



## LANGSTONE HARBOUR BOARD

### LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 3 OF 2018

#### **SAFETY OF OCCUPANTS IN SMALL HIGH-SPEED CRAFT**

1. The MAIB has drawn attention to the vulnerability of passengers in small high-speed craft to serious lower back injuries resulting from shock and vibration impacts.

The risk of this type of injury can be reduced by ensuring that:

- The boat is used at a safe speed for the prevailing conditions
  - Harbour speed limits are observed where they exist
  - Occupants are seated in appropriate seating
  - The person in charge has received training and is aware of the risks
2. The MAIB has also provided advice concerning the use of kill-cords as follows:
    - Test them regularly to ensure that the engine stops when the kill cord mechanism is operated.
    - Make sure that the cord is in good condition.
    - Always attach the cord securely to the driver, ideally before the engine is started, but certainly before the boat is put in gear.
    - Stop the engine before transferring the kill cord to another driver.
  3. It is strongly recommended that all recreational boaters wear a lifejacket that is maintained, correctly worn and fit for purpose whilst at sea.
  4. Detailed investigation reports of the Marine Accident Investigation Branch can be found at [www.gov.uk/maib-reports](http://www.gov.uk/maib-reports)

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