



Preston Marine Services Ltd.

a member company of;



General Terms & Conditions

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

DEFINITIONS

Where the following words appear in these Conditions, the Licence and the Company's Regulations they shall have these meanings:

Berth means the space on water or land from time to time allocated to the Owner by the Company for the Vessel during the term of the licence.

Company shall mean Preston Marine Services Ltd. (Reg. No. 2004365, Registered Office; Preston Marina Navigation Way, Ashton On Ribble, Preston, Lancashire. PR2 2YP) or any of its agents to whom the application for berthing is made which may be one or more of its associated companies, concessionaires, tenants and assignees for the operation of the boat repair yard, brokerage or other harbour facility.

Harbour shall include a yacht harbour, marina, mooring or any other facility for launching, navigating, mooring or berthing a vessel. This includes the main basin of Preston's Albert Edward dock, the lock chamber, the outer/tidal basin and the entrance channel including the lay-by to the most westerly point of the quay walls.

Length Overall (LOA) means the overall length of the space occupied by the Vessel including any fore and aft projections, temporary or permanent.

Owner shall include any charterer, master, agent or other person for the time being in charge of the Vessel, excluding the Company.

Pontoon means a moored and decked floating structure providing landing or mooring facilities.

Premises means all the land, adjacent water and buildings occupied by or under the control of the Company, including docks, slipways, pontoons, jetties, quays, piers, mudberths, sheds, lofts, workshops, hard standing, roadways and car parks.

Regulations mean those regulations (if any) made by the Company as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with clause 16, which the Company in its absolute discretion, considers necessary to enable the Company or those using the Premises to comply with applicable legal requirements or for the safety or security or good management of the Harbour or Premises.

Storage Ashore Accommodation means the land space temporarily allocated to the Owner from time to time by the Company for the storage ashore of the Vessel during the term of the licence.

Vessel shall include any form of craft, boat, ship, yacht, dinghy, multihull, or other marine structure which is in the care and control of the Owner.

Office means the office in the brick marina main building, between the dock basin and the boatyard known as "The Boathouse"

2 THE LICENCE

2.1 The Berth at the Harbour or Premises shall be licensed for the period on the Licencee's completed and signed "Berthing Application and Licence" (hereafter known as the Application/Licence Form) and charged at the Company's rates of charge (Tariff) published by the Company at its Premises and in force at the commencement of the Licence.

2.2 This licence shall not be automatically renewed but will end at the End Date specified on the Application/Licence Form if not terminated sooner by the Company or by the Owner under the provisions of Clauses 8 or 10.

3 LIABILITY, INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

3.1 The Company shall not be liable for any loss, or damage or costs caused by events or circumstances beyond its reasonable control (such as severe weather conditions, the actions of third parties not employed by it or any defect in a customer's or third party's property); this extends to loss or damage to Vessels, gear, equipment or other property left with it for work or storage, and harm to persons entering

the Premises or the Harbour and/or using any facilities or equipment.

3.1.1 The Company shall take reasonable and proportionate steps having regard to the nature and scale of its business to maintain security at the Premises, and to maintain the facilities and equipment at the Premises and in the Harbour in reasonably good working order (with the exceptions as hereinafter advised). But in the absence of any causative negligence or other breach of duty on the part of the Company, Vessels, gear, equipment and other property are left with the Company at the Owner's own risk and Owners should ensure that their own personal and property insurance adequately covers such risks.

3.1.2 **Advisory Note:** the Company is not responsible for the maintenance and/or operation of any of the lock gate mechanisms allowing entry or exit of the Harbour or the swing bridge and any of its associated features.

3.1.3 **Advisory Note:** the Company is not responsible for maintaining a navigable channel to or from the Harbour and it is not responsible for maintaining a minimum depth of water anywhere within the Harbour or its approaches.

3.1.4 **Advisory Note:** the Company is not responsible for the removal of floating debris from the Harbour or its approaches.

