



Local Notices to Mariners

LNTM No.	007/2021
Subject	COVID-19 – The Use and Maintenance of Locally Registered Recreational Vessels.

From **1200 on Sunday 24 January 2021** recreational boat owners (using any type of vessel, whether motorised or not) are permitted to use their boats in local waters for recreational purposes 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.

- Boat skippers are urged to exercise good seamanship, courtesy, patience and common sense as they move in and out of marinas.
- 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.
- Boat owners and operators must continue to adhere to the strict social distancing rules currently in place.
- Boat owners are limited to a two-hour period of water based activities in every 24-hour period.

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- 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 21 days immediately upon return as set out in separate guidance for travel.

Maintenance

- Boat owners are permitted to conduct maintenance on their own vessels if the vessel is on its mooring. The employ of Marine Traders to conduct this maintenance is **not** permitted at this time.
- Maintenance of boats in yards or other lay-up areas (other than on the owners' private property) is **not** currently permitted.
- Boat maintenance on the mooring must be strictly conducted in accordance with the social distancing and enhanced hygiene measures stipulated by the Director of Public Health.