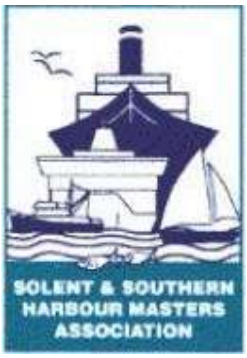

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SECTION 1

SUMMARY OF SMALL BOAT LICENSING LEGISLATION

Owners of vessels up to 24m Load Line Length which are engaged in activities on a commercial basis which carry cargo and/or not more than 12 passengers as defined in the codes below, or provide a service in which neither cargo or passengers are carried or are pilot Boats operating from a UK port and go “to sea”, are required to have the vessel licensed under one of the following Codes.

- The Safety of Small Commercial Motor Vessels.
- The Safety of Small Commercial Sailing Vessels.
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure Operating From a Nominated Departure Point (NPD).
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats.

Going “to Sea” is defined as beyond MCA Category D waters or Category C waters if there are no Category D waters.

Owners of” Pleasure vessels” as defined in the Codes above are exempted from the Codes however, owners of “Pleasure vessels” as defined above and in the Code below (Annex 2) which do not go “to sea”, i.e. are within areas up to MCA Category D waters, that wish to carry up to 12 passengers for hire or reward, are required to be licensed by the Local Authority under;

- Section 94 of the Public Health Act 1907 (as amended).
- The Inland Waters and Small Passenger Boat Code (IWSPBC).

Any vessel that is not a “pleasure vessel” is deemed to be operating commercially, and should comply with the relevant code above.

Section 2

INTRODUCTION

These guidelines have been prepared by the “Solent and Southern Harbour Masters' Association” for use by Licensing Authorities under Section 94 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 (as amended) or Harbour Bylaws should it be so wished. These guidelines concern the safety of craft and their passengers and are limited to vessels carrying no more than 12 passengers and do not go beyond MCA Category D waters.

Section 94 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 (as amended) authorises Local Authorities to grant licences for pleasure boats and pleasure vessels to be let for hire or to be used for carrying passengers for hire and also for persons in charge of navigating such vessels. The text of Section 94 of the Act is given in Section III below. In addition, certain authorities have bylaws regulating pleasure boats and vessels and those in charge of or navigating such boats or vessels.
These guidelines use the MCA Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code (IWSPBC) as the criteria for the issue of a licence under the Public Health Acts. This Code can be obtained from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency www.mcga.gov.uk

S2.3 of the IWSPBC provides that given the range of vessels, operating environments and types of operation covered by the code, it is not possible to cover every situation, and that the intention of these guidelines is to provide a framework for licensing authorities to use in determining the appropriate standards for activities in their area. In particular, competent navigation or harbour authorities may make variations from the Code which take account of local circumstances.
Such variations will be subject to risk assessment by the harbour authority.

Any such variations within the SASHMA guidelines can be found in section 11, Local Variation to the Code.

Applications for the granting or renewal of a Local Authority Boat Licence under the above act will be required to:

1. Hold an appropriate commercially endorsed licence as listed in the IWSPBC or a Boatman’s/Waterman’s Licence issued by the Local Authority
2. Operate the vessel from the Jurisdiction of the Local Authority. A licensing Authority may undertake to license vessels under these guidelines for another Authority by mutual agreement between appropriate person(s).
3. Produce Written verification that the vessel is constructed to the EU Recreational Craft Directive, or the Code for the design, Construction and Operation of Hire boats, a copy of which may be obtained from the MCA website, and/or comply with the requirements of s4 and annexes 8 and 9 of the IWSPBC

4. Upon first survey and at periods not exceeding 5 years, written confirmation of satisfactory survey of the underwater hull.
5. Comply with the requirements of annexes 4 and 5 of the IWSPBC with regard to Safety Management and Risk Assessment.

A licensee will be required to maintain public liability insurance for a minimum of £5 million for any one accident and employer's liability insurance where applicable.