3.1.5 The Company offers no guarantee or undertaking that any Vessel will have access by water to or from the Harbour at any time.

3.1.6 The Company shall not be under any duty to salvage or preserve an Owner's Vessel or other property from the consequences of any defect in the Vessel or property concerned unless it shall have been expressly engaged to do so by the Owner on commercial terms. Similarly the Company shall not be under any duty to salvage or preserve an Owner's Vessel or other property from the consequences of an accident which has not been caused by the Company's negligence or some other breach of duty on its part. However the Company reserves the right to do so in any appropriate circumstances, particularly where a risk is posed to the safety of people, property or the environment. Where it does so it shall be entitled to charge the Owner concerned on a normal commercial charging basis. and, where appropriate, to claim a salvage reward.

3.1.7 Owners may themselves be liable for any loss or damage caused by them, their crew or their Vessels and they shall be obliged to maintain adequate insurance including third party liability cover for not less than £3,000,000, and cover against wreck removal and salvage, and, where appropriate, Employers' Liability cover to at least the statutory minimum. The Owner shall be obliged to produce evidence to the Company of such insurance within 7 days of a request to do so.

3.1.8 The Owner shall, and shall procure that his crew, members of his family comply with all applicable laws when using the Company's Harbour and Premises.

4 ADDRESS DETAILS AND SUBSEQUENT CHANGE OF DETAILS

4.1 The Owner must supply to the Company in writing, details of the Owner's home address. This address must be a different address to the address of the Harbour. The Owner shall be obliged to produce evidence to the Company of such home address within 7 days of a request to do so.

4.2 The Owner must notify the Company in writing of the details of any change of names of the Vessel or change of address or telephone number of the Owner.

5 BERTH ALLOCATION

5.1 The physical layout of every Harbour and Premises and the varying needs and obligations of the Company and its customers requires that the Company retains absolute control of Berth allocation within the Harbour and Premises. Accordingly the Owner shall not be entitled to the exclusive use of any particular Berth but shall use such Berth as is from time to time allocated to him by the Company.

6 PERSONAL NATURE OF THE LICENCE

6.1 This licence is personal to the Owner and relates to the Vessel described in the Application/ Licence form. It may not be transferred or assigned to a new Owner or to a different Vessel, either temporarily or permanently, without the express written consent of the Company.

6.2 Within 7 days of any agreement for the sale, transfer or mortgage of a Vessel subject to this licence the Owner shall notify the Company in writing of the name, address and telephone numbers of the Purchaser, Transferee or Mortgagee, as the case may be.

