

Warning for Water Enthusiasts



Watch out for Clinging Jellyfish and the Pacific Oysters

Pacific Oysters have been found in various bathing locations in Zeeland. These creatures can cause bathers considerable discomfort. The razor-sharp Pacific Oyster is found on water beds in many places in Zeeland. If you step on the sharp shell in your bare feet, you can suffer a deep cut.

Where will you find Pacific Oysters?

You can find Pacific Oysters on all kinds of water beds. In Zeeland, Pacific Oysters are mainly found in the Veerse Meer, the Oosterschelde and the Grevenlingenmeer. However, they are increasingly common on the North Sea coast and in the Westerschelde. They can also be found under a layer of sand. Adult oysters can grow between 8 and 40 cm long. In many bathing locations where Pacific Oysters are found, a warning is provided on the information boards.



Oesters, draag badschoenen
Sharp oyster shells.
Wear appropriate footwear
Austern, Wasserschuhe tragen

What can you do yourself?

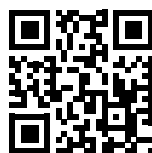
Try to avoid the sharp shells of the Pacific Oyster by wearing good water shoes. Do not dive or jump into the water from jetties or the waterside. If you do get cut, go to a First Aid post or visit a doctor or medical centre if the wound is dirty or does not close.

Dogs

Dogs can also suffer nasty injuries from the sharp edges of Pacific Oyster shells when swimming or walking. We recommend that you do not let your dog swim or go in the water at bathing locations where Pacific Oysters are found.

More information?

www.zeeland.nl



www.zwemwater.nl
www.ggdzeeland.nl

What symptoms can you suffer?

The shell of Pacific Oysters has sharp edges which can cause deep cuts which are difficult to clean and dress yourself.

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The Clinging Jellyfish can be found in a few bathing locations in the Veerse Meer in Zeeland. Clinging Jellyfish are only two centimetres long. If they sting you with their tentacles, however, you can suffer itching, a prickling sensation and redness.

Where is the Clinging Jellyfish?

Clinging jellyfish can be found among weeds or other water plants in brackish or salt water with little current. Large numbers of clinging jellyfish are currently being seen in the Veerse Meer.

What symptoms can you suffer?

After a sting from the tentacles of a clinging jellyfish, you may suffer itching, a prickling sensation and redness on the skin. Do you suffer from sensitisation? If so, you may even have an allergic reaction.

What should you do if you are stung by a jellyfish?

- Don't rub or scratch the irritated skin. Rinse with sea water to remove any remaining tentacles.
- If the symptoms persist, you can hold a compress of hand-hot tap water on the affected skin for around 20 minutes to relieve the symptoms or take a hot shower.
- If necessary, use a soothing cream like After Bite, Prikweg or Azaron. Make sure you are not sensitised to these products.
- If the symptoms continue or become worse, contact a doctor or medical centre.
- For an acute, severe allergic reaction, call 112.

How can you avoid getting stung by a clinging jellyfish?

- Consult the information boards at a bathing location.



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WARNING
regarding Clinging jellyfish
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- Stay away from water plants and weeds.
- During the bathing season, visit www.zwemwater.nl for a list of the official bathing locations where warnings are in place for clinging jellyfish in Zeeland.

More information?

[www.ggdzeeland.nl/onderwerp/japanse kruiskwal/](http://www.ggdzeeland.nl/onderwerp/japanse-kruiskwal/)



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