



COVID-19 – Coronavirus Guidelines for Recreational Boating and General Aviation

Effective from 00:01 13 October 2020

Recreational boat owners and General aviation aircraft owners and pilots are strongly advised to continue to respect an individual's personal space, regular hand washing and good respiratory hygiene practices whilst using vessels and aircraft. These are all important measures that will continue to minimise any viral or bacterial infection spread across the Bailiwick. Surfaces and objects that are touched regularly on vessels and aircraft should be frequently cleaned and disinfected thoroughly using appropriate products and equipment on board.

The guidance below sets out the following:

Current restrictions to enable recreational boating, subject to some remaining controls – section A

Current restrictions to allow general aviation flights and activities, subject to some remaining controls – section B

Section A

Recreational boat owners (using any type of vessel, whether motorised or not) can use their boats in Bailiwick of Guernsey waters for recreational purposes subject to the latest conditions:

- The latest weather and shipping forecasts have been obtained and the vessel has been checked and lifesaving equipment is inspected thoroughly before putting to sea. This should include ensuring that all boat systems and engines are operating correctly and all equipment is in date and operating as it should. This is particularly important in order to minimise the need for our emergency services to be mobilised potentially placing them and you at risk.
- Boat owners are not limited to a defined period of water-based activities so as long as they remain in Bailiwick waters.

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- Marina or berthing facilities in Alderney, Herm and Sark are subjected to seasonal opening times. Mariners should check the opening times and the availability of mooring or berthing facilities of Alderney, Herm and Sark before embarking on a voyage.
- Skippers and crew of any vessel that makes landfall outside the Bailiwick of Guernsey are reminded that they must observe Customs regulations, obtain clearance from the Guernsey Border Agency on their return, and will be required to carry out any self-isolation requirements in line with current regulations that are in force in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
- These requirements have also been published by the Guernsey Harbourmaster via Local Notices To Mariners (LNTM). Vessel owners are required to check the latest local notices regularly for updated instructions and changes, before putting to sea, using Guernsey Harbours' website: <http://www.harbours.gg/Guernsey-NavigationWarnings-Notices>. These are also published on the Guernsey Harbours' social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Section B

B1: Recreational Flying and GA Maintenance Flights

General Aviation aircraft owners and pilots continue to be permitted to operate their aircraft as follows:

- All flights within the Bailiwick of Guernsey should be arranged in accordance with normal flight planning procedures and training requirements.
- All flights will be operated within the current published operating hours of Guernsey and Alderney Airports. Airport extensions are not available.
- Aircraft must have a valid airworthiness certificate (CofA, Permit or Permit Flight Release Certificate) before flights can take place. (Reminder – Aircraft operated on a Permit to Fly also require an exemption from the DCA to be operated in Channel Islands Air space).
- Aircraft owners and pilots are required to continue to follow the current public health guidelines.
- Pilots have no limits on the frequency and duration of flight, although the restrictions to leave local air space remain.
- All Bailiwick of Guernsey based aircraft may take off and land at either Guernsey or Alderney Airports. Local aircraft may also perform approaches and touch and go's at Jersey Airport subject to providing a minimum of 1 hours' notice to Jersey Air Traffic Control and ensuring that an appropriate rescue plan for the pilots and passengers is in place should the aircraft experience a requirement to divert to Jersey.

B2: Aircraft Maintenance Ferry Flights

Ferry flights are permitted for the purpose of aircraft maintenance subject to the following conditions:

- All ferry flights are subject to Guernsey border control requirements and, as such, the Port Critical Worker Scheme application process must be followed. Further information is available from Guernsey Airport's website: <https://www.airport.gg/criticalworkertravel>

- All ferry flights require prior permission a minimum of two working days using the published 'Prior Permission Required' (PPR) process.

B3: Paragliding and Hand Gliding

Paragliding and Hang-Gliding activities are permitted in accordance with current, established arrangements and procedures.