6.3	The Company is entitled to make a charge to the Owner if a Vessel subject to this licence is sold by the Owner while it is within the Premises or was within the Premises while it was offered for sale. This charge will be 1%+VAT of the selling price of the Vessel.		pending payment by the Owner of any sums due to the Company. If the Licence is terminated or expires while the Company is exercising this right of detention it shall be entitled to charge the Owner at the Company's 24 hour rate for overnight visitors for each day between termination or expiry of this licence and the actual date of payment (or provision of security) by the Owner and removal of the Vessel from the Harbour and Premises. The Owner shall at any time be entitled to remove the Vessel or other property upon providing proper security, for example a letter of guarantee from a Bank or a cash deposit, sufficient to cover the debt with interest and, where the debt is contested, a reasonable provision for the Company's prospective legal costs.
7	USE OF BERTH BY COMPANY WHEN VACANT.		
7.1	The company may have the use of the Berth when it is left vacant by the Owner.		
8	TERMINATION BY THE COMPANY		
8.1	The Company shall have the right (without prejudice to any other rights in respect of breaches of the terms of this Licence by the Owner) to terminate this licence in the following manner in the event of any breach by the Owner of this Licence;	10	TERMINATION BY OWNER
8.1.1	Having regard to the nature and seriousness of the breach and the risk it poses for the financial or other security of the Company and/or of the Company's customers and if the breach is capable of remedy, the Company may serve notice on the Owner specifying the breach and requiring him to remedy the breach within a reasonable time specified by the Company. Where the breach is serious or poses an immediate risk or threat to the health, safety or welfare of any other person or property the time specified for remedy may be immediate or extremely short. If the Owner fails to effect the remedy within that time, or if the breach is not capable of remedy, the Company may serve notice on the Owner requiring him to remove the Vessel from the Harbour or Premises immediately.	10.1	This Licence may be terminated on 16 weeks' written notice by the Owner to the Company. In this event the Company will be entitled to recalculate the charge for the Berth using the rate or rates that would have been applicable to the actual period of the licence instead of the annual rate. If this recalculation results in a balance payable to the Company then the Owner shall be required to pay that balance before removing the Vessel from the Harbour or Premises. If there is a balance is in favour of the Owner the Company shall pay it to the Owner upon the Vessel's departure of the Vessel from the Harbour or Premises.
			<u>GENERAL RULES</u>
8.1.2	If the Owner fails to remove the Vessel on termination of this licence (whether under this Condition or otherwise), the Company shall be entitled;	11	VESSEL MOVEMENTS
8.1.2.1	to charge the Owner at the Company's 24 hour rate for overnight visitors for each day between termination of this licence and the actual date of removal of the Vessel from the Harbour and Premises and/or	11.1	The Company reserves the right to move any Vessel, gear, equipment or other goods at any time for reasons of safety, security or good management of the Harbour and Premises.
8.1.2.2	at the Owner's risk (save in respect of loss or damage directly caused by the Company's negligence or other breach of duty during such removal) to remove the Vessel from the Harbour and Premises and thereupon secure it elsewhere and charge the Owner with all costs reasonably arising out of such removal including alternative berthing fees.	11.2	A copy of the Company's scale of charges for Vessel movements will be provided to the Owner before they enter into an Agreement with the Company. Where a specific date or tide range for re-launch of the Vessel has been agreed between the Owner and the Company at the time of slipping or lifting out (or arrival by land) this charge alone will be payable for the launch. However where the Owner requests a different date or tide range the Company reserves the right to charge the Owner for the cost of re-locating the Vessel in order to accommodate other vessels, or other vessels to gain access to the launch point and for any attendant expenses, such as crane hire. The Company will provide the Owner with an estimate of such costs and charges prior to incurring them.
