

Reassurance notes for our passengers.

N.B. The notes below are based on the current Government guidance at the time of writing. All our procedures will comply with any changes in the guidelines as they occur.

GENERAL:

- Our boat M.V. Freedom will be certificated and inspected regularly by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
- All our skippers are experienced and qualified in accordance with the MCA/RYA Regulations.
- All our crew members are trained annually in emergency procedures at sea, and most are first aid qualified.
- Our new vessel M.V. Freedom, its passengers and crew are fully insured in respect of our land and sea activities
- The boat will be sanitized before the first trip each day and between every booking.

TRIP BOOKINGS:-

- Need to be made by phone to Meridy as per front sheet MOB 07974 - 266867.
- Covid screening forms will be forwarded by e-mail to the lead person making the bookings, to be returned to the Bookings Officer within 24 hours of the trip.
- The Bookings officer will contact the lead person to confirm bookings the night before. If the weather is unfavourable the lead person will be informed immediately if a decision not to sail is made by the skipper.
- The cruises will be **FREE**, upon production of an NHS ID card, or evidence of employment as a professional carer.

PASSENGERS:

- Should attend with face masks (gloves, vizors and sanitizer optional). Sanitizer will be available prior to boarding and on the boat. Temperatures will be taken before boarding. Any positive symptoms amongst the group WILL result in the group not being allowed to board the vessel.
- Social distancing as per Government guidance will be practised. Some relaxation may be appropriate when the group is a residential bubble.
- The passenger seating area is roofed with open sides, unless the weather conditions require closure.
- The boat is equipped with advanced navigation systems and opportunities for passengers including wheelchair users to drive the boat will be available, at the discretion of the skipper.
- Skippers usually anchor for a tea break and passengers are welcome to bring their own refreshments. Alcohol is only allowed on board with the specific permission of the skipper, e.g. special occasion.
- Lifejackets will be issued and sanitized before and after each trip.
- The NHS Contact Tracing QR Code will be in use for passengers

CREW:

- Skipper and crew will have received at least their first vaccine, and take a Lateral Flow test before each trip.
- Skipper and crew will wear masks and adopt all sanitizing and social distancing measures, except in an emergency. Any adverse results on their screening form will require withdrawal from crewing.
- Any adverse results in temperature or Lateral Flow tests will require withdrawal from crewing.
- The NHS Contact Tracing QR code will be in use for the skipper and crew.

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