A local Authority boat Licence:

1. Is granted to the owner of the boat.
2. Will not normally be transferable.
3. May have additional conditions cited on the licence in regard to weather or any other condition at the discretion of the Local Authority issuing the licence.
4. Is valid for a period of 12 months only

SECTION 3

Members of the Solent and Southern Harbour Masters Association

Alderney CI

Beaulieu River Management

Bembridge

Bridport

Chichester Harbour Conservancy Board

Cowes Harbour Commissioners

Guernsey CI

Hamble

Jersey CI

Langstone Harbour Board

Littlehampton

Lyme Regis

Lymington Harbour Commissioners

Newport IOW

Newtown IOW

Poole Harbour Commissioners

Portland

Portsmouth City Council – Portsmouth Commercial Port

Queen's Harbour Master, Portsmouth

Shoreham

Southampton, Associated British Ports

Weymouth

Yarmouth (IOW) Harbour Commissioners

Section 4

List of Authorities licensing under the Public Health Acts

ABP Southampton – on behalf of Southampton City Council

Arun District Council

Guernsey Harbours – on behalf of the States of Guernsey

Eastleigh Borough Council – administered by the River Hamble Harbour Authority

Isle of Wight District Council

Jersey Harbours – on behalf of the States of Jersey

New Forest District Council

Poole Harbour Commissioners – on behalf of Borough of Poole Council

Portsmouth International Port - on behalf of Portsmouth City Council

Weymouth & Portland Borough Council

Section 5

SECTION 94 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT ACT 1907

The local authority may grant upon such terms and conditions as they may think fit licences for pleasure boats and pleasure vessels to be let for hire or to be used for carrying passengers for hire, and (persons in charge of or navigating) such boats and vessels, and may charge (for each type of licence) such annual fee as appears to them to be appropriate.

Any such licences may be granted for such period as the local authority may think fit, and may be suspended or revoked by the local authority whenever they shall deem such suspension or revocation to be necessary or desirable in the interests of the public; provided that the existence of the power to suspend or revoke the licence shall be plainly set forth in the licence itself.

No person shall let for hire any pleasure boat or pleasure vessel not so licensed or at any time during the suspension of the licence for the boat or vessel, nor shall any person carry or permit to be carried passengers for hire in any pleasure boat or vessel unless -

a. The boat or vessel is so licensed and the licence is not suspended; and

b. The person in charge of the boat or vessel and any other person navigating it is so licensed and his licence is not suspended and the conditions of his licence are complied with.

A licence under this section shall not be required for any boat or vessel duly licensed by or under any regulations of the Marine & Coastguard Agency (or for a person in charge of or navigating such a boat or vessel).

No person shall carry or permit to be carried in any pleasure boat or pleasure vessel a greater number of passengers for hire than shall be specified in the licence applying to such boat or vessel, and every owner of any such boat or vessel shall, before permitting the same to be used for carrying passengers for hire, paint or cause to be painted, in letters and figures not less than one inch in height and three-quarters of an inch in breadth, on a conspicuous part of the said boat or vessel, his own name and also the number of persons which it is licensed to carry, in the form "Licensed to carry persons".

Every person who shall act in contravention of the provisions of this section shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding (level 3 on the standard scale) (but a person shall not be guilty of an offence under this subsection by reason of a failure to comply with such conditions as are mentioned in sub-section (3) (b) of this section if it is shown that there is a reasonable excuse for the failure).

Any person deeming himself aggrieved by the withholding, suspension, or revocation of any licence under the provisions of this section may appeal to a petty session court held after the expiration of two clear days after such withholding, suspension, or revocation: provided that the person so aggrieved shall give twenty-four hours'

written notice of such appeal, and the ground thereof, to the clerk, and the court shall have power to make such order as they see fit and to award costs, such costs to be recoverable summarily as a civil debt.

No licence under this section shall be required in respect of pleasure boats and pleasure vessels on any canal owned or managed by the British Waterways Board.

