

THE HUT RESTAURANT,
Colwell Bay.

FERRY SAFETY AND OPERATING NOTICE

1. This notice specifies the procedures to be undertaken when operating the two SeaSearch 420 inflatable boats, used for the licensed ferry service to bring customers ashore and return them to their yachts, anchored off the beach in Colwell Bay.
2. This notice is to be read, understood and applied by boatmen operating the ferry service. The boatmen are in employment with The Hut restaurant, and are to carry a license issued by the Isle of Wight County Council for operating the boats that comprise the ferry service. They are the only people authorised to run the ferry service.
3. There are two Sea Search 420 inflatable boats operating the ferry service, and each fitted with a 20 hp outboard engine. While the ferry service is operating, both boats must be operational, with boatmen available to operate both boats simultaneously if required. By this means each boat may act as a rescue boat for the other if required. With this arrangement no liferaft will be required to be carried by the boats.
4. The boatman will carry a handheld VHF at all times while operating the ferry service, tuned to the Hut's operating frequency. If only one ferry is operating then there will be a VHF with a licensed boatman ashore, tuned to the same frequency, thereby providing an emergency response service.
5. Before using a boat, the boatmen will check that the boat carries the waterproof bag of safety equipment, the bailer and two paddles. The contents of the waterproof bag will be checked on the first day of each month, and a record kept of this inspection.
6. When the Hut Restaurant takes a booking from a yacht for the ferry service, the Hut will inform the yacht that they must wear lifejackets while using the ferry service. The Hut will ask the yacht whether they will use their own lifejackets, or whether they require the ferry service to provide lifejackets.
7. The Hut will keep sufficient lifejackets for the boats in storage ashore, ready and available if they are requested by the yacht when taking a booking.
8. The Hut will keep in storage ashore, a repair kit for the inflatable collar of the boats and an inflation pump.
9. The ferry service will not operate during the hours of darkness, which may be defined as between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.
10. The ferry service will not operate when the sea state at the anchorage in Colwell Bay is in excess of force 4 on the Beaufort scale.

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