

**DORSET COUNCIL**

**WEYMOUTH HARBOUR**

**COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSELS AND WATERMAN LICENCES**  
**REGULATIONS 2014**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. These regulations are for the licensing of Commercial Passenger Vessels (and Watermen) to be let for hire or to be used for carrying passengers for hire under Section 94 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907. Commercial Passenger Vessel Licences were formally known as Weymouth & Portland Borough Council Pleasure Boat or Pleasure Vessel Licences. The scheme has not been updated since February 1995 and falls below the industry standard, being non-compliant with some of the guidance provided by the MCA and the Solent & Southern Harbour Masters Association. It is therefore timely to refresh the scheme so that Weymouth remains a professional, respected harbour and more importantly safe for the many people who like to enjoy the sea locally.
2. These regulations concern the safety of craft and their passengers and are limited to vessels carrying no more than 12 passengers (not including the crew) that do not go beyond MCA Category D waters. Category D is an Inland Water category where the Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code applies. As covered below, some of Weymouth's waters have been given a dispensation by the MCA to be classed as Category D for specific times. "To sea" is described as beyond Category D. A child under one year of age is not considered a passenger.
3. All commercial vessels carrying passengers in Dorset Council's Weymouth Harbour waters are to be licensed. A licence under these regulations shall not be required for any boat or vessel duly licensed by or under any regulations of the Marine & Coastguard Agency or other approved body (or for a person in charge of or navigating such a boat or vessel).
4. No person shall carry or permit to be carried in any commercial passenger vessel a greater number of passengers for hire than shall be specified in the licence applying to such boat or vessel. Every owner of any such boat or vessels shall, before permitting the same to be used for carrying passengers for hire, paint or have 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".

5. Any persons having charge of a boat for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire shall be in possession of an appropriate in date commercially-endorsed qualification or licence issued by the local authority.

## **CATEGORISATION OF WATERS**

6. The following local waters are categorised as 'Inland Waters':

- Category D – Within Portland Harbour and between the River Wey and Portland Harbour.
- Category D – Weymouth Bay, in summer (1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October inclusive) west of a line from Redcliff Point to Grove Point.
- Category B – Wyke Regis, within the Wyke Regis Training Area – Fleet Lagoon, between grid references SY 649775 and SY 653773. No licenses will be issued for vessels or crews operating on the Fleet Lagoon.
- For local purposes it is assumed that the water within the harbour to the east of the 2/3 Berth knuckle is Category B although this is not formally categorised by the MCA.

7. Category B and D waters are defined as follows:

Category B: Wider rivers and canals where the depth of water is generally more than 1.5 metres and where the significant wave height could not be expected to exceed 0.6 metres at any time.

Category D: Tidal rivers and estuaries where the significant wave height could not be expected to exceed 2.0 metres at any time. The categorisation of Cat D waters defined in para 6 is an exemption for Weymouth and Portland from the MCA based on average sea state conditions and other factors.

## **PERIODS AND TIMES OF OPERATION**

8. Normal operations are from sunrise to sunset, in fine, clear weather only. No Commercial Passenger Vessels licensed under these regulations should leave harbour in restricted visibility or in S. to N.E force 6 or stronger winds, or when an imminent strong wind warning is in force for these sectors.

9. Boats operating after sunset should be fitted with the statutory navigation lights and have lights fitted to life jackets.

## **COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL LICENCE**

10. An applicant for the grant or renewal of a Commercial Passenger Vessel Licence will be required to:

- (a) Hold a Council's Waterman's Licence or an equivalent qualification issued by an approved body and endorsed by the Harbour Master;
- (b) Have a mooring for his vessel in Weymouth Harbour's jurisdiction;
- (c) Produce written verification of construction and structural strength for his boat from an authorised boat builder or suitably qualified, recognised marine surveyor. Further details are covered in Annex A.