In sub-section (1) and (3) of this section "let for hire" means let for hire to the public.

The requirement for the name and licensed to carry persons to be displayed in 1 inch high letters ¾ inch width, if impracticable to do so, may be reduced to the requirement to display the name and licence in an easily conspicuous place.

Section 6

AREAS OF OPERATION & WEATHER STATES

The areas of operation are those defined by Statutory Instrument 2356 of 1992 - Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Waters) Regulations, and Merchant Shipping Notice No MSN 1837 (M). should be consulted for a full list of areas.

District	Category A/ B/ C Waters	Category D Waters
Chichester	Within a line drawn between Eastoke Point and the church spire, West Wittering	Inside the IOW within an area bounded by lines drawn between the church spire, West Wittering, to Trinity Church, Bembridge, to the eastward and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Langstone Harbour	Within a line drawn between Eastney Point and Gunner Point	Inside the IOW within an area bounded by lines drawn between the church spire, West Wittering, to Trinity Church, Bembridge, to the eastward and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Portsmouth	Within a line drawn across the harbour entrance from Fort Blockhouse to the Round Tower	Inside the IOW within an area bounded by lines drawn between the church spire, West Wittering, to Trinity Church, Bembridge, to the eastward and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Bembridge, Isle of Wight	Within Brading Harbour	Inside the IOW within an area bounded by lines drawn between the church spire, West Wittering, to Trinity Church, Bembridge, to the eastward and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Cowes, Isle of Wight	The River Medina within a line from the Breakwater Light on the east bank to the Watch House Light on the west bank.	Inside the IOW within an area bounded by lines drawn between the church spire, West Wittering, to Trinity Church, Bembridge, to the eastward and the

		Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Southampton	Within a line from Calshot Castle to Hook Beacon	Inside the IOW within an area bounded by lines drawn between the church spire, West Wittering, to Trinity Church, Bembridge, to the eastward and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Beaulieu	Within Beaulieu River not eastward of a North/South line through Needs Ore Point	Inside the IOW within an area bounded by lines drawn between the church spire, West Wittering, to Trinity Church, Bembridge, to the eastward and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Keyhaven Lake	Within a line drawn due north from Hurst Point Low Light to Keyhaven Marshes	No partially smooth waters
Christchurch	Within Christchurch Harbour excluding the Run	No partially smooth waters
Littlehampton	River Arun above Littlehampton None Pier	None
At Sea - All other areas		

WEATHER STATES:

Rough Weather - Sea State 4. (Wave height 1.2 to 2.5m)

Very Rough Weather - Sea State 5 (Wave height 2.5 to 4m or more)

GUIDANCE FOR BOAT APPLICATIONS

BOAT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Boat Name:	
Date:	
Category:	

* MCA Inland Water Small Passenger Boat Code
MS (Boatmaster`s Qualifications, Crew and Hours of Work) Regulations 2014

		Ref. *	Remarks
Third party Liability Insurance for £5M			
Skipper			
Category A/B	**Category C**		
Skipper to have an appropriate Qualification or demonstrate to Operator that competent and Local experience. Recommended MCA BM 3/2/RYA Inland Helm + 12 months experience/ RYA power boat level 2 + 12 months experience/ Waterman's license issued by competent authority	Skipper to have MCA BM 2/ RYA Coastal/Day skipper + 12 months experience/ RYA power boat level 2 + 12 months experience/ Waterman's license issued by competent authority	26.1 26.2 Annex 3 MSN 1853	
1-day short range VHF certificate. If VHF fitted	1-day short range VHF certificate. If VHF fitted	26.3	
Medical certificate: ML5/ENG1/ CAA commercial pilots license DVLA group 2 drivers license HSE diving medical certificate	Medical certificate: ML5/ENG1/ CAA commercial pilots license DVLA group 2 drivers license HSE diving medical certificate	26.4	
Evidence of satisfactory colour Vision if not marine medical	Evidence of satisfactory colour Vision if not marine medical	26.5	
Basic Sea Survival certificate	Basic Sea Survival certificate	26.6	
First Aid			
Elementary/ RYA Small Craft First Aid Certificate/ HSE approved/ Ambulance service First Aid certificate.	Elementary/ RYA Small Craft First Aid Certificate/ HSE approved/ Ambulance service First Aid certificate.	30.1	
Validity 3 years		30.2	

