



LANGSTONE HARBOUR BOARD

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.2 OF 2006

NOTICE TO SMALL CRAFT

PART I

A tragic fatal accident in Loch Lomond has again recently highlighted the dangers inherent in the use of high-speed rigid inflatable boats. (The full report of the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) on this accident is available at www.maib.gov.uk/publications/investigation_reports/2005/loch_lomond.cfm). This notice is being promulgated to draw the attention of all mariners to basic safety measures, to increase awareness of the risks to themselves and others and to assist in keeping marine risks as low as reasonably practicable.

- **LIFEJACKETS AND LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING FLARES)** The importance of routinely wearing both appropriate and suitably tested lifejackets cannot be overstated. This minimum precaution can dramatically increase both the chances of survival and the likelihood of rescue. Similarly, the carriage of distress flares and portable buoyancy equipment will ensure that assistance to the vessel or those overboard is rendered without delay.
- **SAFE SPEED** The observance of harbour speed limits and maintenance of a safe speed appropriate to conditions will reduce the risk of an accident and the extent of damage or injury. An important factor in assessing appropriate speed is the effect of wake on other harbour users. (Local Notice No.4 of 2003 refers)
- **VHF RADIO** Emergency assistance is immediately available through the Coastguard and Solent harbour authorities via VHF Channel 16. To facilitate an early response in emergency, vessels without fixed radio installations are recommended to carry portable VHF sets and monitor Channel 16.
- **GOOD LOOKOUT** It is absolutely essential that a good lookout is kept at all times when underway. A vigilant watch will reduce the risk of conflict with other vessels and will ensure that assistance is rendered to vessels in difficulty without delay.
- **BOAT LICENSING REGULATIONS** There are legal requirements relating to small vessels in commercial use such as hire or charter. Such vessels must be properly inspected and certificated by the appropriate authority prior to operating

commercially. Contact the harbour office for further information if you are in any doubt about your responsibilities in this regard.

- **REPORTING DAMAGE OR INCIDENTS** Incidents involving damage or injury in the harbour should be reported to the harbour office as soon as possible. Accident report forms are available at the harbour office and at sailing clubs in Langstone Harbour.
- **WEBSITE ADVICE & INFORMATION** Safety information is available on our website at www.langstoneharbour.org.uk. Other important sources of safety information for the Solent are listed at Part II

PART II

1. Important information about local regulations and safety is available at:

<http://www.langstoneharbour.org.uk/>
<http://www.qhmportsmouth.com/>
<http://www.portsmouth-port.co.uk/pmsc/>
<http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/yguide.htm>
<http://www.conservancy.co.uk/water/default.htm>

2. Safety information for all boat users is available at:

<http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga-home>
<https://mcanet.mcga.gov.uk/public/c4/seasmart/index.htm>
<http://www.rya.org.uk/>
<http://www.rnliseasafety.org.uk/>

3. For reports on marine accidents and to report a marine accident:

<http://www.maib.gov.uk/home/index.cfm>

4. Information and navigation advice at other Solent Harbours:

<http://www.bembridgeharbour.co.uk/>
<http://www.cowes.co.uk/cb/zone>
<http://www.hants.gov.uk/hambleharbour/>

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