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BSS EXAMINER NEWS

Dear Examiner

BSS COVID-19 Updates and Examiner Insurance Audit

Thank you for your helpful responses to the last snap survey asking for your thoughts about how to return to work safely – they were all constructive, useful and appreciated. We are launching another one today. The details are below.

New advice on Examination preparations for your customers

Your feedback helped us construct the messages for boat owners which has the opening message – plan your boat's examination with your examiner first. So hopefully if you ask your customer to read www.boatsafetyscheme.org/COVID they will appreciate what preparations you will discuss with them and why.

Examiner hints and tips updates on Wednesdays

We are continuing to capture comments from stakeholders and examiners and that is feeding into updates to advice for examiners which we will make on Wednesdays. On <https://www.boatsafetyscheme.org/professionals/examination/examination-guidance/covid-19/> we added links to more UK.Gov guidance; Trading Standards Institute on COVID-19 scams; Gas Safe Register advice on COVID-19 and several really useful links from British Marine specifically for the marine sector.

We have also added to the Q&A section and included reminders about risks related to manual handling and lone working.

Symptoms

The official list of symptoms of COVID-19 on the Gov.UK and Scot Gov websites now include changes to the sense of smell & taste. This is important because you should not leave your house for work in England if you are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 and you should consider avoiding boats where people with symptoms have been aboard in the last three days at least. The link to the Gov.UK information about symptoms is now on the COVID-19 examiner guidance page (above).

PPE survey

We continue to appreciate your feedback and so the BSS Office would like to get an understanding of your views and experiences on the subject of PPE, and how you may apply it to your BSS Examination activities.

It would be helpful to get an insight on how difficult it is to obtain PPE and what your customers' responses to its use or non-use have been.

The information from your feedback will help enhance our hints and tips, and so continue to support Examiners during the next phase of examining boats in the time of COVID-19.

The survey is now open and will close 08:00 on Tuesday 26th May. However due to Survey Monkey's maintenance schedule, the survey will be inaccessible from 17:00 on Saturday until Survey Monkey re-opens it on 01:00 Sunday, we are sorry about the break, but it is beyond our control.

Please take a few minutes to add your thoughts on PPE here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P9V7CQ6>

Insurance matters, please check yours

If your privately arranged policy, or your block policy is about to expire, make sure you renew on time and update your cover expiry date on the 'Current details' section on Salesforce. No examination must be done without cover.

We have already started an insurance audit. Should our initial checks indicate that an examiner is likely to be operating without cover, we may have to suspend that Examiner's authorisation until we are reassured that cover is in place. If you have any doubts or concerns about your cover, check with your broker if there is a potential issue.

ID cards

You may have already guessed that the ID card producer was in lockdown, but it has now restarted work, although with limited staff and reduced hours. Your cards are being processed, but it likely that cards will be sent out w/c 1 June.

Registration Invoicing

Invoices for annual registration will be sent out next week, w/c Tuesday 26 June.

Best regards and keep safe,

Kevin Tyson

BSS Manager