

	FISHING SEA	 Bracknell Forest Council
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<p>DESCRIPTION: Sea fishing from a boat or the shore.</p>
<p>QUALIFICATIONS: All charter boats are operated on a commercial basis must comply with government regulations. For UK registered vessels these are Codes of Practice which are policed by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). Coding defines the qualifications of the crew, how many people the boat can take, how far it can go out to sea and what safety equipment it must carry. The easiest way to check is to ask the operator or skipper when booking. You can also check via the MCA who maintain lists of coded boats by name and port. The instructor / supervisor must be an experienced in the type of fishing undertaken, be a strong swimmer and have an appropriate level of qualification in first aid, including resuscitation, and water safety. Leaders should also have knowledge of responsible and sustainable angling practices, and of the waters being fished. When fishing from a boat on the sea the skipper must have an appropriate licence.</p>
<p>STAFFING RATIO: From the shore: 1 member of staff to a maximum of 6. From a boat: this will be dependent on the capacity and the licence of the boat.</p>
<p>PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Warm clothing, water resistant outer shell, appropriate buoyancy aids must be worn when on the sea.</p>
<p>HAZARDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather • Hypothermia • Drowning • Rough sea conditions • Other sea going traffic
<p>GUIDANCE: The suitability of the boat in question to undertake the activity must be determined at the planning stage, including the designed capacity, competence of the skipper and crew and provision of all necessary safety equipment. Prior to embarkation however, it is for the Group Leader to be satisfied that the prevailing weather conditions and sea state are within safe limits for the vessel. The Group Leader may wish to take advice from the Skipper but the group should not embark on the boat unless the conditions are within safe limits. When on the sea the skipper of the boat has responsibility for all passengers including the children, young people and adults in the party, and the Group Leader should follow their instructions. Non swimmers should not participate in small boat activities. Laws and regulations managing angling vary greatly, often regionally, within countries. These commonly include permits (licenses), closed periods (seasons) where specific species are unavailable for harvest, restrictions on gear types, and quotas. It is important to understand and comply with the local laws and regulations for the area being fished.</p> <p>Sea Fishing is regarded as a high risk activity and persons wishing to lead this activity must apply direct to Bracknell Forest Council</p>
<p>OTHER INFORMATION:</p> <p>Angling Trust: http://www.anglingtrust.net/</p> <p>Maritime Coastguard Agency re: Coded Vessels http://www.dft.gov.uk/mca/mcga07-home/shipsandcargoes/mcga-shiptype/mcga-pleasurecraftandsmallships/mcga-dqs_st_cvs_code_vessel_safety.htm</p>