

Lady Grace Boat Trips Operating Procedures

Before the working day commences:

Check the weather conditions are safe to operate, Gale Force 7 is the limit for operation within the harbour

Check the tides, confirm when low water is to ensure it is plausible to get to the jetty

Wear appropriate clothing for the day ahead and sunscreen protection, always carry an extra layer of clothing just in case

Checks prior to operation of the vessel:

Turn on seacock

Turn on electrics at the isolator switch

Check bilges for water, ensure it is bailed out to a safe level before starting the engine

Check oil level

Check belt torque

Check water level in heat exchanger

General glance over engine to see if anything looks out of sorts

Heat engine before turning ignition key

Operating Procedures:

1. Always have a sharp knife to hand in the event of an emergency.
2. Check weather & tide before operating.
3. Let somebody know where you are going and your estimated time of return.
4. Ensure all electrical equipment is working correctly at all times.
5. Watch for buoys & waste material floating under the surface of the water.
6. If giving instructions make them clear & check they are understood.
7. Only ever secure an anchor from the bow.
8. Always have more fuel to get back than you used going out.
9. If you are standing at the quay debating if the weather conditions are safe to operate in, then it probably isn't, DON'T OPERATE!
10. Always adhere to the International Collision Regulations
12. Keep the vessel tidy at all times.
13. Clean all spillages from the deck immediately.

Checks before leaving boat on mooring overnight:

Check seacock for weed

Turn off seacock

Check bilges for water and pump out

Turn the greaser on the stern gland to stop water dripping in

Turn off any electrical switches on the switch panel

Turn off electrics at the isolator switch

Ensure both mooring strops are securing the boat