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Safety & Security at Sea

The Tourism Authority wishes to draw the attention of the public in general, and pleasure craft operators and skippers in particular, that at all times they shall strictly comply with safety and security measures at sea.

Operators of commercial pleasure crafts shall ensure that their passengers wear the lifejackets or Personal Floatation Devices from the moment of departure when the craft is to proceed outside lagoon. However, it is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that lifejackets or Personal Floatation Devices are worn in situation of heightened risks, such as when crossing a bar, navigating through a pass, in rough water, during an emergency and by non-swimmers even when inside the lagoon.

All pleasure craft operators should comply with the safety and security requirements of the Tourism Authority. Non-compliance with safety and security measures and existing guidelines, conditions to licence, code of practice or legislation in force, will entail contraventions being established and subsequently the suspension of the skipper's and commercial pleasure craft licence, as follows:

- For a period of one (1) month in case three (3) contraventions are established within a period of twelve (12) consecutive months; and
- For a period of two (2) months in case six (6) contraventions are established within a period of thirty six (36) consecutive months"

You are hereby being informed that the Mauritius Tourism Authority will increase the inspections of pleasure craft during the peak season. The Tourism Authority hereby calls for the understanding and collaboration of all stakeholders to ensure that all pleasure craft activities are carried out in a safe, secure and responsible manner to the benefits of all.