



LANGSTONE HARBOUR BOARD

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.6 OF 2018

NOTICE TO SMALL CRAFT

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.

PART I (SAFETY IN TENDERS)

Owners of vessels on swinging moorings in Langstone Harbour should ensure that any tender used to transport personnel or equipment to and from their vessel is of a suitable size and construction and sufficiently stable to provide safe passage in all conditions likely to be encountered in the harbour. In assessing the suitability of any tender for use in the harbour the following factors should be considered.

- The strength of the tide
- The effect of wind on sea state
- The presence of vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre
- The likelihood of encountering wash from other vessels
- The remoteness of the parent vessel

In addition, a full appraisal of prevailing and forecast weather and sea conditions should be made whenever a tender is to be used in the harbour.

Persons embarked on tenders should:

- Wear a suitable buoyancy aid
- Avoid sitting on the bow or gunwhales
- Keep a good lookout

PART II (GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION)

- **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.5 of 2018 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.

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