Construction and Structural Strength		
Items 3.4.3 – 9.2 to be confirmed at initial and subsequent surveys by a competent surveyor.		
On first survey: Post 1998, builders CE plate – Cat A/B waters design cat. D Cat. C/D waters, design cat C	3.4.3	
Max No of persons.	3.4.3	
Hull Id No. (starboard side transom + hidden location)	3.4.3	
Owners Manual – declaration of conformity & stability/ loading data Safe operation of boat info/ equipment positions	3.4.3	
Pre 1998 boats on first application: Survey by appropriate surveyor that boat is IAW this code. **OR** builders certificate with evidence that the boat is appropriately constructed for the area of intended operation.	4.1	
Vessels holding existing license in SHMA areas: Recent history of safe operation in required operating area.	4.5	
Weed hatch if fitted: 150mm above waterline and watertight	4.6	
Hull/shell fittings/steering/propulsion to have documented Out of water examination at least every 5 years	4.7	
Health and Safety Regulations		
Operators' responsibility for health and safety	3.5.1	
Risk Assessments identifying hazards and controls to ALARP	3.5.3	
Safety Management System	2.6	Annex 4
Water freeing arrangements/drainage		
If water may be trapped – min. 2 freeing ports (1 each Side) Of Area: Cat. A/B 65 sq. cm/ Cat C 135 sq. cm/ Cat D 225 sq. cm	6.1.1	
Machinery		
Fit for purpose for intended service. Materials fire resistant or protected	7.1.1	
Moving parts/hot surfaces/other hazards protected for normal movement around vessel.	7.1.1	
Sufficient fuel capacity for area of operation.	7.1.2	
Fuel tank vents to have flame gauze and be at or above filling plate level and no danger of fuel/vapour escape.	7.1.2	
Engines in dedicated compartment remote from operator then shut off fitted in feed pipe as close to tank as possible.	7.1.3	
Outboard petrol tanks to have quick connection shut off device.	7.1.3	
Reliable starting mechanism. If by battery then battery charger fitted. Cat C/D then duplicate battery + change over switch.	7.1.5	
Inflatable boats & open boats able to reach planing speed: if remote throttle controls - then fitted with kill cord.	7.1.7	

Diesel engines		
Portable fuel storage unit to be metal & means to contain spills & direct overside drainage of spills.	7.2.2	
Located on deck & away from heat source & build up of vapour Separate from LPG	7.2.2	
Containers stored upright, secured & labelled (haz. Etc). Not to impede movement around vessel or escape routes.	7.2.2	
Petrol engines		
To be suitable outboard.	7.3.1	
Fuel filling lines connections leak proof. Screw/compression cone /brazed/flanged joints and easily accessible for inspection.	7.3.1	
Fuel Tanks non-corrosive material. Secured low down as practicable. Joints/seams to be welded/brazed/close riveted. No Glass/plastic sight gauges – indicators to not allow escape of fuel if damaged. Dipsticks if fitted to be via gas tight fittings.	7.3.1	
Tanks bonded to deck filling plate & earth point in contact with Water surrounding hull. Tanks > 2.5l within 1m of engine/heat source to be protected by Fire resistant baffle.	7.3.1	
Fuel drawn through top/near top of tank, except gravity feed to ensure No fuel dump if tank damaged. Fuel filters marine use and fire resistant. Flame trap/air filter to be fitted to air intake.	7.3.1	
Feed pipes suitable material, Adequately supported/Clear of Exhaust/heat sources.	7.3.1	
Vessels may have < 5HP auxiliary engine with integral fuel tank If provided with filling precautions sign.	7.3.2	
Other than inflatable boats – permanent tank any spillage to drain overboard. Or portable tank < 27l.	7.3.3	
Hydrocarbon detector in enclosed locations liable to vapour build up.	7.3.4	
Spare portable petrol containers not to be carried unless essential. If so, marked (haz etc.), secured on deck, easily jettisoned, spillage to Drain Overboard. Away from LPG. Not impede normal movement or on Escape routes. Alternatively in fire resistant locker, Overside drainage.	7.3.5 7.3.6	
Small Vessels may have 5l container in deck locker vapour tight to interior/Not able to open from interior/drain overboard & ventilated to Atmosphere.	7.3.7	
Electrically powered engines		
The instillation complies with the provisions of section 8 of this checklist in so far as they are applicable	7.6.1.1	
The arrangement of batteries, stowage and adequate ventilation comply with IEE Regulations	7.6.1.2	
Manually operated master switch operated from the steering position capable of cutting off the electricity supply to the propulsion unit	7.6.1.3	
For flooded batteries the charging arrangement should incorporate a exhaust ventilation fan complaint to ISA-RP12-6 for intrinsic safety.	7.6.1.5	
The electric motor drive unit is adequately cooled and incorporated thermal protection to prevent overheating		
Electrical Installation		

