

Ouse on Board – Drugs and Alcohol

Policy Statement

The consumption of alcohol and drugs has implications for health and safety since these substances impair co-ordination, judgement and decision making; putting the individual, their fellow crew members and users of our boat at risk.

This policy is published in line with the requirements of the Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code 1.

The Trustees acknowledge that compliance with this policy is essential for safe operation of our craft.

POLICY

The Trustees **require** that no Ouse on Board crew member is to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while in charge of or contributing to the running of our boat.

This means that:

- No crew member is to consume alcohol while the boat is operating (i.e. from preparation for departure at the beginning of the boating day to final mooring / close down).
- While modest consumption of alcohol with the evening meal or while socialising in an evening is acceptable, no crew member is to drink so much while the boat is moored overnight or before the initial departure that they are still affected in the morning.
- If any crew member finds that their mental or physical capacity is affected by prescription or other medicine they must inform the person in charge at once and take no further part in the operation of the boat until they have recovered.

BREACHES

An **apparent or alleged** breach of this policy will result in suspension of the individual concerned from crewing until the trustees have completed a formal investigation.

A **proven** breach of this policy will lead to a warning and if further breaches, removal from the association's roster of steerers / crew.

Anyone (passengers and crew) found **or suspected** to be in possession of illegal drugs while on the boat will be reported to the police

Anyone found to be in breach of this policy will be treated as unqualified and not permitted to act as steerer for third party self-steer hirers.

No Instructor delivering the Diesel Engine Course will be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The above breaches are pertinent to this course too.