



PLEASURE  
BOATS

# Safety

This is intended as a guide for visiting groups or parties that require a risk assessment form to be completed. It may also be of use to groups that do not have risk assessments but require supervisors or leaders.

We recommend that children in Key stage 1 or below have a high ratio of adults to children. Greenslade Pleasure Boats has an exemplary safety record and Poole Harbour is very shallow in places. All our boats are equipped with life jackets and all crew trained in evacuation procedures. Should there be an emergency simply follow their instructions. All entrances and exits on the boats are secured before departing but leaders should note that this is a working boat often with other general public aboard and children should be supervised throughout any trip.

## Head Counts

It is recommended that teachers perform a head count on arrival for their trip and once on board the vessel. It is also recommended just before and after departure off the boat. We recommend children are divided into groups with their own adult leader.

## Safety Instructions

These are given by the skipper of the boat at the start of the trip. If you prefer it is also possible to give a safety announcement to your group on arrival at our booking office. We work in conjunction with the Water Safety Rules to ensure all children recognise that rivers and seas can be dangerous if not treated with respect.

## Toilets \*

All our vessels have toilets on board. It is recommended that older children go in pairs to the toilet and younger with an adult.

## Lost Children and First Aid

We hope you will find our boats to be very safe and therefore extremely difficult to lose your children aboard. If this does happen simply speak to a member of the crew. If you require First Aid please see either the skipper or a member of the crew. We carry First Aid Kits on board our boats. If you are sailing it is recommended your group take medication if they are prone to travel sickness. Any case of seasickness should be treated with fresh air; small sips of water and a bucket. It is unusual for anyone to feel seasick.

## Food

Your party is welcome to consume snacks and drinks aboard our boats. Please make sure any rubbish is deposited in the litterbins and inform a member of crew in case of any drink spillage.

There is a bar on board all our vessels selling hot and cold drinks and snacks. It is down to the discretion of the group leader whether children are allowed to purchase anything. We recommend only two or three children at the bar at a time.

## Loading, Unloading and Mooring of the Vessel.

To many passengers this will be as interesting as other parts of the trip, but it also has the possibility for accidents. Please ensure your group remain seated while the boat leaves and arrives at destinations, and give the crew room to operate.

Crew are present at all times for loading and unloading to ensure you are safe. If you require any help please ask them. The gangways and piers we use could be slippery when wet so it is important for everyone to wear sensible shoes. All our boats have limited wheelchair access but we request advanced notice of any group members who have difficulty walking or are in wheelchairs.

\*Access to toilets is situated on lower decks not suitable for wheelchair access.

*Above all we want you to enjoy your cruise.*

*Our staff are there to help you and your group – make use of them!*