



MDL MARINAS

# Safety First Policy - Customers

Marina Developments Ltd (MDL) is a safety conscious Company and recognises the fact that marinas and boatyards are potentially hazardous environments. Owners and their guests (owner's party) are required to comply with the MARINA REGULATIONS available from the Marina Office. There are also a number of safety points that we would like to bring to your attention:

## **1.0 Lifting Operations**

- 1.1 It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their boat is suitable for safe lifting i.e. all lifting points have been inspected and serviced in accordance with manufactures instructions. Any alterations/modifications or concerns regarding the boat lift must be notified to the Marina Office at time of booking and prior to lifting.
- 1.2 Before any boat is lifted from the water and stored ashore it is the customer's responsibility to remove all headsails, mainsails, sprayhoods, loose items and where requested dodgers. Failure to undertake this task may result in the lift being cancelled.

## **2.0 Boats Stored Ashore**

- 2.1 No person may remain on board a craft being lifted or moved by boatyard equipment. All boat yard operations are to be directed by MDL staff only.
- 2.2 When boats have been "blocked off", only MDL employees are permitted to move shores, wedges or blocks. If you require assistance, please ask one of the marina team.
- 2.3 Engines must not be run whilst vessels are ashore, due to possible movement in cradle or shores caused by vibration. If running an engine is essential then please contact the Marina Manager who will arrange to have the shores checked.
- 2.4 When anti-fouling, sanding or scraping off anti-fouling, all persons must wear protective clothing including facemasks, gloves and eye protection. All residues and any paint spilt on the ground must be removed and placed in waste disposal bins provided.
- 2.5 Whilst boats are held in slings for scrubbing or other purposes, owners are required to keep clear of the work area and only approach the work area when permitted and then only if wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment, which will be provided by a member of the marina team.
- 2.6 Do not drop or throw anything off a boat especially when personnel are working under the boat, and make sure all halyards, rigging and covers are taut and are not attached to shores, chocks or wedges.
- 2.7 Please contact a member of staff before connecting to any electricity supply (supply of electricity is subject to availability).
- 2.8 No person is allowed to go aloft (up a mast) on any vessel stored ashore at any time or under any circumstances.
- 2.9 Whilst boats are on hard standing, ladders used for access shall be removed from boats and securely stored when not in use to prevent unauthorised use or access. Abandoned ladders or ladders that have not been locked will be removed by the marina team and may be destroyed.
- 2.10 Cars are not permitted to be parked under boats supported by shores. The designated car park must be used and equipment transported to your boat by trolley.
- 2.11 No materials or equipment is permitted to be stored under boats ashore. You must not store any hazardous substances e.g. gas cylinders, fuel and chemicals on or under boats. These must be safely removed from site.
- 2.12 No person is permitted to live or sleep aboard overnight on any boats stored ashore under any circumstances.

## **3.0 Maintenance, Repairs, Alterations or Dismantling**

- 3.0.1 Any work being conducted on boats stored ashore must be discussed with the marina office prior to commencement. There are several best practice guides available at the marinas with advice on all common tasks. Note: all contractors must register at the marina office and report there upon any visit prior to starting work.
- 3.0.2 When lifting boats that have been painted over the original gel coat or boats that have been vinyl wrapped, customers must inform the Marina Manager prior to any lifting as we need to take some extra measures to prevent damage.
- 3.0.3 Please place your general boating and recycling waste correctly in the bins provided. Contractors are not permitted to dispose of hazardous waste onsite and this must be taken away and disposed of correctly. MDL will take legal action on any company/individual that does not comply with this requirement.
- 3.0.4 Bio security of our marine life is very important and as such we request that customers regularly arrange for the cleaning of their hulls – please refer to guidance available from the Marina Office.

### **3.1 Flammable Substances**

- 3.1.1 Whilst boats are stored ashore, petrol in portable containers and all other flammable substances, including gas cylinders, must be removed from the boat and the marina.

### **3.2 Polyurethane Paints**

- 3.2.1 It is important to read the instructions printed on the tin. When sprayed, this product is extremely hazardous to health.
- 3.2.2 "2 Pot" Polyurethane paints contain iso-cyanates that are hazardous to health, and may only be used in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations. Spraying may only take place in properly ventilated spray shops approved by the Environmental Health Officer and MDL.
- 3.2.3 Under no circumstances may any person spray paint in MDL's undercover facilities or outside without prior written approval, which may be refused.

### **3.3 Shot Blasting**

- 3.3.1 Shot blasting may only take place in designated "bays" and must be fully sheeted in to contain waste materials. Prior written approval must be sought from MDL, which may be refused. All spent material and residue is to be cleared immediately and disposed of in accordance with current legislation.

## **4.0 Contractors**

- 4.1 Any contractor working on a boat must be registered by MDL in accordance with its current policy and must check in to the marina reception prior to starting work.
- 4.2 Welding, brazing, grinding and other "Hot Operations" must be performed by trained and qualified persons registered by MDL and operating under MDL's permit to work system.

## **5.0 Pontoon Access and Electricity**

- 5.1 Pontoons are slippery when wet or icy. Extreme care must be taken at all times especially when climbing on and off your boat.
- 5.2 It is highly recommended that all persons, especially children under 16 and persons not competent to swim should always wear a life-jacket when on pontoons. Common accidents on the pontoon are people falling in the water.
- 5.3 Take note of where fire-fighting equipment is located. Do not use water hoses on electrical or oil fires. Take note of where safety ladders are located and remember that transom ladders can be useful if someone falls into the water.
- 5.4 Boat owners must contact a member of staff before connecting to the electricity supply within the marina and in the boatyard. If they are using their own electrical leads they must be in good condition and only a single length (i.e. not connected in a chain of leads) – best practice guides are available in the marina office.

**IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT OR IF YOU SEE ANYTHING DANGEROUS, INFORM A STAFF MEMBER.**

**BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS**

**Should you have a query on any safety matter please contact the Site Marina Manager who has overall responsibility for Health & Safety.**