

MARINA SAFETY HANDBOOK

Berth Owners | Visitors
Health | Safety
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SUCCESS

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The rules and expectations set out in this Marina Safety Handbook have been established for the safety, security and well-being of all personnel using and visiting the marina. By using the marina facilities, as such persons will be deemed to agree and undertake to comply with such rules and expectations.

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Feedback

If any visitors or berth holders would like to provide feedback, good or bad, regarding the Marina to our port management team, please use the below link or scan the QR code:



Customer Feedback Form
www.peterheadport.co.uk/feedback

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- Familiarise yourself with all emergency contacts and locate the nearest fire extinguishers, first-aid kits, and life rings.
- If you see someone in distress, contact marina staff immediately and call emergency services if necessary.

Emergency Services can be contacted by dialling: 999 or, call VTS on VHF Channel 14 who can call the emergency services for you.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Always wear suitable footwear with non-slip soles.
- Avoid running on docks; surfaces can be slippery when wet.
- Children must be supervised at all times, and it is recommended they wear life jackets near the water.

General Safety Guidelines



Vessel Safety



Always contact VTS on Ch14 before arriving at the Port or departing from Marina berth.

MOORING AND SECURING

- Use adequate fenders to prevent damage to vessels and docks.
- Double-check that all mooring lines are secure and free of wear. Replace frayed lines immediately.
- Always dock slowly and cautiously, especially during windy conditions or strong currents.

BOARDING AND DISEMBARKING

- Ensure vessel is stable when boarding or disembarking.
- Keep decks clear of trip hazards like ropes, equipment, or personal belongings.

FUELLING PROCEDURES

- Turn off all engines and electrical equipment before fuelling.
- Prohibit smoking or open flames in fuelling areas.
- Always carry an absorbent cloth or pad to clean up spills immediately.

WASTE DISPOSAL

- Use designated waste disposal and recycling facilities. Never discard waste, oil, or chemicals into the bay.
- Report any fuel or oil spills to marina staff immediately so they can manage it promptly.

NOISE POLLUTION

- Keep noise levels to a minimum, especially during the early morning and late evening.

Environmental Protection



Fire Safety & Security and Personal Belongings



Fire Safety

FIRE PREVENTION

- Avoid storing flammable items near engines or other heat sources.
- Never use barbecues on board or on the pontoon and take care using the vessels cooking facilities.
- Make sure fire extinguishers onboard are well-maintained and easily accessible.

IN CASE OF FIRE

- Raise the alarm immediately if you spot smoke or flames. Contact marina staff and call emergency services on 999.
- Do not attempt to extinguish large fires yourself. Evacuate the area, if necessary, and exit to the marina car park. When leaving the marina, secure the gate open using the means to do so at the gate. Wait at the car park letting neighbouring vessels know there is a fire.

Security and Personal Belongings

VALUABLES AND EQUIPMENT

- Secure valuables and equipment inside your vessel when unattended.
- Lock your vessel when leaving and report any suspicious activity to marina staff.

ACCESS TO MARINA

- Only berth holders and authorised visitors should have access to the marina. Do not share access keys with others.
- Make sure children and pets are under your supervision at all times.

CONSIDERATE BOATING

- Please follow the 5mph speed limit in the Marina
- Be mindful of your wake when entering or exiting the marina to avoid disturbing other boats.
- Use VHF radio sparingly and follow proper radio etiquette to avoid interference.

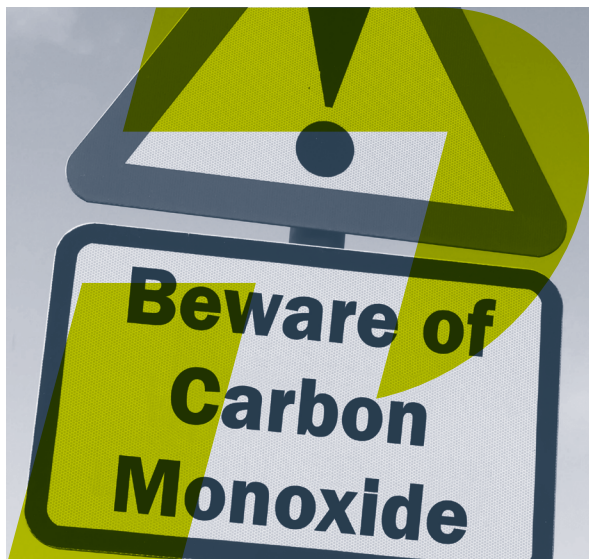
CLEANLINESS

- Keep your berth and nearby docks tidy. Dispose of garbage properly and avoid leaving items lying around.
- Report any hazards, such as loose boards or damaged fixtures, to marina staff for prompt repair.

