="checkbox"/> SLIGHTLY ROUGH <input type="checkbox"/> ROUGH <input type="checkbox"/> VERY ROUGH							
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ALERTED RESCUE ORGANISATION	<input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> 118 <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (<i>specify</i>)							
NOTES								
Name of the lifeguard filing in the form								

THE SHEET MUST BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NOT LATER THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THE EVENT TO THE COMPETENT MARITIME AUTHORITY AT THE FOLLOWING CONTACTS:

Maritime District Office of Grado

or

Maritime District Office of Lignano Sabbiadoro

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