

General Handling

IBCS Q 9: Do all charter boats contain information on the proper operation to protect the environment and safety?

1. *The following information or instructions shall be provided, if relevant: advice to be aware of local environment laws, and to respect codes of good practice; instructions not to discharge toilets or holding tanks close to shore or in any prohibited zone, and to use harbour or marina pump-out facilities to empty the holding tank before leaving the harbour; advice to be aware of and to respect the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).*
Boat signage and on-board information is required with training during check in.
2. *If a toilet and holding tank is fitted, information shall be provided on the following: operation; Y-valve use, if fitted; capacity of the holding tank; chemicals acceptable for use: cleaning materials, deodorants, anti-freeze solutions; pump-out procedure, including use of the manual relief valve, if applicable; local regulations on discharge; location of discharge shutoff seacocks and methods of securing them sealed shut.*
3. *“Strong points” required for anchoring, mooring, towing and being towed shall be identified.*
4. *The bareboat manual shall provide information on sources for weather forecasts, covering the geographical limits of the charter.*
5. *Other information that is particular to the safe operation of the bareboat shall be included in the bareboat manual. Boat signage and on-board information is required with training during check in.*

International Standards

IBCS Q10: Have the charter operator, management, or base personnel already undertaken International Standard ISO-20410 training or an assessment?

1. *ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies).*
2. *International organisations, governmental and non-governmental are in liaison with ISO and IBCS offers the opportunity to meet these standards.*