



Civil Service Sailing Association - Channel Sailing Division

SKIPPERS NOTES - Yacht Sea Essay of Hamble

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Introduction

This is an occasional document issued by the Yacht Secretary, which will be placed on the CSD website and/or sent to all CSSA approved Skippers in CSD when there is new and/or important operational information to promulgate. There is no intention to produce newsletters on a regular basis. Each one is numbered in sequence every year so recipients can identify if any are missing.

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Crew Lists (revisited)

It is paramount that the Yacht Secretary (YS) has an accurate and legible list of your crew and their next-of-kin contact details before you depart (this does not need to be the signed copy) in case of incidents.

To meet the requirements of the CSSC Charter Agreement an audit trail is required of all who sail having accepted the terms and conditions. We do expect the skipper to ensure that the crew are aware of the T&Cs etc. as they apply to the voyage they are undertaking together. We assume that skipper would not depart with an unwilling crewmember!

This all leads to the need for an accurate copy of the crew list being available ashore before the boat sails. If you can get a copy to the YS before you leave (post, scan or smartphone photograph and text/email) then that would cover it. If unable to do that leave a copy somewhere where it can be quickly and easily accessed, e.g. a marina office, but don't expect them to be proactive in doing anything with it so inform the YS where it is. Remember you must also have a signed list with you on the boat to present to any authorities that may ask for it. If the YS hasn't already been sent a signed copy for CSD records then ensure he receives one on your return.

YS contact details are in the Operating Manual.



Handovers and Cleaning

As the Summer Cruise is about to commence it is time to remind you that it is the responsibility of the outgoing Skipper and Crew to leave the boat clean and properly secure from theft and weather. A Close Down Checklist is in the Chart Table Folder. This checklist should be completed and signed by the outgoing skipper and left for the incoming skipper to comment on the state of the vessel and sign. The completed forms should be left in the folder for the Yacht Husband to collect at the next opportunity.

Two cleaning kits containing the following materials will be placed on board:

- **Stain removal kits galley tops, sinks and deck**
 - Cif or Jif
 - Washing up liquid
 - Mild abrasive pads - 1 for tops and 1 for saucepans
 - Small brush, floor cloth, dish/J-Cloth
- **Heads kit (Note: No bleach to be used in toilet bowls)**
 - Mr Muscle (or similar)
 - Plastic or rubber gloves (disposable)
 - Sponge

Stowage

Stowage space on the Jeanneau is at a premium; please ensure you put everything back where you found it. It wastes so much time searching for something that has not been put back where it was found.

Weed Filter

The lid of the weed filter should be done up finger-tight only, it is not necessary to use the tool to secure it. As the lid can stick sometimes the tool is provided to undo it only

Deck Log

Skippers are reminded yet again that the deck log forms the vital evidence in any inquiry into an incident on board. Skippers should:

- Complete the log in Pen, not Pencil.
- A routine entry should be made every hour. The info is readily available on the log page of the MFD.
- Log any incident including the receipt of any VHF broadcast relating prefixed with any "Urgency Signal", e.g. "Securite". "Pan Pan" or "Mayday".
- Record any incident involving Sea Essay, including grounding however minor.
- Record the tidal information.
- Record log and engine hour readings at the start and end of each day.

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