Electrical equipment away from areas liable to hydrocarbon Gas build up.	8.3	
Centralised lighting to have back up – may be torches sufficient to Exit to open deck/deploy LSA/illuminate rescue equipment/work on Essential machinery.	8.4	
Batteries firmly secured. If charging output > 0.2kW, batteries in well Ventilated space. If >2.0kW well ventilated dedicated compartment. If natural ventilation then risk assessment to prove low risk to life.	8.5.1 8.5.2	
Battery operated safety critical equipment to have back up.	8.5.4	
Steering Gear/ Steering Position		
Effective steering system with emergency arrangements.	9.1 9.3	
Helmsman clear view.	9.2	
Bilge Pumping/ Draining		
Powered or hand pump – allow any compartment to be drained.	10.1	
Holding tank for oily bilge water. Auto start recommended except in areas where potential pollutants, no drawing from oil tight areas beneath engine/gearbox.	10.3	
Category A/B open vessels bucket/bailer	10.2	
Bilge alarms if fitted to give audible/visual warning at control position	10.4.2	

Anchors and Cables		
Anchor with min. 4m chain.	20.1	
20m continuous length of rope, suitable for towing.		
Mooring lines of adequate length, Vessel fitted with bollards or cleats of adequate strength	20.2	

Life Saving Equipment			
Category B/C			
One lifebuoy 18m line + light at night May have throw line as alternative If lifejackets worn then not required		13.1	
Everyone on board must have a suitably sized lifejacket . Solid buoyancy or inflatable. Not to rely solely on oral inflation. EN 396 150N or EN 399 275N. Lights if used at night.		13.2	
Category B/C			
Life raft not required			
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2 Red hand flares		13.3.3	
Suitable tool kit		13.3.4	
		13.3.5	
All LSA should be serviced at an approved service station at recommended intervals		13.5	
		13.4.1	
		2.3	

Fire Safety		
Machinery compartments to ensure retention of released Fire Fighting Extinguishing medium to extinguish fire.	14.1	
Insulation non-combustible and impervious to oil.	14.2	
Means provided so as to keep machinery clean + means to contain oil spillage	14.3	
Fixtures and fittings to be fire retardant	14.5	

Galleys/sleeping accommodation fitted with smoke/heat detectors	14.6 14.7	
LPG installations annual inspection by a gas safe registered installer	14.4	

