



Press Release

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Clarification for charter vessels, ferries and pleasure boats visiting Alderney

The States of Alderney has issued clarification on the rules for vessels visiting Braye Harbour.

A process governing charter vessels was drawn up by the Harbour Authority and approved by the General Services Committee (GSC) this week to minimise the risk of bringing the Covid-19 virus to the island. The process includes 48-hours notice and requires inbound passenger declarations.

However, to alleviate concerns raised by private boat owners and Bailiwick-based charter operators, GSC Chairman Graham McKinley has made the following statement:

“I can confirm that the charter does not apply to private boat owners within the Bailiwick who are permitted to visit Alderney without giving any advance notice other than advising the Harbour Office by radio that they are en route, with an estimated time of arrival. The same applies to Alderney boat owners travelling to destinations within the Bailiwick.”

Harbour Master John Taylor confirmed that the arrangements for charter vessels will be consistent with arrangements for all passenger vessels entering Braye Harbour.

“Bailiwick-based charter vessels should conform to the same regulations as The Little Ferry’s Spike Islander by giving at least 24-hours notice of their intention to visit Alderney, and confirmation by radio or telephone before departure confirming the number of passengers,” he said. “They should also confirm that all passengers have been checked regarding their movements within the previous 14 days.

“Charter and private vessels entering the Bailiwick are still required to seek permission and give at least 48-hours notice of their intention to visit Alderney.”

Returning residents, visitors and critical workers sometimes use charter vessels to travel to Alderney and the Harbour Authority's intention is to have the appropriate control measures in place and provide reassurance to residents.

All passengers arriving from outside the Bailiwick must self-isolate for 14 days. Self-isolation is monitored on the island and the penalty for non-compliance is a fine of up to £10,000.

Ends
