

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

GENERAL LICENCE CONDITIONS – BOAT HIRE

- 1 The maximum number of persons to be carried on each boat is the number specified in brackets after each boat specified in this Licence. The Licenceholder must not allow that number to be exceeded.
- 2 Each boat must have the Licenceholder's name, the number allocated to the boat in the licence and the maximum number of persons which the boat is licensed to carry painted legibly on the stern of said boat. The lettering and figures used must be not less than two inches high and of corresponding breadth.
- 3 The Licenceholder shall not allow any person under the influence of drink or drugs to hire or board any boat covered by this Licence or hire such boat to any person whom the Licenceholder considers is unfit to handle the boat properly.
- 4 Children under 12 years of age must not hire or sail in a boat unless accompanied by an adult.
- 5 The Licenceholder must always display at the premises from which the boat hire operation is conducted a clearly legible Notice, stating the Hire /charges applicable to each boat.
- 6 Boats shall not be let out for hire or be used for carrying passengers unless the weather is settled and conditions are good. Any instructions or directions given by the Police, any authorised Officer of the Council, the Coastguard or any Harbour Master must be obeyed at all times.
- 7 This Licence will immediately lapse and become null and void in respect of any boat which it covers, upon such a boat becoming, in any respect, unsafe.
- 8 The Licenceholder must ensure that all boats covered by this Licence are constructed and maintained so as to comply with all relevant Legislation, Codes of Practice, Manufacturers' Recommendations, etc. Adequate fire and safety precautions must be enforced, including the supply of all necessary equipment.
- 9 Any Fire Officer, Police Constable or authorised Officer of the Council shall be permitted free access to inspect the boat or boats to which this Licence applies at any time.
- 10 The Licenceholder shall keep the slipway, 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 and disembarking of hirers of his boats.
- 11 The Licenceholder shall ensure that the boat carries a sufficient number of life jackets to the BSG standard currently in force for all persons on board.

Supplementary Conditions for Larger Boats

- N.B. Small boats are deemed to be rowing boats, dinghies, skiffs, canoes and the like. The following conditions apply to anything larger.
- A The Licenceholder shall ensure that each boat when let or plying for hire is in the charge of an experienced boatman who holds a current licence or certificate issued by the Department of Trade and has a thorough knowledge of the weather and tidal conditions of the area in which the boat operates.
 - B The Licenceholder shall ensure that each boat carries the following items:- Two 30” diameter DTI approved lifebuoys, one of which shall have a smoke/light signal, a 60-foot buoyant line; sufficient life-rafts of a type approved by the Department of Trade to carry everyone on board; distress flares comprising at least 4x2 star red signals, 4 red hand flares and 2 orange smoke signals; a water-resistant torch; an efficient compass; maps and charts of the area in which the boat operates; a first-aid kit; an anchor and chain and rope or cable suitable for towing purposes.
 - C The Licenceholder shall ensure that each vessel is equipped with the following:- a siren or horn in working order and capable of giving clearly audible signals over a radius of at least 0.5 nautical miles; an efficient radar reflector; a radio capable of receiving weather forecasts and an efficient bilge pump system.
 - D The Licenceholder shall ensure that boats with engines carry the following items:- a tool kit with sufficient tools to carry out emergency repairs; 2 DTI approved portable Fire Extinguishers (2 gallon foam or equivalent dry powder suitable for extinguishing oil fires); a bag of sand (in order to contain and extinguish a fire including burning spilt fuel) and an emergency fuel supply.