8.1.3	Any notice of termination under this Licence shall, in the case of the Owner, be served personally on the Owner or sent by registered post or recorded delivery service to the Owner's last known address and in the case of the Company shall be served at its principal place of business or registered office.	11.3	Vessels shall be berthed or moored by the Owner in such a manner and position as the Company may require and unless otherwise agreed adequate warps and fenders for the Vessel shall be provided by the Owner
9	RIGHTS OF SALE AND OF DETENTION	11.4	No vessel, when entering or leaving or manoeuvring in the Harbour, shall be navigated at such a speed or in such a manner as to endanger or inconvenience other vessels in the Harbour.
9.1	Where the Company accepts a Vessel, gear, equipment or other goods for repair, refit, maintenance or storage the Company does so subject to the provisions of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977. This Act confers a Right of Sale on the Company in circumstances where a customer fails to collect or accept re-delivery of the goods (which includes a Vessel and/or any other property). Such sale will not take place until the Company has given notice to the customer in accordance with the Act. For the purpose of the Act it is recorded that:	11.5	Advisory note: Owners, their guests and crew are advised that Vessels are at all times subject to the speed restrictions and byelaws of Harbour and navigation authorities and the requirements and powers of regulatory authorities, including but not limited to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and The Health and Safety Executive; there are criminal penalties for the breach of such restrictions, requirements and Byelaws.
9.1.1	Goods for repair or other treatment are accepted by the Company on the basis that the customer is the owner of the goods or the owner's authorised agent and that he will take delivery or arrange collection when the repair or treatment has been carried out.	11.6	All lifting and/or craning operations on the Premises are to be undertaken by the Company, but without obligation to do so. The Company may grant a licence to the Owner or his contractor (for which a fee may be chargeable) for lifting work not undertaken by the Company.
9.1.2	The Company's obligation as custodian of goods accepted for storage ends on its notice to the customer of termination of that obligation;	12	COMMERCIAL USAGE
9.1.3	The place for delivery and collection of goods shall be at the Company's Premises unless agreed otherwise.	12.1	No part of the Company's Harbour or Premises or any Vessel or vehicle while situated therein or thereon shall be used by the Owner for any commercial purpose, except where the Owner has sought and obtained prior written agreement from the Company. Where this licence is granted to a commercial operator whose Vessel is operated for hire or reward in the course of trading, special conditions will apply to this licence, as appended.
9.1.4	Advice regarding the Act may be obtained from the Citizens Advice Bureau, Law Centre or any firm of Solicitors.		
9.2	Maritime Law entitles the Company in certain other circumstances to bring action against a Vessel to recover debt or damages. Such action may involve the arrest of the Vessel through the Courts and its eventual sale by the Court. Sale of a Vessel may also occur through the ordinary enforcement of a judgment debt against the Owner of a Vessel or other property.	13	STORAGE
9.3	The Company reserves a general right ("a general lien") to detain and hold onto the Owner's Vessel or other property	13.1	Dinghies, tenders, and rafts shall be stowed aboard the Vessel unless the Company allocates a separate berth for them. Storage sheds for extra items can be provided in the boatyard at an extra cost by PMS. Bicycles must be stored either on deck or on an approved storage rack supplied and installed at an extra cost by PMS upon request

