

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR BOAT CHARTER (HIRE CRAFT)**

'Hire craft' means a boat let out for hire for fishing as a sport or pleasure purposes only and includes the hiring of any craft or part that boat or craft.

### **1.0 PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF HULL:**

1.1 All hire crafts shall have a canopy which shall be in good condition (canvas, Bimini, dodger, hardware)

1.2 The hull shall be in good condition (no cracks) and physically attractive.

1.3 The name of the boat and its hire craft number shall be inscribed on each side of its hull.

### **2.0 DECK:**

2.1 The deck shall be maintained in a clean and sound condition, non- slippery, with no cracks or scratches which may affect the aesthetics and safety of the vessel.

2.2 All deck equipment shall be in good working condition (cleats, winches, rub line etc.).

2.3 All deck furniture shall be maintained in a clean and sound condition.

2.4 All upholstery shall be in a clean and good condition with no damage.

2.5 Cushions shall be placed on all seats and should be in good condition (not obligatory for dive boats).

### **7.0 SAFETY:**

7.1 Life jackets shall be available for all passengers and crew as per carrying capacity on-board with an extra 10%. Life jackets shall be clean and in good condition and shall be stored and placed to allow quick and easy access.

Lifejackets shall be either visible to passengers or their location shall be clearly marked, unobstructed and clearly visible with a sign indicating "LIFE JACKETS".

7.2 The following shall be written on a conspicuous place on-board the vessel

"Licensed to carry ..... person within limits of..... miles from inhabited shores".

7.3 A well-stocked First Aid kit shall be available on board, which shall be sufficient for the voyage and persons on board.

7.4 A Flare Kit shall be available as per the Hire Craft Act - expiration date on flares shall be valid and the same shall be placed in an appropriate and safe area

7.5 Flashlight and batteries shall be available. Binoculars, signal horn, bucket with lanyard shall be in good condition, if available.

7.6 Fire extinguishers and fire blanket shall be stored in an appropriate location with instructions for its operation, and shall be regularly serviced with a valid expiry date.

7.7 There shall be at least 1 liter of drinking water for each person on-board.

#### **6.0 TOILET OR HEAD FACILITY:**

6.1 Hire crafts operating up to 60 miles and over from inhabited shores shall have toilet facilities.

6.2 Toilet shall be maintained in a clean and good condition and fit for the purpose intended.

6.5 There shall be at least one flushable toilet equipped with toilet paper, holder and toilet brush.

6.6 Hot and cold-water supply shall be provided.

6.8 Covered sanitary bins shall be provided.

#### **8.0 General requirement:**

8.1 Shall have a valid insurance policy to include third party liabilities.

8.2 A hire craft operator shall have an active email address and telephone number.