Means of Escape		
Means of escape such that no single event cuts off all escape routes. Account taken of numbers and restrictions on use of escapes.	14.8.1	
2 means of escape from: each sleeping compartment or other at risk accommodation	14.8.1	
2 means of escape from machinery space unless only occasionally visited and exit allows ready escape, or person always within 5m of exit	14.8.1	
Existing vessels with single means of escape from accommodation to Have fire detectors as necessary for early warning.	14.8.2	
Fire Fighting Appliances		
Open/partially decked with no engine/cookers/heating/lighting etc No fire extinguisher required.	15.1	
Inboard engine space to have remotely operated system either Manual or automatic. May be portable extinguisher Operable from outside the space, through fire hole. Extinguisher suitable for size of space but minimum rating 5A/34B.	15.2	
Vessels >6m LOA, hand/powered pump + hose/nozzle to give 1 jet of Water to any part of vessel, **or** 1 multi-purpose extinguisher min. rating 13A/113B kept outside engine space	15.5	
1 multi - purpose fire extinguisher min. rating 5A/34B at each exit from accommodation to deck but min. 2 extinguishers.	15.6	
Fire blanket in Galley/cooking area between door and stove.	15.7	
Fire bucket with lanyard	15.5	
Emergency Response Plan.	19.7	
Navigational Equipment		
Navigation lights IAW International Collision Regs.	17.1	
Efficient sound signalling equipment.	17.4	
Waterproof signalling torch	19.6	
Boat Hook	19.6	
Category C/D		
Magnetic compass with deviation card **or** Fluxgate compass + back up Supply, with deviation card if not internal calibration.	19.1 19.2	
Current chart/publications/tide tables for area of operation.	19.3	
	19.4	
	19.5	
Communication Equipment		

VHF fixed or mobile (recommended VHF DSC) + license. Portables to be waterproof or in waterproof pouch.	16.1 16.3	
Emergency communications card - easily accessible	16.4	
Emergency Response plan	18.3	
Accommodation		
Sufficient handholds/grab rails fitted within accommodation for Safe movement around vessel.	21.1	
Furniture/heavy equipment securely fastened	21.2	
Stowage Lockers to have secure fastening.	21.3	
Means of escape clearly marked and free from obstruction.	21.4	
Enclosed spaces adequately ventilated	21.5	
Protection of Personnel		
Areas frequented by passengers to be enclosed **or** guard-rails/wires To min. ht. 1000mm. Maybe reduced in Cat A/B if passengers seated	22.1	
If impedes working of vessel then arrangements giving equivalent safety	22.3	
Cat. C/D – 2 safety harnesses and means of securing. At discretion of examining officer.	22.5	
Surface of working deck to be non slip/ Inflatable boats, upper surface of tubes non-slip finish.	22.6	
First Aid Kit stowed in accessible place.	23	
Tenders (Dinghies)		
If Carried should be marked with carrying capacity and name of vessel	24	
Prevention of Pollution		
Sanitation system to be capable of being sealed or made inoperable.	25.2	
Oil tight tray fitted beneath engine/gearbox to prevent leakage. Sides of tray as high as practicable. Not required if oil tight structure Fitted fore & aft of engine. No bilge pump to draw from oil tight area.	25.4	
Marking		
Every vessel before being let for hire or reward shall have painted in some conspicuous part the forenames and surname of the licensed owner and the total number of persons allowed to be carried.		

SECTION 8

LICENCES FOR BOATMEN

General

Any person having charge of a boat for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire shall be in possession of an in date Boatman's Licence. The licence shall be issued by the Local Authority following examination conducted by persons appointed by the Local Authority to the syllabus given in Section IX. Examiners should be appointed by the Harbour Master of the appropriate port or a MCA/TYA Yacht master Examiner.

Minimum Age

The minimum age for granting a Boatman's Licence shall be 18 years.

Duration

Licences shall be granted for a period of no longer than 5 years or until the holder reaches the age of 65 whichever period is shorter. Licences issued to persons of 64 years or over will be valid for three years or until the holder reaches the age of 75 whichever period is shorter. Licences issued to persons of 74 years and over will be valid for one year.