11. A licence holder will be required to insure against liability to passengers and others. It is strongly recommended that public liability insurance be to the value of £10 million. A mandatory minimum figure of £5 million is required for any one accident including a minimum of £5 million public liability plus the statutory employer's liability where applicable, which is currently £5 million.

12. A Commercial Passenger Vessel licence:

- (a) Is granted to the owner(s) of the boat;
- (b) Will not normally be transferable;
- (c) Is valid for up to 12 months only.

13. The application form is given at Annex C.

## **EQUIPMENT TO BE CARRIED IN LICENSED PLEASURE BOATS**

14. Guidance is provided by the Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code. The Boat Inspection Checklist is found at Annex A.

15. To date vessels licensed under W&PBC regulations have not been required to carry liferafts. After discussion with the MCA, this situation needs to be corrected for vessels operating in Cat D waters. In order to smooth the transition to the new regulations, liferafts will not be mandatory until 01<sup>st</sup> April 2015. Until that time those vessels without a liferaft must continue to carry sufficient buoyancy aids to support all occupants of the vessel in the event of sinking.

16. Rowing boat ferries will need to carry:

- Sufficient buoyancy for each occupant in the event of sinking.
- A hand bilge pump.
- A bucket with lanyard.
- A bailer.
- A paddle.
- A safety knife.

The freeboard of rowing boats must be closely monitored to ensure safe operations with the number of passengers embarked.

## **WATERMAN'S LICENCE**

17. In order to qualify for a Council's Waterman's Licence an applicant must:

(a) Be over 18 years of age.

(b) Have a full knowledge of all statutory rules, regulations and byelaws applicable to navigation on the water or waters for which the licence is required. New applicants must therefore be endorsed by the Harbour Master to confirm that the applicant has fulfilled the requirements to operate safely in Weymouth Harbour. Examiners will be appointed by the Harbour Master. The syllabus is available at Annex B.

(c) Not suffer from any disease or physical ability which could affect their fitness to assist in the charge of pleasure boats, vessels or craft for hire. A valid ML5 medical certificate or equivalent is required. Any MCA ML5 referrals will be considered by W&PBC and not the MCA as it is a local licensing scheme.

(d) Hold a VHF licence (if appropriate), RYA Basic Sea Survival Certificate (or STCW Personal Survival Techniques) and First Aid Certificate. Further details are given at Annex A. Those watermen licensed only for the rowing ferry will not require a Basic Sea Survival Certificate or VHF licence.

(e) Intend working on a vessel which is operated from a mooring in Weymouth Harbour's jurisdiction.

18. Exemptions apply to those who hold an appropriate qualification from the MCA or other approved body for the manning of small vessels in commercial use. Qualifications must be appropriate to cover whether carrying out day-time or night-time operations.

19. Licences are valid for up to 5 years or until the holder reaches the age of 65, whichever period is shorter. Licenses issued to persons of 64 years or over will be valid for 3 years or until the holder reaches the age of 75, whichever period is shorter. Licenses issued to persons of 74 years or over will be valid for 1 year. They are not transferrable and cannot be backdated. The Council may suspend or revoke a licence at any time whenever they deem such suspension or revocation to be necessary in the interests of the public.

20. Licenses may be endorsed to give limitations with regard to the area of operation, category of craft or other service at the discretion of the Harbour Master.

### **LICENCES TO LET SMALL BOATS FOR HIRE**

21. These licences are for small vessels for hire with limited area of operation and commercially operated pleasure craft used for leisure activities from a beach or harbour. The following categories apply:

- **Small vessel Category A** – Small boats hired out, not in charge of a licensed boatman, excluding beach and other craft referred to in Categories B and C, suitable only for operations in sheltered waters or close to the shore.
- **Small vessel Category B** – Hire boats capable of a speed of 17 knots or over whether or not in charge of a licensed boatman (such as water ski boats).
- **Small vessel Category C** – Craft other than those listed in Categories A and B of the type operated from the beach (such as Personal Water Craft (PWC), pedalos, floats and other such craft adapted to go in the water) hired out and not in charge of a licensed boatman.

