

**BOROUGH OF POOLE**

**POOLE HARBOUR**

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT ACT 1907 - SECTION 94  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976**

**APPLICATION FOR MOTOR PLEASURE BOAT LICENCE - CLASS B**

<b>YEAR</b>	
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I, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the owner of the under-mentioned pleasure boats, hereby make application for the same to be licensed.

AND I HEREBY DECLARE that to the best of my knowledge and belief each of the said boats, together with the equipment thereof, is sound and stable in all respects, and is a fit and proper boat for use on the sea as a motor pleasure boat.

AND I HEREBY UNDERTAKE that I will keep each such boat and its equipment in a proper state of efficiency during the whole time that it plies or is in use for hire.

AND FURTHER that if the Council shall by notice in writing addressed to me, signify its intention to revoke the licence of any boat, such licence shall from and after the date specified in the notice cease to be of any effect.

Number of persons to be carried excluding boatmen	
Name of Boat	
Transom	
Make of engine (if any)	
Measurements	
Length	
Beam	
Depth	

\*Boats of from 12 to 18 feet in length must have a minimum beam measurement of one third of the length; a depth measurement of one eighth of the length; and a transom measurement of one sixth of the length.

Name	
Address	
Occupation	
Date	

**NB** - The report of the Council's Inspector overleaf must be completed prior to the application form being submitted to the Head of Environmental & Consumer Protection Services, New Fields Business Park, Stinsford Road, Poole, BH17 0NF.

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL'S INSPECTOR**

I have inspected the boats above mentioned. I make the following observations and recommendations upon the application

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Council's Officer	
Date	

**NB** - A fee is payable to the Borough of Poole for each boat in respect of which application is made. This fee will be returned if the Licence is not granted.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH LICENCES ARE GRANTED  
AND WHICH WILL BE PRINTED ON THE LICENCE**

1. That at the time of licensing, the Licensee undertakes that the hull of the boat or vessel is sound, that the boat or vessel is stable, that its equipment is complete and in good condition, and that it is generally sufficient for use as a pleasure boat or vessel.
2. That the Licensee undertakes that in all these respects the boat or vessel shall be maintained in an equal state of efficiency while it plies or is used for hire.
3. That the Licensee shall cause a statement of the fare or fares to be demanded and received from the persons using or carried for hire in such boat to be supplied to the appropriate Committee of the Council, and also to be clearly exhibited in some conspicuous position on or near the boat.
4. That the Council reserves to itself the right to suspend or revoke this Licence by notice in writing under the hand of the Head of Environmental & Consumer Protection Services.
5. That no boat or vessel must be used until
  - a) the official number shall have been painted on the outside of both sides of the bow and shall be not less than 4 inches in height and readable at a distance of 100 feet.
  - b) and the words "licensed to carry ..... passengers" (inserting the number of persons the vessel is authorised to carry by this licence) shall have been clearly painted inside the after end of the boat and shall be of a minimum height of 1½ inches.

In each case the painting is to be executed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master.

6. That the Licensee undertakes to comply with the following regulations:
  - i. The boat when plying for hire shall carry on board at least two lifebuoys, which, together with buoyant apparatus of a type approved by the Council's Inspector shall be of sufficient capacity for all the persons on board, two fire extinguishers (which shall be of a foam type conforming to appropriate British Standard specifications if the vessel is propelled by a petrol engine), boathook, painter, anchor and cable, heaving line, two balers, compass, six five star red distress flares and shall be fitted with a bilge pump.

Note - Lifebuoys may be substituted for the buoyant apparatus referred to in this paragraph and for this purpose one standard size Board of Trade lifebuoy shall be deemed to be sufficient to support two persons.
  - ii. No fuel tank or fuel cans shall be opened or manipulated while any passenger is on board.
    - (iiia) Any petrol carried in excess of that contained in the fuel tanks shall be carried only in two-gallon cans. Such cans, whether containing petrol or not, shall be stored in a closed locker which must not be used for any other purpose while any petrol can is therein. The locker must not be in close proximity to the exhaust pipe.
    - (iiib) Up to 15 gallons of diesel fuel may be carried in substantial plastic containers with screw caps subject to the approval of the Council's Boat Inspector.

