

MARITIME SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Check the weather forecast.
- Useful numbers are listed at the bottom of the rental contract (**EMERGENCY NUMBER: 196**).
- With the dock attendant, locate the safety equipment and the boat documents.
- Inspect the condition of the boat before departure.

SAFETY RULES IN THE PORT

- **SPEED IN PORTS IS LIMITED TO 3 KNOTS (“WALKING SPEED”).**
- Navigate in the middle of the channel (keep to the right when passing another vessel).
- Give way to vessels coming from the right. Give priority to vessels with restricted maneuverability.
- In the port, keep hands and legs inside the boat to avoid crushing injuries.

SAFETY RULES WITHIN THE 300-METER ZONE

- **SPEED WITHIN THE 300-METER ZONE IS LIMITED TO 5 KNOTS.**
- It is strictly forbidden to navigate in swimming areas marked with yellow buoys.

SAFETY RULES AT SEA

- **DO NOT USE SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES (SWIMMING, EXERCISES, ETC.).**
- Stay at least 100 meters away from diver warning flags.
- Stay at least 300 meters away from towed watercraft or equipment.
- Keep the horseshoe lifebuoy within easy reach.
- **SPEED IS LIMITED TO 8 KNOTS IN THE BANYULS MARINE RESERVE (YELLOW MARKERS).**
- Tubing & Water Skiing: 2 people must be on board the boat, and an orange flag must be displayed.
- **THE ENGINE MUST BE SWITCHED OFF AS SOON AS SWIMMERS ARE AROUND THE BOAT.**
- Maintain a minimum safety distance of 60 meters between boats.

IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY

- **IMMEDIATELY IMMOBILIZE THE VESSEL USING THE ANCHOR.**
- In case of emergency (injury, etc.) — call emergency services (196) and report your position.
- In case of mechanical failure — call the rental company and report your position.
- Attract attention using any available means.
- Never leave your boat or attempt to swim ashore.
- In case of towing:
 1. Secure the towline to the bow.
 2. Move the crew to the stern.

DOCKING AND MOORING

1. **REDUCE SPEED.**
2. Get assistance from the crew. Prepare your mooring lines. Put the fenders in place.
3. Identify the wind direction (the key factor in all maneuvers).
4. Define a wide maneuvering area (in case of error). (Remember: a boat pivots from the stern!)
5. **THE BOAT MUST COME TO A STOP 30 CM FROM THE DOCK (THE DOCK IS USED TO MOOR THE BOAT, NOT TO STOP IT!).**
6. Once docked, check the mooring lines to avoid collisions with neighboring boats (waves, changing wind direction).
7. Before departure, secure the mooring lines inside the boat. (Beware of ropes getting caught in the propeller.)

IT IS FORBIDDEN

- **TO RUN THE BOAT AGROUND (ANY RECOVERY OPERATION WILL RESULT IN THE SECURITY DEPOSIT BEING CHARGED).**
- **TO DRIVE THE BOAT INTO ROCKS (ANY RECOVERY OPERATION WILL RESULT IN THE SECURITY DEPOSIT BEING CHARGED).**

ANCHORING

1. **CHOOSE AN ANCHORAGE WHERE THE WIND BLOWS TOWARD OPEN SEA (CALM WATER).**
2. Prepare the anchoring equipment (chain length = 3 times the water depth).
3. Position the boat facing the wind. (Keep a turning radius of at least 50 m from rocks, both above and below water.)
4. When the boat stops, drop the anchor (let the anchor descend fully to the seabed).
5. Allow the boat to drift backward while gradually releasing the chain (3 times the water depth).
6. Check that the boat is not dragging anchor by taking a visual alignment.
7. Never leave a boat unattended at anchor.
8. Anchoring maneuvers must always be performed with the engine running (in neutral).
9. **ALWAYS START THE ENGINE BEFORE RAISING THE ANCHOR OR LEAVING THE DOCK.**