

# DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY WITH INLAND WATERS SMALL PASSENGER BOAT CODE.

This Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code is a Best Practice Guide for the use of operators, designers, builders, **competent authorities** and users. It is not a statutory Code (excepting for qualifications required by the boatmaster regulations), but has been applied under the mandatory licensing regime by British Waterways. As operator of a small passenger boat on British Waterways managed navigations your vessel must conform with the code and you must make a declaration to that effect.

## Background

The safety of vessels carrying no more than twelve **passengers** in inland waters was a concern raised at the 1999 meeting of the Maritime Safety Co-ordinating Committee (MSCC) by the South of England District Marine Safety Committee (DMSC). A working group was established, involving all interested parties, to develop national standards for these vessels.

The Code, agreed by the Working Group and published jointly by the Association of Inland Navigation Authorities (AINA) and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), is designed to assist:

- those operating such vessels, who have duties under health and safety legislation to ensure the safety of their passengers and crew (see paragraph 3.5), by laying down industry best practice;
- those with powers to license or register these vessels and protect public safety, by setting out a national standard which can be used as the basis for vessel licensing/inspection.

Details of the requirements can be obtained from the Marine and Coastguard Agency or by following the link [http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga07-home/shipsandcargoes/mcga-shipsregsandguidance/mcga-guidance\\_regulations-inland/ds-iw-external-spboatcode.htm](http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga07-home/shipsandcargoes/mcga-shipsregsandguidance/mcga-guidance_regulations-inland/ds-iw-external-spboatcode.htm)

## Declaration

I am the operator of the vessel known as .....

Licence no.....

I declare that this vessel meets the requirements of the Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code.

Signed .....

Print name: .....

Date .....