

## SKIPPER'S 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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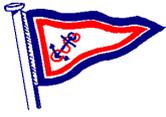
### Engine Seawater Cooling System

There has been an issue with water draining from the engine side of the seawater weed filter whilst the engine is switched off. This indicated that there may have been a small air leak into the raw water-cooling circuit and it was suspected that it might be from the anti-syphon valve. That has now been replaced and the problem appears sorted but skippers should continue to ensure that the weed filter lid is correctly seated and screwed down firmly and frequently check that water is coming out of the exhaust on the port quarter as expected.

### Lifejackets

At the risk of stating the bl\*\*\$ing obvious:

- There is evidence that lifejackets can help to prolong life in the event of a man overboard incident, giving search and rescue (SAR) professionals the chance to save life. Source; MCA Lifejacket Wear – Behavioural Change
- Research has proven that wearing a lifejacket can increase your chances of survival by up to four times if you're immersed in cold water. Source; RNLI & Professor Mike Tipton 2012.



## Civil Service Sailing Association - Channel Sailing Division

Skippers are required to give a safety brief to all members of the crew as soon as possible after mustering at the boat. The brief includes the donning, correct fitment and operation of lifejackets and the use of safety strops along with the location of the strong points and jackstays. As skipper you are responsible for ensuring that instructions for using a lifejacket are clearly understood by all crewmembers.

The CSD strongly recommends that lifejackets be worn at all times when afloat and topside and all crew are clipped on to a strongpoint or to a jackstay during any weather conditions that may cause the yacht to heel or have an unstable motion. Lifejackets must be worn and crew clipped on at all times when under way during the hours of darkness and at any other time when required by the Skipper, or indeed by any individual's personal choice.

### Health & Safety

As expected of all organisations providing a high-risk activity to members the CSD maintains health and safety policies and risk assessments for the operation and onshore maintenance of Sea Essay. The fundamentals for boat operations are:

- Only CSSA Approved Skippers
- Boat equipped to meet the Small Commercial Vessel Code of Practice
- Boat familiarisation
- The Skipper's SAFETY BRIEF
- Feedback and Review

### Items Kept in Shed at Mercury

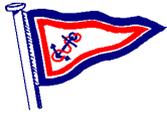
Items kept in Shed 1 at Mercury:

- 4 (good) Sets of Foul Weather clothing, we think 1 x Small, 2 x Medium and 1 x Large
- Box of cleaning materials, don't buy any more until you've checked what's in the box
- Box of long warps
- Cruising chute
- Empty diesel jerry can, if you really, really want to carry some extra fuel onboard

If you do use any of these items please make sure they are returned to the shed after your trip, please do not leave them on the boat. And please if they are damp hang them up or leave them out to dry

### 2020 Summer Cruise To Ireland?

The recent survey for this and next year's summer cruise elicited some interest for sailing the southern Ireland coast in 2020. Key for such a trip to go ahead will be skippers and crews willing to move the boat from south west Cornwall to south Wales and/or Ireland and back. If you are willing to facilitate one of these 'delivery' trips please get in touch with me, Adrian Barnes ([boscombe@lineone.net](mailto:boscombe@lineone.net)).



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### **Get 25% Off At Ketch Rigger Hamble Point**

Because Waters Edge at Mercury is not now providing the food and drink that it did before MDL took it over they are offering 25% off at the Ketch Rigger at Hamble Point on production of the MDL Outlook Card which you should find in the Chart Table Folder.

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