



Category (a)

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT ACT 1907
STANDARD CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO ROWING BOATS, ROWING DINGHIES
AND CANADIAN CANOES**

The following conditions are attached to Licences For Rowing Boats, Rowing Dinghies and Canadian Canoes Let for Hire issued by the Head of the Environmental Health and Trading Standards on behalf of Herefordshire Council (the '**Licensing authority**').

All conditions must be complied with fully and to the satisfaction of the licensing authority. Failure to comply with any condition is failure to comply with the licence and may result in prosecution and revocation of the licence.

Clarification or further information regarding these conditions may be obtained from the Licensing Unit on (01432) 260105.

1. The maximum number of persons permitted to be carried on any canoe to which this licence applies shall not exceed the number specified in the licence applying to such canoe.
2. An Identification number and /or name of the canoe shall be permanently affixed in a conspicuous position to the hull of the pleasure boat in figures/letters not less than one inch (25mm) in height and three quarters of an inch (20mm) in breadth.
3. A Notice stating the maximum number of persons permitted to be carried in the form of "Licensed to carry.....persons" together with the licence-holder's name shall also be prominently displayed.
4. All pleasure boats hereby licensed shall be kept in good, sound and safe condition to the satisfaction of the Council's Boat Inspector.
5. All pleasure boats hereby licensed shall have sufficient built-in buoyancy to maintain the canoe and passengers afloat in the event of a capsize or accidental holing.
6. All pleasure boats hereby licensed shall be insured at all times when in use against third party risks.

7. No pleasure boats hereby licensed shall be let for hire in rough weather conditions which may pose a threat to the safety of those on board.
8. No pleasure boats hereby licensed shall be hired to person or persons under the age of 14 years.
9. No pleasure boats hereby licensed shall be hired to person or persons apparently under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
10. A suitable buoyancy aid or life-jacket complying with the relevant European standard shall be formally offered to all persons hiring pleasure boats. Suitable notices and verbal information for the purpose of bringing this facility to the attention of all persons shall be provided at the point of hire. As far as is reasonably practicable, the licence holder shall insist that children under the age of 16 years and all non-swimmers shall wear a buoyancy aid or life-jacket. A;; persons hiring a canadian canoe must wear a buoyancy aid or life-jacket at all times when on the water.
11. Every pleasure boat hereby licensed shall carry the following equipment with the exception of canadian canoes insofar as (a) below is concerned:
 - a) One lifebuoy of a type approved by the Department of Trade and Industry of a size not less than 24 inches (610mm) in diameter with a buoyancy line of at least 33 feet (10metres) attached with a minimum breaking strain of 250 lbs (115kilos);
 - b) One bailer or receptacle capable of displacing at least 2 pints (1.2 litres) of water, such bailer to be secured to the boat by a nylon line or lanyard; and
 - c) 6 feet (2metres) of rope secured to the bow of the boat.
12. Every pleasure boat hereby licensed with the exemption of canadian canoes insofar as (a) below is concerned shall be fitted with the following:
 - d) oars with rowlocks of the "pin" type or, alternatively, with oars of a type capable of being secured to the boat by some other means to the satisfaction of the Council's boat inspector; and
 - e) rubber bow protectors to the satisfaction of the Council's Boat Inspector.
13. A plaque of at least 6 inches (150)mm in width by 3inches (75mm) in depth shall be affixed in a prominent position in every pleasure boat hereby licensed bearing the following wording in black or red letters on a white background:

"DANGER – DO NOT STAND UP, CHANGE PLACES OR SWIM FROM BOAT" or similar wording that conveys the same message or intended meaning.

14. A comprehensive first aid kit shall be available at the point of hire at all times.
15. The licence-holder must demonstrate that a suitable and sufficient risk assessment of this activity has been carried out and that the significant findings of that assessment have been acted upon.
16. The licence-holder must demonstrate that a suitable and sufficient system is in place and is operated to ensure that proper records are kept which show how many pleasure boats have been hired out at any time, the expected time of return and the emergency procedures to be implemented on the failure of a boat to return.
17. No person shall be permitted to navigate or be in charge of any pleasure boat hereby licensed unless that person is duly licensed for such a purpose under the Act.
18. If any change occurs in the ownership or any particulars of the pleasure boats hereby licensed during the period of the licence, notice of such change shall be given immediately to the Licensing section.