



**MUMBAI PORT TRUST**

**PORT DEPARTMENT**

**HIRING OF LAUNCHES FOR SHORE TO SHIP AND JAWAHAR DWEEP  
PIR PAU / NHAVA SHEVA / J.N.P.T.**

No. DC/C-PR/Hire of Launch/07/1863

20<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

To,

Indian National Shipowners Asson.

Mumbai And Nhava-Sheva Ship-Agents  
Asson.,

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Sub : Hiring of launches for Shore to

Ship and Jawahar Dweep Pir Pau /

Nhava Sheva / J.N.P.T.

All passenger launches operating from Apollo Bunder / Ballard Pier Steps / Ferry Wharf are licensed by Mumbai Port Trust under the Indian Ports Act and are governed by Bombay Passenger Boat Rules as amended from time to time.

As per the statutory requirement to possess a valid Passenger Boat License, each launch owner has to produce Annual Boat Survey Certificate certified by Maharashtra Maritime Board and a valid insurance cover. On submission of these valid certificates along with a License Fee, this office renews Passenger Boat License immediately after 1<sup>st</sup> April each year. Though Passenger Boat License is valid for a year however, the validity corresponds with the insurance / survey date.

Many a times launch owners do not renew their boat license in time and operate unauthorisedly which obviously means that they are not carrying mandatory annual survey and also not paying license fee for water conveyance.

It is, therefore, requested that whilst we are initiating action against defaulting launch owners, there is an urgent need from your end not to hire or contract such launch operators who do not have valid Passenger Boat License for the boat, i.e., they must have valid Passenger Boat License to qualify to bid for the contract.

Alternatively they must produce NOC from the Deputy Conservator to qualify for the contract.

This clause be made mandatory for bidding for every launch operator, in your bidding document.

Further, post July 2004, under the ISPS regime now all launches / barges which are having interface with the ships at anchor or at Jawahar Dweep need to carry a sanitization Certificate from this office which is issued on a daily basis. Thus all ship/shore traffic need to originate and terminate at East Mole, Ballard Pier. No ship/shore traffic should be taken from other places viz., Apollo Bunder or Ferry Wharf. If apprehended not only launch crew but even passengers are subject to prosecution / penalties.

To ease the problem of identification of landing place, the boats have been directed to paint landing space mark on the superstructure as under :

"A" for Apollo Bunder

"B" for Ballard Pier

"F" for Ferry Wharf

Therefore, launches serving your ship in stream or at Pir Pau / Jawahar Dweep are required to be -

- (i) In possession of a valid Passenger Boat License for operating from Ballard Pier Steps for ship to shore operations are duly issued by the Mumbai Port Trust.
- (ii) Should be duly sanitized to interface with ships in stream or to visit Jawahar Dweep / Pir Pau.

**DEPUTY CONSERVATOR**