



4 June 2018 DPCC DURBAN 4000

SUBJECT: ACCESSIBILITY OF D REGISTERED CRAFT THROUGH TO SEA APPLICABLE IN THE PORT OF DURBAN

As stipulated in the Ports Act and SAMSA requirements, in the best interest of safety of navigation, safety of life, safety of the environment within the port limits and its surroundings, small crafts vessels owners, skippers, etc. must comply with the following requirements but not limited to:

- 1. Single engined category D craft to exit/enter port in tandem with another craft.
- 2. Both craft to have easily accessible tow rope and bridle.
- 3. Minimum length of craft to be 4 meter (this to also apply to category C craft).
- 4. Minimum engine power 30 h.p. (single engine).
- 5. All craft to have a wet deck.
- 6. All craft to comply fully with SAMSA regulations.
- 7. All craft to exit/enter port between the green buoys and North Pier.
- 8. All craft to have fixed VHF radio, with SRC certificate on board.
- 9. All skippers to have minimum C category qualification and D.O.C.
- 10. All skippers to have membership of a recognised fishing/yachting club based in Durban harbour.
- 11. All craft to be in possession of a valid harbour licence disc (pink disc).

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HARBOUR MASTERS REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PLEASURE AND COMMERCIAL CRAFT OPERATING IN THE BAY AND CRAFT EXITING PORT

- 1.) No small craft may lie in, be used in or operated from the port unless;
 - (a) The craft has a SAMSA approved certificate of fitness.
 - (b) The craft is licensed by the Harbour Masters department to operate in the port and the owner belongs to a recognized club.
- 2.) No pleasure craft may be anchored or moored in any channel in the port.
- 3.) Pleasure craft must at all times, keep out of the way of a vessels navigating in any channel or other area of the port.
- 4.) The speed limit of 8 knots is to be maintained in the port.
- 5.) Skippers of pleasure craft exiting the harbour must be in possession of a Durban Operating certificate (DOC), over and above their skippers certificate allowing them to proceed to sea and their craft must be cleared with the required SAMSA category clearance permitting the craft to proceed to sea.
- 6.) No pleasure craft may carry out commercial operations.
- 7.) Registration numbers must be clearly marked on both sides of the craft, and not smaller than 100mm.
- 8.) No craft may be beached within port limits, except with the prior permission of the Harbour Master.
- 9.) No pleasure craft may be made fast to a channel marking buoy, light buoy or other navigational aid or mark provided for the safety of vessels.
- 10.) No pleasure craft may come into contact with a vessel within port limits, unless authorized by the Harbour Master.
- 11.) No pleasure craft may dump sewage or other pollutants into port waters; carry out spray painting or antifouling from their moorings or other unauthorized areas within the port.
- 12.) A means of communication with port control is to be available at all times on the craft whilst it is in use.
- 13.) Restricted areas which are the entrance channel, Island View turning basin, Salisbury Island Naval Base, Tug Jetty (R-Shed) and OP Shed (where the car carriers berth).
- 14.) Night operations: One all-round White light visible for at least 2 nautical miles.
- 15.) No craft shall approach within a distance of 40 metres of any ship; remain 40 meters from wharf sides and 70 meters from the new cranes on the container berths.
- 16.) Adhere to the no wake areas which are the Silburn Channel (Yacht Mole) which starts in line with buoys E1 and E3 and runs to the slipway and the mooring area in the vicinity of the Bluff channel (Silt Canal).
- 17.) The Harbour Master or any person authorized by the Harbour Master may board a craft for purposes of investigating any matter related to the safety, security and protection of the environment of the port.