22. Boats within these categories shall operate under the Guidelines contained in The MCA Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code Annex 5. Operations should be close to shore and within the areas defined by Local Notices to Mariners. There should be no operations in rough weather.

23. No person shall let for hire or reward any vessel that falls within Small Vessel Categories A, B (when not in charge of a licensed boatman) or C without having first obtained a licence from the Local Authority (herein called a Licence to Let Boats for Hire). In Weymouth there is an additional requirement to have a commercial site operating/rental agreement to have a base to operate from for the local authority beaches and harbour.

24. Every Small 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. Boats are to be capable of accommodating all persons for which they are licensed (including those on the tow). In general boats and other craft when not in charge of a licensed boatman should not carry more than 4 persons. 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.

25. 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 shall be placed in charge thereof by the licence holder and remain in charge so long as the hire shall last. Such competent person should hold a nationally recognised qualification for the activity concerned. Towing craft should have a minimum of two crew at all times, one to navigate and one to watch the tow. Persons under 8 years should be accompanied by an adult at all times. In the case of boats let for hire where the competent person is remote from the boat, then the Licensee shall ensure that the competent person maintains visual contact with the hired craft at all times and provide a means of immediate rescue in the event of an accident.

26. The licensee shall ensure that hirers are provided with sufficient information about the craft and its equipment to enable it to be used safely and that hirers are competent for the intended operation. The licensee shall report and record to the licensing authority all incidents that have or could have led to injury.

## **TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS**

27. All Pleasure Boat, Pleasure Vessel and Waterman's Licences issued under the 1995 scheme will remain valid until their given expiry date. The Waterman's Licence requirements for a medical, VHF licence, Sea Survival Certificate and First Aid Certificate as covered in para 17 are required from 1 April 2014 in order for the Waterman's Licences to remain valid. All new or renewal applications forthwith will be processed using these regulations. Any exceptions will be dealt with by the Harbour Master on a case by case basis.

## **FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS**

28. It is for further consideration whether ultimately this licensing arrangement be stopped in preference for a fully MCA coded regime. If this was the case these new regulations provide a suitable step towards the MCA requirements. Any MCA code would not be for the restricted areas given by the dispensation for Weymouth waters and so would have wider requirements than can be allowed with this local licensing..

(Signed on original)

K Howorth  
Harbour Master

20 January 2014

Annexes:

- A. Weymouth Harbour Boat Inspection Checklist.
- B. Weymouth Harbour Waterman's Licence Syllabus.
- C. Commercial Passenger Vessel Licence Application or Renewal.
- D. Waterman's Licence Application or Renewal.

## ANNEX A – WEYMOUTH HARBOUR BOAT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

<b>Boat Name:</b>	
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	
<b>Inspecting Officer:</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	
<b>Maximum number of passengers &amp; crew</b>	

\* References - MCA Inland Water Small Passenger Boat Code

		<b>Ref. *</b>
Minimum third party liability insurance for £5M (£5M public liability plus £5M mandatory employer's liability).	£10M third party liability insurance is recommended.	
<b>Skipper</b>		
<b>Category A/B</b>	<b>Category C/D</b>	
Skipper to have an appropriate qualification or demonstrate to operator that competent and with local experience. Recommended MCA BM 3/2/RYA Inland Helm + 12 months experience/ RYA power boat level 2 + 12 months experience/ waterman's licence issued by competent authority. RYA qualifications to be commercially endorsed.	Skipper to have MCA BM 2/ RYA Coastal/Day skipper + 12 months experience/ RYA power boat level 2 + 12 months experience/ waterman's licence issued by competent authority. RYA qualifications to be commercially endorsed.	26.1 26.2
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 licence/ DVLA group 2 drivers licence/HSE diving medical certificate.	Medical certificate: ML5/ENG1/ CAA commercial pilots license/ DVLA group 2 drivers licence/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
RYA Basic Sea Survival Certificate or STCW Personal Survival Techniques	RYA Basic Sea Survival Certificate or STCW Personal Survival	26.6