Exemption

Persons holding a current MCA Certificate of Competency for Deck Officers, an RYA Yacht master, MCA Boatmaster's License of Tier 2 Level 2 for the appropriate area, or RYA Coastal Skipper/Day Skipper/Advanced Powerboat or Powerboat level 2 Certificate, with Commercial Endorsement, and 3 months relevant experience, Portsmouth and Gosport Joint Board
Waterman’s Licence, or other higher qualifications, shall be exempt from all parts of the examination except that some licensing authorities may wish to examine all applicants on local knowledge. In the Case of Portsmouth Harbour, holders of an MCA Boatmasters Tier 1 level 1 certificate issued under the MS Boat master’s Qualifications, Crew and Hours of Work) Regulations 2014, will also be exempted from the Local Knowledge element.

Endorsements

The Boatman's Licence may be endorsed to give limitations with regard to area of operation, category of craft or other service at the discretion of the Examining Officer.

Medical Fitness

Licensed Boatmen shall be in possession of a valid ML5 medical certificate or equivalent as prescribed in the IWSPBC regulation 26.4. Merchant Shipping Notices provide details of General Practitioners who will issue medical certificates complying with MCA requirements.

VHF Licence

Person wishing to have charge of a vessel fitted with VHF Radio is to produce a certificate of competence and authority to operate a VHF radio.

Endorsements

The Boatman's Licence may be endorsed to give limitations with regard to area of operation, category of craft or other service at the discretion of the Examining Officer.

Basic Sea Survival Course

Licensed boatmen shall hold an approved Basic Sea Survival Course Certificate as prescribed in regulation 26.6 of the IWSPBC.

First Aid Course

Licensed boatmen shall hold an approved First Aid Certificate as prescribed by regulation 30 of the IWSPBC.

SECTION 9

SYLLABUS FOR EXAMINATION FOR A BOATMAN'S LICENCE

International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea

Full knowledge and practical application of the steering and sailing rules Part B. Section 1 (rules 4-9) and Part B, Sections II and III and a general knowledge of all other rules.

Distress Signals

Knowledge of the contents of Part E Annex IV of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and the operation of the signals and equipment carried in the boat or boats for which the candidate is being examined.

Navigation

Compass: The candidate should be required to demonstrate his ability to steer a compass course. He should have an elementary knowledge of the effects of metal in the vicinity of the compass and a working knowledge of the application of deviation and variation.

Tides: Use of the tidal stream atlas and tide tables for calculation of tidal heights and dept of water for standard and secondary ports.

Chart Work:
i) Plotting positions
ii) Working up course to steer
iii) Common chart symbols

Uniform System of Buoyage

Candidates should demonstrate a working knowledge of the System.

Local Knowledge

Local traffic regulations

Local sea marks, to include buoyage, lights, leading lights and marks.

Local dangers to navigation:

Minimum and maximum depths over banks or obstructions, currents and abnormal tidal streams.

Local safe landing places in differing weather conditions.

A general knowledge of the times and heights of spring tides and abnormal tides.

Safe compass courses in or out of local harbours.

Any other items of local knowledge which the examiners may consider to be necessary.

Boat Handling

Effects of windage on hull.

Propeller and rudder effects.

Berthing and unberthing.

Mooring.

Use of warps.

General helmsmanship.

Use of anchors.

Emergencies

Procedures and instructions to passengers in the following cases: -

Man overboard.

Fire.

Beaching or stranding.

Engine breakdown.

Collision.

Abandoning ship or sinking.

Heavy weather.

Restricted visibility.

Weather Reports

Ability to obtain and understand weather reports.

Ropework

Knots, hitches, bends and splices in general use.

Simple First Aid (including resuscitation) Distress and Rescue

A knowledge of the Distress and Rescue section of the Annual Notices to Mariners.

Note:
The syllabus may be varied to reflect a particular limitation on area of operation intended by the applicant and the licence suitably endorsed.