14	PARKING		
14.1	Subject always to the availability of parking space Owners and their crew may only park taxed vehicles on the Premises in accordance with the directions of the Company. Vehicles are parked on the Company's premises at the vehicle owner's risk. Untaxed vehicles may be stored at the discretion of the Company subject to application and a monthly fee. No designated or permanent parking spaces are available.	17.2.1	The work is of a type for which the Company would normally employ a specialist sub contractor; or
15	ELECTRICITY	17.2.2	The work is being carried out under warranty by the manufacturer and/or supplier of the Vessel or any part of the equipment to which the warranty relates.
15.1	A 16 Amp electricity supply is available on the pontoons and in the serviced boatyard.	17.2.3	Notwithstanding the foregoing, during periods of work by the Company on the vessel, neither the Owner nor his invitees shall have access to the Vessel without the Company's prior consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
15.2	Consumption of electricity is permitted on one of the following arrangements: a) by casual arrangement & payment at the marina office or b) by metered supply.	17.2.4	Berth holders may wish to employ contractors or surveyors to work on their boats who are not connected with PMS. Such contractors should notify the marina office of their presence at the marina and provide evidence of Third Party/Public Liability Insurance in a sum of not less than £3,000,000 in respect of each incident. These contractors are required to pay a licence fee to work at the marina premises for each person.
15.3	Meters are available on hire from the office. A refundable deposit of £50 will be charged for all electricity meters supplied.		
15.4	The electrical supply infrastructure fee is charged at the same time as units consumed, quarterly in arrears. This fee is £25 per quarter. This charge does not apply under the "Semi-Residential Berthing Scheme".	17.3	NOTE – The Company reserve the right to close the pontoons and the hard-standing and prevent all access to, and evacuate boats during times of bad weather and/or for safety reasons. When this is the case berth-holders must make their own arrangements for alternative accommodation the costs or suitability of which The Company will not be liable for.
15.5	Metered electricity is currently charged at a rate per unit. New legislation requires that we charge out at the same rate as we are charged by our supplier.		
15.6	In the event of vessels being connected to electricity supply without arrangement or a meter, the company reserves the right to unplug the lead, estimate units used and charge a minimum of £25 + VAT per occasion.	18	HEALTH, SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
15.7	Deposit and rental charges include VAT; consumption charges are subject to the addition of VAT.	18.1	The Company does have a Health and Safety Policy which is located in the marina office and can be inspected upon request. Attention is drawn to the "Company's Health, Safety & Environment Guidance and Rules" which contains information and rules which must be adhered to whilst on the Premises. The Company shall supply the Owner with a copy of this information current at the time of application for a Licence. This booklet is amended from time to time; the current version is available upon request at the marina office. The Owner, his guests, regular crew, members of his family and/or any persons or company carrying out work on the Vessel, with the permission of the Company must comply with the rules provided.
15.8	The electricity supply may be disrupted at times of bad weather.	18.2	The Owner, his crew, members of his family and any person carrying out work on the Vessel is responsible for reporting to the Company all accidents involving injury to any person or damage to any public or private property that occur in the Harbour or on the Premises as soon as possible after they occur.
16	MARINA AND HARBOUR REGULATIONS	18.3	No noisy, noxious or objectionable engines, radio, or other apparatus or machinery shall be operated within the Harbour or Premises so as to cause any nuisance or annoyance to any other users of the Harbour or Premises or to any person residing in the vicinity and the Owner undertakes for himself, his guests and all using the Vessel that they shall not behave in such a way as to cause any nuisance or annoyance to any other users of the Harbour or Premises or to any person residing in the vicinity. Halyards and other rigging shall be secured so as not to cause such nuisance or annoyance.
16.1	The Owner shall at all times observe the Company's Regulations and in particular:	18.4	No refuse shall be thrown overboard or left on the pontoons, or car parks or on any other part of the Premises, or disposed of in any way other than in the receptacles provided by the Company or by removal from the Company's Harbour and Premises. The Company's further directions regarding waste management shall be posted on the Company's Public Notice Board or other prominent place and copies will be available from the Company on request.
16.1.1	The Owner shall provide and maintain at least one fire extinguisher, which is approved and manufactured to EN3 standards for portable fire extinguishers, and ensure it is fit for purpose for the vessel and ready for immediate use in case of fire.	18.5	The Owner shall not allow any potentially deleterious material or pollutants (including, but not limited to sewerage, oils and fuels) to be discharged into the water of the Harbour or adjacent waters.
16.1.2	Owners shall refuel only at the designated fuelling berth and are to vacate the berth when the fuelling operation is completed. Where fuel is required to be transferred in portable containers, the Company reserves the right to refuse the use of any container deemed unfit for the purpose.	18.6	Advisory Note: the water within the Harbour can sometimes become temporarily affected by Blue Green Algal blooms which in some cases can potentially be harmful upon human contact with affected water. The presence of this algae is beyond the control of the Company.
16.2	The Company shall supply the Owner with a copy of the Regulations current at the time of application for a Licence. The Company reserves the right to introduce new Regulations on grounds of legal requirement or for the safety or security or good management of the Harbour or Premises, and to amend such regulations as from time to time shall be necessary. Such Regulations and any amendments to them shall become effective on being displayed on the Company's public notice board or other prominent place at the Company's Premises, and the Company shall have the same rights against the Owner for a breach of the Regulations as for a breach of the terms of this Licence.	18.7	The Owner shall, and shall procure that his crew, members of his family comply with all applicable laws and bye-laws when using the Company's Harbour and Premises.
16.3	Advisory note: Owners, their guests and crew are advised that their conduct and that of their vessels is likely to be regulated and governed at various times by statutory, local authority and harbour regulations which may be more extensive than those of the Company and the breach of which may result in criminal penalties.		
17	ACCESS TO PREMISES/WORK ON THE VESSEL		
17.1	Subject to Clause 17.2 no work shall be done on the Vessel, gear, equipment or other goods while on the Premises without the Company's prior written consent other than minor running repairs or minor maintenance of a routine nature by the Owner, his regular crew or members of his family not causing nuisance, or annoyance to any other customer or person residing in the vicinity, nor interfering with the Company's schedule of work, nor involving access to prohibited areas.		
17.2	Prior written consent will not be unreasonably withheld where:		