Certificate. (Not required for rowing ferry only)	Techniques Certificate.	
<b>First Aid</b>		
Valid elementary/ RYA First Aid Certificate/ HSE approved/ Ambulance service First Aid certificate.	Valid elementary/ RYA First Aid Certificate/ HSE approved/ Ambulance service First Aid certificate.	30.1

<b>Construction and Structural Strength</b>	<b>Ref.*</b>
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
Pre 1998 boats on first application: Survey by appropriate surveyor that boat is iaw this code. <b>OR</b> 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 by a suitably qualified recognised marine surveyor. More frequent inspections if advised by the surveyor.	4.7
<b>Water freeing arrangements/drainage</b>	
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 each.	6.1.1
<b>Machinery</b>	
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
<b>Diesel engines</b>	
Portable fuel storage unit to be metal & means to contain spills	7.2.2



& direct overside drainage of spills.	
Fuel storage 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
<b>Petrol engines</b>	
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 1 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
<b>Electrical Installation</b>	
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
<b>Steering Gear/ Steering Position</b>	

Effective steering system with emergency arrangements.	9.1 9.3
Helmsman clear view.	9.2
<b>Bilge Pumping/ Draining</b>	
Powered or hand pump – allow any compartment to be drained. Holding tank for oily bilge water. Auto start recommended except in areas where potential pollutants, no drawing from oil tight areas beneath engine/gearbox.	10.1 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
<b>Anchors and Cables</b>	
Anchor with min. 4m chain.	20.1
20m continuous length of rope, suitable for towing.	

<b>Life Saving Equipment</b>		
<b>Category A/B</b>	<b>Category C/D</b>	
One lifebuoy with 18m line + light at night. May have throw line as alternative. If lifejackets worn then not required.	2 lifebuoys, 1 with 18m line + light at night. If lifejackets worn then not required.	13.1
Lifejackets not required unless vulnerable people.	Enough lifejackets for all on board. Solid buoyancy or inflatable. Not to rely solely on oral inflation. EN 396 150N or EN 399 275N. Lights if used at night. Marked with boat's name.	13.2
	Buoyant line with buoyant quoit.	2.3
	2 red hand distress flares.	2.3
	2 orange smoke floats	2.3
Safety knife	Safety knife	
<b>Category A/B/C</b>	<b>Category D</b>	
Life raft not required	By 01 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 - Liferaft for at least the number of passengers. Until liferaft is fitted, sufficient buoyancy aids for all occupants of the vessel in the event of sinking.  Liferaft - ISO 9650 approved. Including minimum	

	MCA 'E' pack.	
	Liferaft stowed on deck + hydrostatic release/weak link or in readily accessible and dedicated locker opening onto deck.	13.3.5
	Serviced at required intervals and in date.	13.5

<b>Fire Safety</b>		
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 and certificated by competent person.		14.4
<b>Means of Escape</b>		
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
<b>Fire Fighting Appliances</b>		
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/powerd pump + hose/nozzle to give 1 jet of water to any part of vessel, <b>or</b> 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
<b>Navigational Equipment</b>		

Navigation lights iaw International Collision Regs.	17.1
Efficient sound signalling equipment.	17.4
Waterproof signalling torch.	19.6
Boat hook	19.6
<b>Category C/D</b>	
Magnetic compass, suitably adjusted and with a deviation card where appropriate <b>or</b> 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
Radar reflector/transponder.	19.4
Sailing vessels to have means of clearing rigging if dis-masted.	19.5
<b>Communication Equipment</b>	
VHF fixed or mobile (recommended VHF DSC) + licence.	16.1
Portables to be waterproof or in waterproof pouch.	16.3
No VHF required for rowing ferry boats.	
Emergency communications card - easily accessible	16.4
<b>Accommodation</b>	
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
<b>Protection of Personnel</b>	
Areas frequented by passengers to be enclosed <b>or</b> guard-rails/wires to min. ht. 1000mm. Maybe reduced in Cat A/B if passengers seated. If impedes working of vessel then arrangements giving equivalent safety.	22.1 22.3
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
<b>Prevention of Pollution</b>	
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
<b>Names</b>	
Every owner of the named Pleasure Boat shall, before permitting it to be used for carrying passengers for hire, paint or cause to be painted , in letters and figures not less than 25mm in height and 20mm in breadth on a conspicuous part of the named Pleasure Boat, his own name and also the number of persons which it is licensed to carry in	

