

Notice to Mariners No 23 of 2023

Ships plying for hire - Requirement to obtain a Regulation 6 Permit

Owners and operators of ships and other watercraft being let out for use in territorial waters and / or carrying passengers for reward are reminded that they must obtain a permit from the Harbour Authority before commencing operations.

With certain exceptions, the Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Regulations 2012 apply to ships and every other description of watercraft that are used or are capable of being used as a means of transportation in or under water. Regulations 4 and 5 of the 2012 Regulations prohibit the following activities unless they are conducted by a person in possession of a permit issued by the Harbour Authority in accordance with Regulation 6:

- letting out of ships and other watercraft designed to carry 12 or fewer passengers for use in Jersey territorial waters
- the carrying of passengers for reward between places in Jersey on a ship or other watercraft that is designed to carry more than 12 passengers.

Applications may be submitted using the application form available from the Senior Maritime Standards Manager (Email: Stanley.richard-dit-leschery@ports.je or Tel: 447780). Applications should normally be accompanied by:

- a) a valid Small Commercial Vessel Certificate and corresponding inspection report (if over 7 metres or operated from a harbour)
- b) a valid certificate of insurance
- c) a copy of the relevant Small Vessel Safety Management System standard operating procedures / emergency procedures and risk assessment

Vessels without a Small Commercial Vessel Certificate and which are under 7m in length, operating from a beach, and proceeding no more than 1 mile from their point of launch require a Safety Inspection by Ports of Jersey.

Each application is determined on safety criteria only. There is no charge for submitting an application. Permits are ordinarily issued for not more than a 12 month period ending on 31st January.



Captain William Sadler
Harbour Master, Jersey Harbours

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