- iv. A tray or receptacle, the sides of which are carried up as high as the propeller shaft will permit, shall be fitted beneath the engine and carburettor so as to prevent leakage of fuel and lubricating oil escaping into any other part of the boat. This Clause shall be in respect of petrol engine driven boats only.
- v. Any flooring board shall be closely fitted, but made removable for inspection.
- vi. The boat shall be kept clean and free from oil refuse.
- vii.**The boat shall ply for hire in fine weather only and if operating before sunrise and after sunset must be equipped with navigation lights in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulation 1983 (b). **The permitted area of operation is:-**
  - (i) **within Poole Harbour**
- viii. A bell or an efficient whistle as defined in the regulations for preventing collisions at sea shall be carried on the boat for the purpose of denoting approach and to call for assistance if required, which shall not be used unnecessarily.
- ix. The boat shall carry on board a copy of the regulations for preventing collisions at sea, an accurate chart of the area in which the craft operates, a copy of the Poole Harbour byelaws and a current tide table. If the boat exceeds 40ft in length it shall carry on board fog signalling apparatus.
- x. The boat when plying for hire shall carry on board one licensed waterman qualified to manage, control and carry out running repairs to a licensed motor boat except self drive hire boats.
- xi. The boat shall be provided with a reversible gear or reversing propeller, to enable it to be propelled astern.
- xii. Each boat after taking its turn in disembarking its passengers shall, if there be any other boat or boats at or near to the landing stage awaiting a fresh load of passengers, sheer off from the landing stage and take its turn with the other boat or boats before embarking a fresh load of passengers from any public landing place.
- xiii. Oil refuse or petroleum must not be deposited in the sea.
- xiv. A speed boat shall be fitted with an efficient silencer and all practicable steps shall be taken to prevent noise in the running of the boat.
- xv. All passengers carried in a speed boat shall be supplied with and wear a life jacket of a type approved by the Council Inspector.
- xvi. The boat when plying for hire (unless a self drive hire motor pleasure boat) shall be fitted with or carry a serviceable VHF radiotelephone. Provided Always that if the licensee is having his radio telephone repaired or has notified the Harbour Office that his radio telephone is out of order then this requirement will be suspended for a period of 7 days from the date the radio telephone was left with the repairer or the date of notification to the Harbour Office whichever date shall be the earlier in order that repairs to the radio telephone can be carried out.
- xvii. The boat shall be capable of a minimum of 6 knots per hour for at least 30 minutes.

The Council reserves to itself the right at any time to examine and inspect the said boat and its machinery.

7. The Licensee shall take out and maintain passenger insurance in the sum of £2M and the policy and current premium receipt for such insurance shall be produced on request and the policy shall be endorsed to the effect that the Council shall be notified prior to any change in the cover, or on the expiry or other termination thereof.

**NOTE:**

1. The Council does not assume the responsibility of testing the accuracy of the representations upon which this Licence is granted, nor do they warrant by this Licence the safety of any boat or the competency of any boatman. This Licence in no way tends to remove from the Licensee the responsibilities which would otherwise fall upon him for wrongful acts or defaults, or for the employment of incompetent persons, or for the use of an unsafe or insufficiently equipped boat or vessel.
2. The attention of the applicant is directed to:-
  - i. Sections 22, and 23 of the Poole Corporation Act 1937, and any Byelaws relating to pleasure boats and vessels made from time to time by the Council.
  - ii. Section 94 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907.
3. Regarding condition 5, the Harbour Master requires the numbers painted on the outside of the bow on both sides to be of a size not less than 4 inches in height and readable at a distance of 100 feet, and the lettering inside the after end of the boat to be a minimum height of 1½ inches.

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Head of Environmental & Consumer Protection Services