the form of:	
“Licensed to carry ..... passengers”.	
The owner of the named Pleasure Boat shall upon receipt of the Licence, paint, or cause to be painted, the name of the Pleasure Boat on the hull and in its interior, in letters not less than 10cm in height and 2 cm in breadth.	

## **ANNEX B - WEYMOUTH HARBOUR WATERMAN'S LICENCE SYLLABUS**

### **International Regulations for Preventing Collisions 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 II and a general knowledge of all other rules.

### **Distress Signals**

Knowledge of the contents of 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** – Demonstrate an ability to steer a compass course. An elementary knowledge of the effects of metal on a compass and a working knowledge of the application of deviation and variation.

**Tides** – use of a tidal stream atlas and tide tables for calculation of tidal heights and depth of water for standard and secondary ports.

**Chart Work** - plotting positions, working up course to steer, common chart symbols.

**Uniformed system of buoyage** – a working knowledge of the system.

### **Local knowledge (Weymouth and Portland Harbours)**

Licensed areas.

Harbour limits.

Harbour Byelaws and Local Notices to Mariners.

Local traffic regulations and signals.

Local sea marks including 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.

Condor ferry operating times and implications.

Weymouth Town Bridge clearance.

Local radio stations – frequencies or channels.

Coastguard – roles, services rendered and duties.

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

### **Boat Handling (including practical exercise)**

Effects of windage on the 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.  
Leakage or pollution.  
Fouled propeller.

### **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**

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.



**WEYMOUTH HARBOUR AUTHORITY**

**ANNEX C - APPLICATION FOR/RENEWAL OF A BOAT LICENCE (YEAR 201 )**

Name .....

Address .....

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E-mail .....Tel .....

I wish to ply for hire from Weymouth Harbour.

Vessel name .....

Number of passengers .....

I confirm that:

- The vessel together with its equipment is fit for purpose, sound and stable and will be subject to inspection in accordance with the licensing scheme.
- I have valid and appropriate insurance (minimum £5M public liability and £5M employer’s liability).
- I will keep the boat in a proper state of efficiency for the whole time that it is in use for hire.

I enclose the fee of £ ..... to support my application.

Note: Owners are responsible for arranging vessel inspections prior to commencement of operations.

Signature ..... Date .....

**The information you have provided on this form will be used by Dorset Council for the purpose of supplying your licence only. We are committed to protecting your personal data; our Privacy Notice can be found on our [website](#) or please ask for a copy.**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Licence updated and signed by the Harbour Master	
Licence returned to applicant	

Signed/Dated \_\_\_\_\_





**WEYMOUTH HARBOUR AUTHORITY**

**ANNEX D - WATERMAN'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FORM**

Name.....

Address .....

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E-mail .....Tel .....

Purpose of Licence .....

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I wish to apply for a waterman's licence	
I wish to renew my existing waterman's licence	

Please tick appropriate box

I enclose the fee of £.....

The following documents will also need to be shown:

- Valid VHF Operator's Licence (if vessel fitted with VHF)
- Valid Medical Certificate
- Valid First Aid Certificate
- Valid Basic Sea Survival Certificate (not required for rowing ferry only)

Signature ..... Date .....

**The information you have provided on this form will be used by Dorset Council for the purpose of supplying your licence only. We are committed to protecting your personal data; our Privacy Notice can be found on our [website](#) or please ask for a copy.**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Licence updated and signed by the Harbour Master	
Licence returned to applicant	

Signed/Dated \_\_\_\_\_