



BOAT HIRE LICENSING CONDITIONS

LICENSING CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL VESSELS

1. The licence holder shall ensure that the maximum number of passengers to be carried in the vessel at any one time does not exceed 12.
2. The licence holder shall use or permit to be used the licensed vessel for the purpose of letting it out on hire or carrying for reward on the licensed vessel twelve or fewer passengers as permitted in the licence.

The licence holder is reminded that the vessel should also comply with any other statutory requirements of the Department of Trade under the Merchant Shipping Acts.

3. The licence holder shall take out and maintain in force, with a reputable company, a policy of insurance with an indemnity limit not less than £2,000,000 which insures such person, persons or class of persons as may be specified in the policy in respect of any liability which may be incurred by him in respect of the death of or bodily injury to any person caused by, or arising out of, the use of the vessel, such policy to be in force at all times before undertaking the activities to which this licence relates. Any change in policy must be notified to and approved by the licensing authority and the licence holder must comply with any requirements by the licensing authority to produce his policy document.
4. The licence holder shall ensure that the registered number allocated to the vessel by the licensing authority is clearly marked or painted on the outside of each bow of the vessel in a conspicuous position in plain figures of not less than two inches in height and of a corresponding breadth. If the vessel is more than three tons, the figures shall not be less than three inches in height and of a corresponding breadth.
5. The licence holder shall ensure that the name of the licence holder and the words **“To carry a maximum of 12 passengers”** is marked or painted in a conspicuous position where it can be clearly seen by the passengers in letters and figures of not less than one inch in height and of a corresponding breadth.
6. The licence holder shall ensure that all numbers or names required by the licensing authority are kept at all times distinctly legible and must not be in any manner or by any means altered, effaced, obliterated, covered or concealed.
7. The licence holder shall ensure that the hull, and any oars, rigging, engines and mechanical equipment of the vessel be rendered at all times complete and in sound and seaworthy condition to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.
8. The licence holder shall at all times to the satisfaction of the licensing authority keep the slipways, jetties, piers and other landing places at his boat station, so far as under his control, in good and sufficient order and repair for the safe embarking of passengers.

9. The licence holder shall ensure that the vessel (other than types of small craft which the licensing authority considers should be exempt) carries a sufficient number of life jackets to BSC standard currently in force for all persons on board, including the person in charge and any other crew members.
10. The licence holder shall, to the best of his ability, ensure that the person in charge of the vessel must at all times comply with any weather warning or other instructions issued to him by the Coastguard or Harbour Master.
11. The licence holder shall not let any vessel to any person whom the licence holder considers is not fit to handle the vessel properly and would thereby be a danger to themselves or others (whether on the vessel or not).

**SUPPLEMENTARY LICENSING CONDITIONS FOR SMALL CRAFT
(ROWING BOATS, DINGHIES, SKIFFS, CANOES, ETC)**

1. The licence holder shall ensure that each rowing boat shall at all times be kept supplied and equipped with suitable and sufficient oars and row-locks or rowing pins, baling dish and (except skiffs) rudder with tiller or yoke and lines.
2. The licence holder shall ensure that each sailing boat at all times be kept supplied and equipped with all suitable and sufficient sails, spars, rudder, tackle, fittings and appliances as well as with at least two serviceable lifebuoys and a baling dish.
3. The licence holder shall ensure that each sailing boat carries two paddles.

SUPPLEMENTARY LICENSING CONDITIONS FOR LARGER VESSELS

1. The licence holder shall ensure that each vessel at all times when let or plying for hire be in the charge of an experienced boatman who holds a current Boatmaster's licence and has a thorough knowledge of the weather and tidal conditions of the area in which the vessel is licensed to operate.
2. The licence holder shall make sure that each vessel carries 2 x 30 inch diameter DTA approved lifebuoys (one of which shall have a smoke/light signal), a 60 foot buoyant line attached and shall be kept within easy reach of a helmsman.
3. The licence holder shall ensure that each vessel carries on deck and within easy access at least one life raft of an approved type, being capable of carrying everyone on board, including the person in charge and any other crew.
4. The licence holder shall ensure that each vessel carries distress flares comprising at least 4 x 3 star red signals, four red hand flares and two orange smoke signals.
5. The licence holder shall ensure that each vessel be equipped with a siren or horn in working order and capable of giving clearly audible signals over a radius of at least 0.5 nautical miles.
6. The licence holder must ensure that each vessel is equipped with an efficient radar reflector.
7. The licence holder must ensure that a water resistant torch is carried on each vessel.
8. The licence holder must ensure that each vessel carries an efficient compass.
9. The licence holder must ensure that each vessel carries appropriate maps and charts of the area in which the vessel is licensed to operate.

10. The licence holder must ensure that each vessel has fitted to it a radio capable of receiving weather forecasts.
11. The licence holder must ensure that each vessel carries a first aid kit.
12. The licence holder must ensure that each vessel carries an anchor and chain and such

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS WITH ENGINES

1. The licence holder shall ensure that the engine, any auxiliary engines, steering gear and any other mechanical equipment be maintained at all times in efficient working order and in a sound and seaworthy condition.
2. The licence holder shall ensure that the vessel carries a tool kit with sufficient tools to carry out emergency repairs to the engine.
3. The licence holder shall ensure that each vessel carries two DTO approved portable fire extinguishers (two gallon foam or equivalent dry powder suitable for extinguishing oil fires) and a bag of sand in order to contain and extinguish a fire, including burning split fuel.
4. The licence holder shall ensure that each vessel has provision for, and carry, such emergency fuel for its engines (eg petrol or diesel) as required.