

## **Working safely on Catfish**

The ultimate role of the skipper is the safe operation of the vessel and ensuring the safety of those who are working on catfish.

### **Communication**

- When any equipment is to be deployed over the stern of the boat, ensure communication between those deploying the equipment and the skipper is both clear and concise.
- Be sure the person next to you knows the equipment is going over the side.
- Never deploy equipment without the agreement of the skipper
- Once the equipment is in the water inform the Skipper.
- When the equipment is back on board inform the Skipper.

### **When working in the stern area (beyond the stern rope)**

- **Always** wear a safety harness, clipping it onto yourself securely and to the eyebolts on the bulkhead or to the yellow safety line..
- **Always** wear a lifejacket. The life jacket will automatically inflate if you fall overboard. If the life jacket fails to inflate, pull the toggle on the bottom right hand side of the lifejacket. There is a light and whistle on the life jacket.
- **Always** keep one hand on the boat at all times wherever you are working on catfish.
- **Warnings** will be given when any wash is imminent and likely to create excessive boat movement.

## **Man overboard**

- In the **unlikely** event of man overboard you should **not** try to swim back to the boat. The vessel will come and pick you up.
- If you see someone fall overboard, immediately shout '**man overboard**' loudly to the Skipper, and showing the flat of your hand point to the location of the casualty.
- **Do not** take your eyes off the casualty.
- The Skipper will inform the rest of the crew on how to rescue/retrieve the casualty from the water.
- In the event of the casualty not having a life jacket, a life saver ring should be thrown to them as soon as possible.

## **Safety equipment**

- Located inside the entrance to the main cabin door, on the top right hand side, is a foam fire extinguisher. To activate remove the pin and depress handle.
- There are three other fire extinguishers onboard one in the port hull one in the starboard hull and one in the forward cabin.
- Catfish has a Micro 'K' system which extinguishes engine room fires.
- Yellow manual bilge pumps like the one located in the stern can be found in port, starboard and centre hulls. To operate move lever from side to side continually, as required. Electric bilge pump switches are located alongside the yellow pumps in both hulls and are clearly marked.

- Flares are located to the right of the entrance into the cabin. Instructions on the use are clearly shown. To access the flares raise the Perspex cover vertically.
- There are 14 orange lifejackets. These are located beneath the main cabin floor.
- The 6-man and 8-man life rafts are located on the roof of the cabin, and in the event of an accident will be released automatically. If this does not occur, instructions on how to operate are clearly marked.
- Additional supplies for the life raft are located in the forward cabin and are colour coded. These should be grabbed in the event of a controlled evacuation.
- In addition, take the waterproof VHF and the splash proof mobile telephone which are located in the centre of the bridge.
- There are two first aid kits on board. The first is located in the toilets on the starboard side and is a green 'everyday' first aid kit. The second is on the port side and is the main first aid kit, as recommended by the MCA. It is locked. The key is kept on the starboard cupboard in the doorway and is clearly marked.
- There is an Eye Wash Station available on the forward starboard side. Full instructions on how to use , are clearly marked.
- A training manual is provided detailing all aspects of safety protocols.

### **Other issues**

- The vessel operates a non-smoking policy.
- There is a toilet on board -please follow the instructions.

- Food is permitted to be taken on Catfish but should be consumed in the outer cockpit only.
- No rubbish is to be jettisoned overboard. All rubbish to be retained onboard and placed in the correct receptacle when leaving the marina.
- Hot drinks are available on request for a modest fee
- If you go to make a hot drink, or use the bathroom, please inform the Skipper at all times.
- Never lift equipment with one hand - get help
- All personal kit should be neatly stowed in the forward hold.
- If you have a medical condition which might impair your performance on Catfish, such as diabetes, epilepsy, please inform the Skipper, in confidence, beforehand.