Respecting Other Marina Users



Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness and Safety



WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless gas that can be deadly. It is produced by engines, generators, heaters, cookers and other fuel-burning appliances. Since CO is undetectable by smell or sight, it's essential to take precautions to avoid potential exposure.

SOURCES OF CO IN THE MARINA

BOAT ENGINES

- Running engines produce CO, particularly if the boat is idling.

GENERATORS AND HEATERS & COOKERS

- Fuel-burning generators, heaters, and even stoves on board can emit CO.

BLOCKED OR POORLY VENTILATED SPACES

- CO buildup is more likely in areas with limited airflow or when exhaust vents are blocked.

RECOGNISING CO POISONING SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of CO poisoning can mimic seasickness or the flu, making it hard to identify. Be aware of these warning signs:

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Confusion
- Shortness of breath

If you or someone nearby shows these symptoms, move to fresh air immediately and seek medical attention.

PREVENTING CO EXPOSURE

VENTILATION

- Ensure all fuel-burning equipment and engines are well-ventilated, especially when the boat is stationary.

EXHAUST MAINTENANCE

- Regularly inspect and maintain engines, generators, and exhaust systems to prevent leaks.

CO DETECTORS

- Install marine-grade carbon monoxide detectors on board and test them regularly.
- Avoid Running Engines in Enclosed Areas: **Never run engines or generators in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces, as CO can build up rapidly.**

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHILE DOCKED

- Position your boat to avoid exhaust fumes entering cabins or other enclosed areas.
- Be cautious of boats nearby with running engines or generators, as CO can travel across boats in close proximity.



Recreational Diving

RECREATIONAL DIVING

Recreational diving is not permitted anywhere within the port limits.

Recreational diving includes diving on a yacht for inspections / fouled propellers etc.



STAYING SAFE WHEN SLEEPING ALONE

If you are spending the night on your yacht alone, it's important to take extra precautions to ensure your safety:

NOTIFY FAMILY OR FRIENDS

- Inform a family member or friend of your plans to stay on your yacht overnight. Provide details on your location within the marina and when you expect to be in contact next.

KEEP IN REGULAR CONTACT

- Set a schedule to check in with your chosen contact person, whether by phone, text, or another agreed-upon method. Regular updates can provide peace of mind and ensure someone knows if you need assistance.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Make sure you have access to emergency numbers and know how to quickly contact help if needed.

LOCK UP AND STAY SECURE

- Ensure all doors, hatches, and entry points are secured while you are on board, especially at night. This not only prevents unwanted access but also adds to your safety.

Safety for Solo Sleepers on Board



Portable Electrical Equipment Safety



GENERAL SAFETY TIPS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- Always use marine-approved electrical equipment to avoid electrical hazards. Equipment should meet proper safety standards and be suitable for use in marine environments.
- Check electrical cords and plugs regularly for signs of wear or damage. Replace any worn or frayed cables immediately.
- Avoid overloading sockets or using multi-socket adapters, as this can lead to overheating and fire risk.
- Disconnect and store electrical equipment safely when not in use, especially during rough weather.

COMPRESSOR DEHUMIDIFIERS

COLD WEATHER HAZARD

- Do not use compressor dehumidifiers onboard. These devices are not designed to function in low temperatures and can freeze, leading to fires.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Consider using desiccant dehumidifiers instead, as they are better suited for colder temperatures and reduce the risk of freeze-related malfunctions.

PROPER PLACEMENT

- Always place dehumidifiers on a stable, level surface away from bedding, drapes, or flammable materials. Ensure they have proper airflow and are not obstructed by other objects.



**SEEN SOMETHING
SUSPICIOUS?**

**DON'T
IGNORE
IT.
REPORT
IT.**

**Call the police on 101
or report online:
gov.uk/report-border-crime**

Project Kraken is a joint law enforcement
operation tackling maritime border crime
in the UK.



Border Force

 **NCA**
National Crime Agency