

CHARTER BOAT FISHING

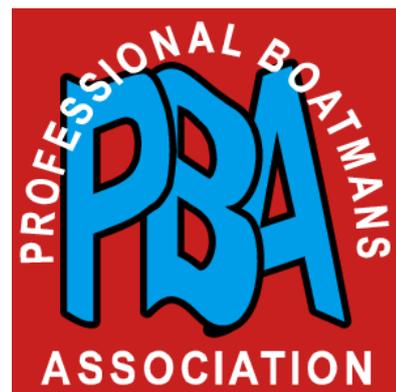
WHEN WE FISH AGAIN

Best Practice for the safe resumption of
Charter Boat fishing in England under
COVID 19 restrictions

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This guidance has been issued by the Professional Boatman's Association and the Angling Trust. It is general guidance. Each Boat Skipper will have adapted this guidance to suit the specific circumstance of their boat. The Skipper's instructions should be followed at all times.

TRAVEL UPDATE: We all have a responsibility to fish safely and to adhere strictly to the rules and to follow the appropriate guidance for travel in and between various areas. It is up to individual anglers to be aware of the guidance in force at any time in their own areas and in the areas to which they are travelling.

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Skippers Guidance

- It is your decision to allow passengers onboard and should you suspect they are displaying any of the Covid-19 symptoms they should not be allowed to board.
- Before allowing anyone onboard you should ask if they have or have been in contact recently with anyone showing symptoms of Covid-19 and you should use a digital temperature measuring device to test your passengers.
- Collect the contact details of each of your passengers as part of the NHS Test and Trace data and retain this information for 21 days.
- Carry out a full Safety Briefing listing all the measures in place to keep to Government guidelines and what passengers need to do to follow these guidelines.
- All passengers must be required to bring face masks and should wear them if required by the skipper.
- Social distancing should be maintained at all times. You should only permit a maximum number of people onboard to ensure this. Government guidance changes regularly and may differ from region to region. You must ensure that the numbers of passengers you take does not breach official guidance.
- If a passenger is suffering from a bout of seasickness they should be kept well away from the other clients.
- Where possible you should use marked areas for passengers to sit in and fish from.
- Passengers should only move around, once on board, if it is absolutely necessary. Remember, social distancing must be maintained when travelling and must be a consideration when setting your passenger numbers.
- No unauthorised persons should be allowed in the cabin at any time.
- You should discuss your measures for how people should move around the boat if necessary. If possible, you should have a one way system for people to move around the boat and a system of rotation to avoid passengers from coming into contact with each other.
- You should deep clean the boat after each trip, ensure you comply with any harbour rules around the use of cleaning equipment.

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Anglers/Passengers Guidance

- If you have any Covid-19 symptoms you SHOULD NOT board the boat.
- It is the skipper's decision to allow you on the boat and should he suspect you are displaying any of the symptoms he is within his rights to refuse you permission to board the boat.
- If you are asked to wear PPE by the skipper, you should do so.
- The cabin is off limits to all passengers at all times. This is to protect the health of the skipper and minimise risk. Only the skipper can allow entry to the cabin in exceptional circumstances.
- Anglers, please bring your own soap / sanitiser, small bait board, small knife and bucket with a string attachment – do not risk cross contaminating others.
- Minimise the amount of fishing equipment you bring to the essentials ie only 2 rods, 1 medium size dry bag, 1 box plus your bait board and bucket. Bait can be carried in the bucket along with weights etc. **Nothing is to be placed in the cabin.**
- Use your own hand wash and sanitiser regularly, ensure the area you are fishing from is regularly cleansed, especially handrails.
- If you need to use the toilet, use your bucket where possible. Only if the skipper allows should you use the boat's toilet, ensure you wear disposable gloves and follow the Government advice on cleaning your hands before and after using the toilet. Clean anything you touch in the toilet thoroughly using the cleaning equipment provided by the skipper, disposing of used material in the bin provided.
- Keep all your 'rubbish' in your own bag and dispose of it ashore to avoid cross contamination.
- Bring your own soft drinks (no alcohol, no glass bottles) and food. The boat's galley area will not be available to passengers.

Please note this advice is only a basic guide to helping us to enjoy our sport. It is down to all onboard to ensure that Government guidelines are followed, and a duty of care is provided to all onboard by all onboard. Please be aware that Government guidelines are changing daily, and the skipper's advice and guidance should be followed at all times.

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Quick Checklist

- Waterproof bag for your equipment
- 1 x small tackle box and 2 rods
- Small bucket with lanyard, small bait board and knife
- Appropriate Personal Protection Equipment
- Hand Wash and Sanitizer
- Rubbish Bag
- Drinks and Food.

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