18.8	A bye-law of Preston City Council requires a speed limit of 4 knots to be observed by all Vessels navigating within the Harbour.	23.3	Parcels and signed for mail being delivered to the Company's premises on behalf of customers where no provision has been made for parcel and mail handing will attract a charge of £3 per item which will be charged to the Owner's marina account.
19	FRESH WATER SUPPLY		
19.1	The Company reserves the right to shut off the fresh water supply to the pontoons and/or in the boatyard when there is a risk of freezing weather, although it will endeavour to maintain a supply from the marina building (office).	24.4	An allowance of 1 signed for delivery per quarter will be made for all marina customers.
20	LAY-BY BERTH	25.5	The Company will make every effort to take reasonable steps to ensure safe storage of any mail or parcels received but ultimately accepts no responsibility for losses, or for the condition and contents of any mail or parcels received or the loss of any mail or parcels within the carriage system outside of the control of PMS.
20.1	No Vessel is to be left unattended overnight while it is on the Lay-by berth outside on the south quay of the entrance to the west of the No.1 lock gates.		
21	FORCE MAJEURE		
21.1	The Company shall have the right by notice in writing to the Owner forthwith to terminate the Licence if at any time the Company becomes likely to be unable to provide a berth, mooring or storage ashore accommodation in accordance with the Licence entered into between the Company and the Owner due to Force Majeure as defined hereinafter.		
21.2	In this Clause, Force Majeure means any event or circumstances (whether arising from natural causes, human agency or otherwise) beyond the control of the Company (insofar as beyond such control but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing expression) weather conditions, riots, civil commotion, aircraft, fire, breakdown or war.		
21.3	In the event of such termination as aforesaid the Company shall refund to the Owner the unexpired portion of the Licence but is not liable for any other consequential costs or losses.		
22	SEMI-RESIDENTIAL BERTHING SCHEME		
22.1	Preston Marina is a non-residential marina, and all the standard berthing licence fees and conditions apply to Vessels which will not be occupied for more than 21 nights in every 90 days of their berthing licence period.		
22.2	Owners who intend that their Vessel may be occupied for more than 21 nights out of every 90 days of their berthing licence must apply for the SEMI-RESIDENTIAL BERTHING SCHEME. Such applications will be accepted at the discretion of the marina management.		
22.3	The charges and entitlements of the Semi-Residential Berthing Scheme are published separately and are available from the Preston Marina office or website. These may be subject to review at any time.		
22.4	Owners or occupants of Vessels may be required at any time to show proof that they are paying appropriate Council Tax to the relevant local authority.		
22.5	If the Company deems that a Vessel is being used in a manner consistent with the Semi-Residential Berthing Scheme, and where no appropriate application and/or payment has been made the Company reserves the right to terminate the berthing licence.		
22.6	The address of the Company cannot be given as the address of the Owner for the purposes of their application for a berthing licence to the Company. The official residential address of the Owner must be given as part of the application for a Berthing Licence.		
22.7	Preston Marina cannot be regarded as any person's official residence. The address of the Company must not be given as an Owner's or Vessel occupant's official residential address to any third parties.		
22.8	Berthing licence applications for Semi-Residential status are granted at the marina management's discretion and when the Vessel, its condition and its onboard facilities are considered adequate.		
22.9	The provisions, terms and conditions of the Semi-Residential Berthing Scheme are additional to all other Terms and Conditions applicable to berthing at Preston Marina.		
23	MAIL & PARCEL HANDLING		
23.1	The Company will accept letters through the post or other mail services for Berth-holders which do not require a signature. These letters will be placed in a box at the reception counter for collection by customers.		
23.2	Parcels and letters requiring a signature will not be accepted by the Company unless a provision for this service has been applied for with the Berthing Licence. Charges relating to this service can be found on the Company tariff or website.		