

## CRITERIA FOR HIRECRAFT

### PART 1. A

#### HIRE CRAFT OPERATING IN SEYCHELLES

This Part applies to all hire crafts operating in Seychelles of which they shall:-

- (a) Have a canopy.
- (b) Have the name of the boat and its hire craft number on each side of its hull:-
  - The HC number could also be on each side of the console.
  - The HC number must not be less than 100 mm high and 25mm thick.
- (c) Have the word “**LIFE JACKETS**” to indicate the stowage position of **LIFE JACKETS**.
- (d) Have the name of the boat written on all the Life Jackets.
- (e) Have the following written on a conspicuous place onboard the vessel :  
**LICENSED TO CARRY ..... PERSONS WITHIN LIMITS OF..... MILES FROM INHABITED SHORES.**
- (f) Be physically attractive and well maintained.
- (g) Be fitted with -
  - i. 2 engines in working order
  - (Or)**
  - ii. 1 engine in working order and sailing equipment
- (h) Cushions must be placed on all seats (not obligatory for dive boats).
  - I. have a certified coxswain relevant to the range of operation of the boat
  - II. have onboard a first aid kit
  - III. Have at least 1 litre of drinking water for each person onboard.
  - IV. suitable life jackets for each person on board plus 10% (name of vessel should be written on same)
  - V. life-buoy with self igniting light plus 20 metres of light rope
  - VI. One waterproof signalling torch with a full set of spare batteries and a spare bulb.
  - VII. One signalling mirror.
  - VIII. One highly visible orange flag, 1 meter height, 2 metres long.
  - IX. echo sounder or lead line
  - X. manually operated bilge pump / suitable bailer
  - XI. suitable steel anchor and chain with at least 200 metres of synthetic rope of adequate strength
  - XII. spare anchor with chain and rope of adequate size and strength
  - XIII. appropriate navigation lights

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- XIV. garbage Sticker
- XV. tidal information

- (i) Staffing: adequate staffed trained in line with services offered. First Aid and Fire Safety must be physically and mentally fit.

## **PART I.B**

### **VESSELS WITH LIVE ABOARD FACILITIES**

All the facilities and equipment must be clean, well maintained and in working condition.

- should have the capacity to be self sufficient for at least seven days at sea
- must have an appropriate relaxing area (lounge) where by a client can read, write and gather together; this area should be shaded from the natural elements (sun, sea spray and wind)
- bathing facilities
- toilet facilities
- bedding
- bed sheets and towels
- cooker and cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery
- all vessels must have a holding tank

## **PART II**

In addition to Part I, hire crafts operating up to 2 miles from inhabited shores must have:-

- two red rocket parachute flares
- two hand-held red distress flares
- One fire extinguisher of at least 1.5kg which has been serviced and is up to date.

## **PART III**

In addition to Part 1, hire crafts operating up to 10 miles from inhabited shores must have:-

- Two hand-held red distress flares.
- Two red rocket parachute flares
- Two buoyant orange smoke markers.
- V.H.F Radio Telephone
- suitable magnetic compass with table of deviation
- One fire extinguisher of at least 1.5kg which has been serviced and is up to date.

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**PART IV**

In addition to Part I, hire crafts operating up to 60 miles from inhabited shores must have:-

- four hand-held red distress flares
- four red rocket parachute flares
- two buoyant orange smoke markers
- V.H.F Radio Telephone (approved)
- suitable magnetic compass with table of deviation
- hand bearing or spare compass
- navigation charts appropriate to the voyage or operation
- Log Book
- 2 Fire Extinguishers of at least 1.5kg which has been serviced and is up to date.
- Toilet facilities.

**PART V**

In addition to Part I and Part IV, hire crafts operating over 60miles must have:-

- MF Radio Telephone (approved for GMDSS type for area 2) or Inmarsat communication system
- inflatable life-rafts to accommodate all persons onboard
- Live aboard facilities.
- Navigation equipments, publications and appropriate tables for celestial navigation.