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HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES

The Marina and the Navigation are a potentially hazardous environment. They are also an important environment and ecosystem, which we want to play our part in caring for.

These guidelines are intended to help keep berth holders, residents and visitors to the Marina safe, and to ensure the Marina operates safely and sustainably.

They form a part of your Mooring Licence to moor your Vessel at the Marina.

Berth-holders and residents should also ensure that their visitors and guests are aware of safety and environmental considerations. Please read and follow the guidance below.

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IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 999

General

- Take care on the Pontoons and walkways especially at night.
- Do not run on the Pontoons or walkways.
- Take extra care during cold and icy weather conditions. Salt is provided for use by berth-holders.
- Wear appropriate footwear and use handrails where available.
- Stay away from the edge of the walkways and Pontoons unless necessary.
- Keep children under close supervision.
- Ensure that children and non-swimmers wear life jackets on the Pontoons or moving around on deck.
- Be aware of the position and operation of life rings and safety equipment.
- Do not swim at the Marina or in its vicinity.
- Keep the Pontoons and walkways clear at all times, do not create any obstruction and do not store any items on the Pontoons (including boat parts, rubbish, fishing equipment, bicycles, kayaks, equipment or anything else).
- Report to the Licensor all accidents (and any “near misses”) involving injury to any person or any damage to property that occur on their Vessel or at the Marina, as soon as possible.
- Report any damaged or defective marina structures or equipment immediately.
- Be aware of the river conditions and potential wash from passing boats.
- If moving the Vessel in or around the marina, keep the speed low.
- If there are any concerns about crime at or near the Marina, that should involve the police, please contact them, using 999 in an emergency.
- The Canal & River Trust provides helpful guidance on their website under their “Waterway Code for Anglers & Boaters” and the Owner and visitors should familiarise themselves with this advice.
- Take all necessary and reasonable protections against the outbreak of fire, and observe all statutory and local regulations relating to fire prevention.

Fire Risk

Fire poses a significant risk in marinas and on boats due to the presence of fuel, electrical systems, and confined spaces.

In case of Fire, raise the alarm

1. Call 999.
2. Clear the area of any people who may be in danger and anyone downwind.
3. Alert other users of the Marina where possible.
4. Tackle the fire only if it is considered safe to do so.
5. Leave the area in an orderly manner.

Fire prevention

- Prevention of fires starting and taking steps to reduce the risk of a fire spreading is essential to the safe operation of the Marina.
- Each Owner shall provide and maintain on their Vessel adequate smoke alarms and firefighting equipment, including such number and type of fire extinguishers as are recommended for their type and size of Vessel. Such extinguishers shall at all times be kept instantly ready for use and in good working order.
- Proper use and maintenance of the Vessel, and their electrical and fuel systems is critical. Ensure familiarity with the operation and maintenance of the various systems, which will be unique to the Vessel.
- Always store flammable materials and any gas bottles safely, ensure fire extinguishers are accessible, and never leave cooking or solid fuel heating appliances unattended.
- Do not bring any dangerous, inflammable, poisonous or noxious substances, spirits, oil or petrol onto the Marina or store such substances on the Vessel (unless in small quantities and stored in properly secured containers expressly designed to contain such substances).
- Ensure that any gas and electrical installations are: installed in strict compliance with the manufacturer's instructions; inspected with the appropriate regularity by a qualified person; and all alterations/repairs are also undertaken by a qualified person.
- Sweep chimneys and stoves regularly. The recommendation is that stoves are swept at least once a year, and more often if the stove is used more regularly.

Environment

- The Canal & River Trust provide a helpful guide to “cleaner, greener boating that can be found on their website, the Owner and guests should familiarise themselves with this advice
- It is illegal to discharge “black water” or sewerage into the Marina or the Navigation.
- Grey water can have a detrimental effect on the environment. Only phosphate-free detergents should be used, and use environmentally-sensitive washing products where possible.
- Even a thin film of oil can kill aquatic plants and animals. The Owner is responsible for carrying out proactive maintenance to prevent fuel spills in the Marina and the Navigation.
- Burning fuel in domestic wood stoves and coal fires is the single largest contributor to the UK’s national emissions of fine particulate matter (PM 2.5). The tiny particles in smoke can enter the bloodstream, causing long term health issues, as well as having immediate impacts on some people, such as causing breathing difficulties or asthma attacks. Don’t burn wet wood. Ensure any woodburner is installed correctly, with heat protection below and behind, and that the flue is safe and doesn’t leak carbon monoxide. Carbon Monoxide alarms are mandatory under the Boat Safety Scheme, and smoke alarms are highly recommended.
- Personal care and cleaning products can contain microbeads. Washing clothes can release microfibrils. Collectively these are known as microplastics – tiny particles of plastics, smaller than 5mm, which can also be formed when larger plastic litter breaks down. Microplastics can be eaten by animals, from the smallest zooplankton to birds and mammals. In 2018, the UK government banned the sale of rinse-off cosmetic products containing microbeads, but they are still allowed in some other products. Please consider using “greener” alternatives that don’t contain harmful chemicals. See the Green Blue Business Directory, or consider readily available products, such as Ecover. A full load, with a liquid detergent, at a lower temperature and gentler setting is thought to reduce microfibre shedding.

Thank you!