SECTION 10

LICENCES TO LET SMALL BOATS FOR HIRE

SMALL VESSELS WITH LIMITED AREA OF OPERATION AND COMMERCIALLY OPERATED PLEASURE CRAFT USED FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES FROM A BEACH OR HARBOUR

Category 1A - Small boats hired out, not in charge of a licensed boatman, excluding beach and other craft referred to in Categories 1B and 1C, suitable only for operations in sheltered waters or close to the shore.

Category 1B - Hire Boats capable of a speed of 17 knots or over whether or not in charge of a licensed boatman (e.g. speedboats, jet skis, etc).

Category 1C - Craft other than those listed in Categories 1A and 1B of the type operated from the beach (such as pedalos, floats, paddleboards, sit on Kayaks and other such craft adapted to go in the water) hired out and not in charge of a licensed boatman.

Boats under this category should operate under the Guidelines contained in The MCA Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code Annex 5

Areas of Operation:
Normal Weather. Close to shore, limits to be determined by the licensing authority.
Rough Weather and **Very Rough Weather**. Not to operate

General

No person shall let for hire or reward any licensed vessel in Solent Categories 1A, 1B (when not in charge of a licensed boatman) or 1C without having first obtained a licence from the Local Authority (herein called a Licence to Let Boats for Hire).

Marking and Inspection

Every vessel before being let for hire or reward shall have painted in some conspicuous part the forenames and surname of the licensed owner and the total number of person allowed to be carried. The Licence to Let Boats for Hire may be suspended if at any time an authorised Officer of the Local Authority shall be of the opinion that any of the vessels on hire is unfit to carry passengers.

Persons in Charge

The Licensee shall be responsible that no motor boat, mechanically propelled boat or sailing boat shall be let for hire or reward unless a competent person be placed in charge thereof by the licence holder and remain in charge so long as the hire shall last.

Section 11

LOCAL VARIATIONS TO THE CODE

CHICHESTER HARBOUR CONSERVANCY

1. Certification of Vessel and Boatmen.

2. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) have accepted that the historic oyster vessel, "Terror" and her crew may be certificated by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy using powers given by Section 86 of the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act 1971, which may vary from the SASHMA Code.

3. Operators hiring out mutable vessels under Category 1C such as Sit on Kayaks and Stand-Up Paddle boards will be issued an operator's licence for the number of craft being hired. Operators will be assessed under the requirements as set out in the MCA Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat code, annex 5

COWES HARBOUR AUTHORITY:

1. Subject to risk assessment, licenses issued by the authority will not require the carrying of a life raft (ref 13.3.1 & 13.3.2 of the IWSPBC) in category D waters within it's jurisdiction, provided that the significant wave height is less than 1.2m and operations are conducted in good visibility and daylight.

2. Subject to risk assessment, licenses issued by the authority will not require the carrying of a magnetic or fluxgate compass (ref. 19.1 & 19.2 of the Code) in category D waters within it's jurisdiction, provided visibility is greater than 2nm.

LYMINGTON HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

1. Subject to risk assessment, licenses issued by the authority will not require the carrying of a life raft (ref 13.3.1 & 13.3.2 of the IWSPBC) in category D waters within it's jurisdiction, provided that the significant wave height is less than 1.2m and operations are conducted in good visibility and daylight.

2. Subject to risk assessment, licenses issued by the authority will not require the carrying of a magnetic or fluxgate compass (ref. 19.1 & 19.2 of the Code) in category D waters within it's jurisdiction, provided visibility is greater than 2nm.

YARMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

1. Subject to risk assessment, licenses issued by the authority will not require the carrying of a life raft (ref 13.3.1 & 13.3.2 of the IWSPBC) in category D waters within it's jurisdiction, provided that the significant wave height is less than 1.2m and operations are conducted in good visibility and daylight.

2. Subject to risk assessment, licenses issued by the authority will not require the carrying of a magnetic or fluxgate compass (ref. 19.1 & 19.2 of the Code) in category D waters within it's jurisdiction, provided visibility is greater than 2nm.