

## SAFETY ALARMS

In accordance with new Boat Safety Scheme Requirements for Hire Craft, your boat is fitted with one or more smoke alarms of a type fitted in most homes. This will include at least one Carbon Monoxide and smoke alarm.

### IF AN ALARM GOES OFF:

1. Check the source of any smoke or steam, or if there is lighted gas appliance, heater or running engine aboard or nearby.
2. If there is a fire, but no immediate danger, use the fire extinguisher on board or the fire blanket as appropriate. If in any doubt vacate the boat immediately and call 999 for the Fire Brigade.
3. If no fire was detected, check whether the alarm may have been activated by steam from a kettle or shower, or smoke from toasting or cooking. Wait for the vapour to clear and the alarm should stop or can be re-set.
4. If the CO alarm was activated this could have been caused by a lighted gas appliance, heater or a running engine exhaust so turn these off immediately, open all windows and assemble your crew in an open area, either on deck or ashore. If the engine is no longer running and the alarm stops it should be safe to return on board.
5. If still concerned about the safety of your crew or the boat call your home boatyard emergency number.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, highly poisonous gas that can kill in minutes.

Carbon Monoxide poisoning can be caused by **ANY** fuel that burns or smoulders.

Watch out for the symptoms :-

- Mild headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fatigue
- Drowsiness

Ensure you keep the cabin well ventilated.

Standard BBQ's **SHOULD NEVER** be used on boats.