

## 5KSC - Safety Briefing

**All skippers must complete this safety briefing and checklist before departure. A record should be made in the log to confirm that the briefing has been completed.**

**See the Vessel Files (Vol 2/3/5) for instructions on the use of safety equipment and the diagram on chart table for their location**

Skippers should ensure that all members of the crew:  
Have provided shore emergency contact details.

All members of the crew should be:  
Provided with a personal lifejacket (with integral harness) and safety line and know how to fit & operate them, informed of circumstances when they should be worn; shown the strong points for safety line attachment.

Engage crew by asking for the three main safety issues: eg Fire, Flooding, Falling off, and expand.

### **Fire Risk:**

No smoking on board  
Alarms- smoke/carbon monoxide/gas -where sited and what they sound like, shout 'fire'  
Fire exits- get out of nearest (take lifejacket, gather in cockpit, await skippers advice)  
Fire blanket- use of  
Fire extinguishers- sites eg in engine, use of  
Engine fuel cut off  
Use of gas- taps, switches, turn off if not using, turn off at the bottle on leaving, lighting hob and oven, use of matches, managing gas leak  
Galley safety – do not leave cooker unattended, clothing, gimbles, strap  
First Aid- site of packs, Guide, notify-verbal, accident book  
VHF radio- use of, mayday  
Instruments-panel switches, position repeater  
Flares- location, use of  
Life raft- site and launching of, site of grab bag, EPIRB, portable radio

### **Flooding:**

Prevent collision by keeping a lookout for rocks, vessels, buoys etc, report sightings to skipper,  
Bilge- checking sites, operation of automatic and manual pumps  
Sea cocks- sites, plugs  
Hatches- closing and washboard – use of  
Use of Heads

### **Falling off:**

Tripping- correct footwear, where to walk, handholds to use, avoiding boom, and hatches, when underway -flapping sheets, boom, winches  
(down below- slipping, handholds, companionway steps, site of torches)  
Clipping on- strong points, jackstays, 3 point lines  
Lockers- loop lid over guard rail, contents- emergency tiller, flares, bolt croppers  
Man overboard- site of dan and horseshoe buoys, throwing line, procedure, button on GPS  
Engine- start, stop  
Torches- sites, searchlight

***The person responsible for first aid must ask crew members whether they agree to be treated by them in the event of a problem. Additionally wherever possible the skipper should practice and demonstrate the MOB drill during a charter lasting more than one day.***

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