

**LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Attaching Licence Conditions to the Operating Licence of Class IV Vessels Permitted to be Let for Hire or Reward**

**Purpose**

This information paper informs members about the arrangement on attaching two new licence conditions to the Operating Licence of Class IV vessels which are permitted to be let for hire or reward. Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

**Background**

2. To strengthen the publicity and public's safety awareness on Class IV vessels permitted to be let for hire or reward, the Marine Department has distributed reminder letters with Common Lifejacket Stickers (**Annex 1**), Posters of Common Lifejacket User Guide (**Annex 2**) and QR Code Posters for the public to ascertain whether the vessel is permitted to be let for hire or reward (**Annex 3**) to the owners of these vessels.

3. During our routine patrol, it was observed that many of these Class IV vessels did not display the above posters and stickers at a conspicuous position on board for passengers' reference. Under this circumstance, it may not be easy for passengers to identify whether the vessels are permitted to be let for hire or reward. In addition, without obviously indicating the stowage location of lifejackets on board and the instructions to don a lifejacket properly, potential danger including injury and loss of life may occur in the event of marine incident.

**Proposed licence conditions to be attached to the Operating Licence**

4. Pursuant to Section 18(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548D), the Director of Marine may attach any conditions to a full licence in respect of a local vessel, having regard to the material considerations.

5. In this regard, the following two new licence conditions are proposed and to be attached to the Operating Licence of Class IV vessels permitted to be let for hire or reward.

A. This vessel shall display the following poster(s) in its cabin where the poster(s) can best be seen:

- i. [<sup>1</sup>] poster(s) of Common Lifejacket User Guide (for passengers to scan the QR code at the bottom left corner of the poster to watch the demonstration videos) or other suitable lifejacket user guides; and
- ii. [] QR Code poster(s) for passengers to check and confirm that this vessel is permitted to be let for hire or reward.

B. This vessel shall display a lifejacket sticker at each lifejacket stowage location.

### **Actions required**

6. Owners of Class IV vessels permitted to be let for hire or reward will be required to deliver the Operating Licence of their vessels to the Marine Department for attaching the new licence conditions.

7. The Common Lifejacket Stickers, Posters of Common Lifejacket User Guide and QR Code Posters required to display are available free of charge at District Marine Offices where/when Operating Licences are issued/renewed.

### **Consultation**

8. The above proposal has been communicated to the Sub-committee on Class IV Vessels by email in December 2022. The proposal is now submitted to the Local Vessel Advisory Committee for information.

### **Enquiries**

9. For enquiries related to the licence conditions, please contact the Licensing and Port Formalities Section at 2852 3081. For enquiries related to

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<sup>1</sup> X equals to "No. of Passengers Permitted to Carry"/20 (round up)

the Common Lifejacket Stickers, Posters of Common Lifejacket User Guide and QR Code Posters, please contact Local Vessels Safety Section at 2852 4444.

**Marine Department**  
**December 2022**



**Common Lifejacket**

**兩用救生衣**

**Only suitable for use in the Hong Kong Waters**

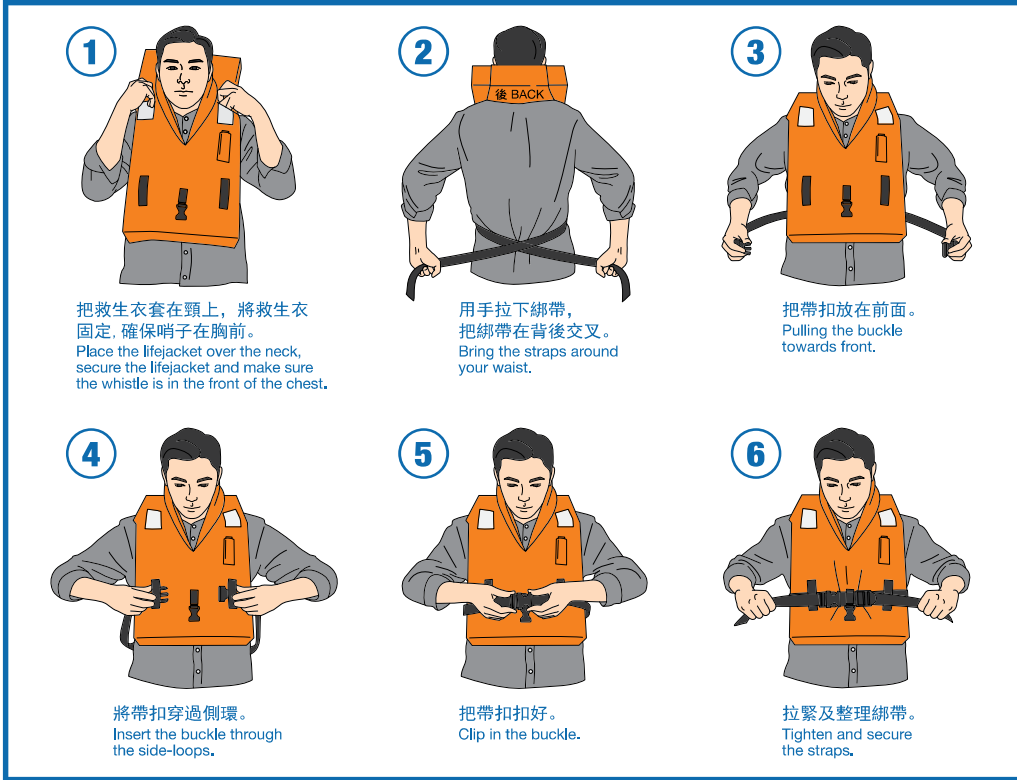
**只適用於香港水域**

# 兩用救生衣穿著指南

## COMMON LIFEJACKET USER GUIDE



### 成人穿著指示圖 USER GUIDE FOR ADULTS



### 兩用救生衣位置

#### LOCATION FOR COMMON LIFEJACKETS



存放位一：救生衣箱內  
Location 1: Lifejacket cabinets



存放位二：椅底  
Location 2: Under the chair

### 兒童穿著指示圖 USER GUIDE FOR CHILDREN





可掃描下面二維碼來確定此船  
已獲准出租以收取租金或報酬

Scanning of the following QR Code to ascertain  
this vessel is approved to be let for hire or reward



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Marine Department, HKSARG

