



Marine Notice No. 28 of 2011

For the attention of Passenger Ship Operators, Passenger Boat , Operators, Skippers , Harbour Authorities, Race organisers and Recreational Craft owners

Tall Ships Race – Waterford – 30th June to 3rd July 2011

The 2011 Tall Ships Race is due visit the port of Waterford, between 30th June and 3rd July 2011. It is expected the event will attract significant numbers of visitors, including a large fleet of spectator boats and sightseeing charter vessels to the area.

The Marine Survey Office (MSO), which is the national authority responsible for regulating maritime safety, wishes to bring the following to the attention of those organising, participating in, or attending the event.

Passenger Ship / Passenger Boat Operators

All vessels carrying passengers for reward must be in possession of a valid passenger ship safety certificate, or a passenger boat licence, as appropriate, to the number of passengers on-board.

Only those vessels in possession of plying limits specifically listing Waterford as a point of departure may operate during this event.

Owners of vessels located outside the Waterford region may operate during the event, but must have applied in advance to the Marine Survey Office for, and have been granted a temporary change of operating plying limits.

The approval process for such temporary changes to plying limits for the duration of this event, will include an assessment of the availability of suitable landing and berthing facilities in the Port. In all cases, the approval of the Waterford Harbour Master must be obtained.

Applications for change of plying limits for passenger boats should be addressed to the Marine Survey Office, Centre Park House, Centre Park Road, Cork. The closing date for receipt of applications is 15th June 2011.

Vessel operators should carefully examine the terms of their certification, and be aware of any existing operational restrictions imposed on their craft, e.g not permitted to operate after sunset.

Passenger Ships and Passenger Boats may be subject to inspection by MSO Authorised Officers and Garda personnel during the event.

Craft found to be engaged in carrying passengers without suitable licences or certificates will be detained. Owners and masters of vessels inspected, and found to be in breach of the above, will be liable for prosecution under existing Merchant Shipping legislation.

Recreational Craft

A significant number of recreational craft are expected to attend the event.

The Harbour Master and Race Organisers have produced an approved water safety plan, involving the marshalling and control of spectator craft, both for the period vessels are alongside in port, and the start of the race off Hook Head.

Skippers and crew must comply with organiser's instructions, and in addition be aware of their obligations to comply with existing Maritime Legislation namely

- Collision Regulations (Ships and Water Craft on The Water) Order, 1984 (as amended) : S.I. No. 29 of 1984; S.I. No. 36 of 1990; S.I. No. 287 of 1993; S.I. No. 47 of 2005 – for International regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
- Pleasure Craft (Personal Flotation Devices and Operation)(Safety) Regulations, 2005: S.I. No. 921 of 2005 – for lifejacket requirements for recreational craft.
- Maritime Safety Act 2005 – for prevention of reckless or dangerous behaviour involving vessels and recreational craft.

Intending visitor recreational craft should contact the Harbour Master in advance for details of restricted areas and berthing. The Harbour Master's contact details can be found on [Port of Waterford](#) website, or you can contact the port directly on +353-(0)51-874907.

There is also a dedicated website for the Tall Ships Race at www.waterfordtallshipsrace.ie

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