

Local Notices to Mariners

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Subject	COVID-19 – Use of Pleasure Craft

During the current restrictions in place to stop the spread of COVID-19 Public Health Services do not consider pleasure boating (using any type of vessel, whether motorised or not) to be an essential activity or an open sea activity for the purpose of health and welfare. **Therefore pleasure boating is strongly discouraged at this time.**

However, walking or cycling to visit a vessel on its mooring or berth to carry out basic maintenance checks could be part of the two-hour period of exercise in every 24-hour period.

Boat owners and operators must, however, adhere to the strict social distancing rules currently in place when visiting vessels, especially in confined spaces.

Surfaces and objects that are touched regularly, should be frequently cleaned and disinfected thoroughly using appropriate products and equipment on board the vessel.