



Local Notices to Mariners

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| LNTM No. | 015/2020 |
| Subject | COVID-19 – The Use of Locally Registered Recreational Vessels |

With immediate effect recreational boat owners (using any type of vessel, whether motorised or not) are permitted to use their boats in local waters for recreational purposes **as part of their four hours of exercise and recreation away from their homes** subject to the following conditions:

- The latest weather forecast has been obtained and the vessel has been checked and inspected thoroughly before putting to sea. This should include ensuring that all boat systems and engines are operating correctly and all equipment is in date and operating as it should.

This is particularly important in order to minimise the need for our emergency services to be mobilised potentially placing them and you at risk.

- It is anticipated that a significant number of boaters will want to take advantage of this relaxation on the first few suitable tides. Boat skippers are urged to exercise good seamanship, courtesy, patience and common sense as they move in and out of marinas. Guernsey Harbours' dorys will be operating in the marinas for the first few tides to monitor activity.
- Boat skippers may only be accompanied by persons permanently residing at the same address or, where the vessel is sufficiently large to maintain social distancing, with one other person from a different household.

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- Boat owners and operators must continue to adhere to the strict social distancing rules currently in place.
- Boat owners are limited to four hours of water based activities in every 24-hour period. **A vessel should not be away from its berth or mooring for longer than this four hours during a 24-hour period.**
- At the request of the authorities of Alderney, Sark and Herm, landing in those Islands is not permitted.
- Refuelling is permitted but only adhering to the strict social distancing rules currently in place and ensuring continued good hygiene practices including the use of gloves whilst handling refuelling equipment.
- Surfaces and objects that are touched regularly, should be frequently cleaned and disinfected thoroughly using appropriate products and equipment on board the vessel.
- Attention is also drawn to the Skipper and crew of any vessel which makes landfall outside of the Bailiwick's territorial waters that they must observe Customs regulations as well as following the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days immediately upon return as set out in separate guidance for travel.

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