
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Hovercraft (General) Order 1972

PART III

DUTIES OF OPERATOR AND CAPTAIN

Duties of operator

19.—(1) The operator of a hovercraft registered in the United Kingdom or operating unregistered in the United Kingdom in accordance with proviso(i) in Article 4 of this Order shall not permit the hovercraft to be used without first—

- (a) designating a member of the crew to be captain on that journey;
- (b) ensuring that a minimum number of the crew corresponding to the complement necessary for the journey are adequately trained for their duties for that journey;
- (c) ensuring that the safety equipment required to be carried is in working order.

(2) Without prejudice to his other duties under this Order an operator shall at all times take all reasonable precautions at hoverports and terminal areas so as to ensure the safety of persons and property in the hovercraft and on the ground.

(3) An operator shall not permit any hovercraft to be used if he has reason to believe or suspect it is in an unsafe condition.