

# Attention ALL SPEARFISHERS

Here are some specific tips on how to behave around other user groups:

1. Follow 'first in first served' principle. Respect the right of swimmers, anglers, other users or spearfishers who are already in the area
2. Keep well clear of swimmers or surfers regardless
3. Always unload your gun and cover your spearhead if passing through other water users.
4. Carry your gun/spear in a bag or wrapping, & avoid beaches, walkways, promenades etc.
5. Enter the water away from other water users, swimmers or snorkelers. Avoid going close to others whilst in the water & never allow your gun/spear to point at anyone. Look around constantly to avoid being too close.
6. Be aware of the General Public and do not engage in actions which may endanger them.
7. Respect the feelings of others who may be frightened or intimidated by your appearance & the gun/spear you may be carrying.
8. Avoid, where possible, 'in your face' behaviour when spearfishing or when entering or leaving the water. **WALK AWAY FROM CONFLICT.**

**“BE RESPONSIBLE, DO THE RIGHT THING OR WE WILL LOSE ACCESS”**

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