

Licensing Conditions for Operators Licence for Day Boat Hire

These Licence Conditions apply to the Licence granted by North Norfolk District Council ('The Council') under Section 94 of the Public Health Acts Amendment 1907 to the individual/company detailed in the Licence ('the Operator') to let for hire or use for carrying passengers for hire the vessels listed in the attached Boat Licence Schedule.

1.
 - a) The maximum number of person permitted to be carried and/or weight limit as specified in the Boat Licence Schedule for any vessel must not be exceeded.
 - b) The individual vessel plate issued with the boat licence must be displayed in a prominent place on the relevant vessel in clear view.
2. All vessels covered by this Operators licence must be kept in good, safe and sound condition. All craft must hold a current Boat Safety Scheme Certificate with effect from 1 April 2008.
3. The Operator must hold a current Public Liability Insurance with a minimum indemnity of £2 million. The Operator will be required to produce evidence of this insurance in relation to every vessel for which the licence relates. The Operator will be required to maintain this insurance in force for the duration of the Licence and must not reduce the amount or the extent of the cover.
4. The Operator must not cause or permit any vessel to be let for hire in any weather conditions, which may pose a threat to the safety of those on board.
5. A suitable buoyancy aid or lifejacket complying with *BS/EN 395: Life Jackets and Personal Buoyancy Aids of 100N (new version ISO 12420-4 standard)* in good, clean condition and of suitable size must be given to each of the persons in the party hiring the vessel at the time. The Operator must make each person aware of how to wear and use the jacket correctly.
6. Vessels covered by this licence must not be hired to any persons under the age of 16 for mechanically powered vessels and any persons under the age of 14 for manually powered vessels and sailing craft.
7. Vessels covered by the Operators Licence must not be hired to any person or persons apparently under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
8. All non-powered vessels which are covered by the Operators Licence must carry the following equipment in a readily available position:
 - a) One bailer or bucket capable of displacing at least 0.6 litres (1 pint) of water.
9. The Operator must carry out suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks associated with day boat hire activity and act upon the findings where a risk is identified. These assessments must be documented and readily accessible for

inspection by an authorised representative of the Council. These assessments must be carried out on a regular basis depending on the nature of the risk, and be no less frequent than annually.

10. The Operator must keep proper records which show how many vessels have been hired out at any time, number of passengers carried, the expected time of return and emergency procedures to be implemented on the failure of a vessel to return.
11. The Operator will make available for inspection the records noted in 2, 3, 12 and 13 to persons appointed by the Council.
12. The Operator must ensure that all persons before using the vessel have been given an appropriate briefing in accordance with the Association of Pleasure Craft Operators (APCO)/ BMF, Guide to Hire Boat Handover Procedures.
13. If any changes occur in the ownership or particulars of the vessel specified in the Boat Licence Schedule and operated under this Licence, during the term of the licence, notice of such change(s) shall be given to the Council within 7 days.
14. The Operator of any day boat hire vessel must report to the Council, in writing, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case within seventy-two (72) hours of him becoming aware of it, the occurrence of any accident involving any vessel operated under the Operators Licence.
15. It shall be an offence to have altered or defaced the Operators Licence in any way.
16. The Council is entitled to suspend or revoke the licence in the event of a breach of any of these conditions where the Council considers that this is necessary or desirable in the interests of the public.
17. The Operators Licence or a certified copy must be displayed for public view at the premises from which the vessel is hired.
18. The Operators Licence must be surrendered to the Council within 7 days if (1) the Operator has ceased the activity the licence has been granted or (2) the Council has revoked the licence.
19. The Operators licence will initially remain in force, unless previously suspended or revoked, for a period of three years. The Licence is not transferable.
20. The Council reserve the right to modify, alter, revoke and add to the conditions herein specified, should it be deemed desirable in the public interest to do so and such variations shall have effect as and when specified by the said Council. In seeking to undertake to develop and initiate any such changes, full involvement of the boat hire industry will be sought, including support from recognised trade bodies such as BMF and specialist professional advisers as necessary.