

General Handling

IBCS Q7: Do all Charter boats contain notices or signs about the handling characteristics?

1. *The following information shall be specified on safe handling of motor-powered bareboat: maximum manoeuvring speed; avoid sudden manoeuvres at speed; for comfort and safety, reduce speed in waves; do not sit in the bow cockpit when the boat is moving fast; always attach and wear the emergency engine stop device if provided.*
2. *Information on suitable sail plans for the apparent wind speed shall be provided.*
3. *Instructions shall be provided for safe operation when starting an engine to prevent the bareboat movement and/or propeller rotation.*
4. *The location and operation of emergency steering devices, shall be indicated, where applicable.
Boat signage and on-board information is required with training during check in.*

IBCS Q8: Do all charter boats contain information on the proper operation on board?

1. *The following shall be provided: information (if relevant) on parts of the outside of the bareboat that are not considered as belonging to the working deck and that shall not be used when underway, with illustrations, if necessary; identification of the means of recovery of man overboard (e.g. location and deployment of ladder and how-to re-board without swamping or capsizing the boat).*
2. *Instructions for launching the life raft shall be provided, if relevant.*
3. *The following information shall be provided, if relevant: instructions to avoid moving parts of inboard engine, propeller shaft; instructions to avoid outboard engine propellers and not to use propeller guards as a boarding step; details concerning guards fitted and instructions for use.
Boat signage and on-board information is required with training during check in.*
4. *Information on the risks from fuel-burning open-flame appliances and petrol engines (e.g. carbon monoxide and other gases) shall be provided, where relevant. This shall include instructions to open designated vent openings and not to block fixed ventilation openings. The following warning shall be included: "Never obstruct ventilation openings and ensure that flued appliances are operating correctly".*
5. *Recommendations to secure loose equipment safely when underway shall be provided.*