



# YORK SELF-DRIVE HIRE

## CUSTOMER SAFETY BRIEFING/HANDOVER

### EMERGENCY CONTACT 07586 687132

#### GENERAL

**A MEMBER OF THE GROUP MUST BE ASSIGNED AS THE DESIGNATED DRIVER:** The designated driver must attend the handover/safety brief and sign to confirm they understand and take responsibility for the safe navigation of the boat

**CITY CRUISES BUOYANCY AIDS ARE A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT:** It is the responsibility of those onboard to ensure that the buoyancy aid provided by City Cruises are worn at all times during the hire.

**DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONS ONBOARD:** Each Self-Drive boat has a maximum capacity according to the number of seats onboard, as also identified by the onboard signage.

**ALL PASSENGERS MUST STAY INSIDE THE COCKPIT IN THEIR SEATS:** Please do not climb around the boat or attempt to sit on the outside. The Engine box is not a designated seat.

**KEEP YOUR ARMS AND LEGS INSIDE THE BOAT AT ALL TIMES:** This will reduce the chance of any limbs being crushed between the boat and another object.

**CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS IS NOT PERMITTED ONBOARD THE BOAT**

**PLEASE DON'T DROP ANY RUBBISH INTO THE RIVER:** Please keep all your rubbish onboard and empty it into the bins provided at the landing stage.

**PLEASE REPORT IF YOU SEE ANY OIL OR POLLUTION IN THE RIVER:** This helps keep our river clean and healthy.

#### GENERAL

**BASIC INTRODUCTION TO BOAT CONTROLS:** Steering, Starting, Stopping. To be explained at the boat.

**SPEED LIMITS:** The boat's speed is physically limited, however please drive to your ability..

**DRIVE ON THE RIGHT:** Please do not go any closer than two boat width's (4M) from the banks. Any closer than this and you risk running the boat aground.

**OVERTAKE ON THE LEFT:** Never overtake on the right. You risk being trapped between the other boat and the bank or being forced into shallow water.

**ALWAYS GO THROUGH THE MIDDLE ARCH OF BRIDGES:** This will help you avoid running aground. Always allow larger boats through bridges first.

**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE:** Especially from larger boats, who will need more stopping time and river than the Self-Drive boats. If you can't see the Skipper, then they can't see you.



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**DO NOT OVERTAKE LARGER BOATS:** In the event that you need to overtake, ensure there is the distance of two boat width's (4M) between yourself and the other boat. If there is not sufficient distance, do not overtake.

**GIVE WAY TO OTHERS:** If you are unsure as to what a boat is doing then hang back and allow it to complete its manoeuvre..

**KEEP A STEADY COURSE:** Always check it's safe to turn around before making the manoeuvre.

**KEEP OUT OF THE WAY OF ROWERS AND CANOEISTS:** Power driven vessels always give way to human powered vessels.

**AVOID FISHING LINES:** Try to avoid disturbing anyone fishing.

**WHEN MEETING AN APPROACHING VESSEL** Keep to the right and always pass port-to-port (the left side of your boat passes the left side of the approaching boat).

**ONLY LET PASSENGERS ON OR OFF AT THE APPROVED SELF DRIVE LANDING STAGE:** For safety reasons only let passengers on or off at the landing stage, unless in an emergency.

**SOUND SIGNALS:** A sound signal from another boat is an advance warning of an intended manoeuvre. Please keep a good look out and refer to the Customer safety handbook for further information.

## EMERGENCY

**FIRE SAFETY:** Every boat has a fire extinguisher onboard. PULL, AIM, SQUEEZE and SWEEP. For further instructions on use, please refer to the Customer Safety Handbook. .

**MAN OVERBOARD:** Every boat carries at least 2 life-rings, which can be thrown into the water in the event of rescuing a person overboard.

**TECHNICAL:** If you encounter loss of power or require any other emergency assistance please contact the Self Drive team on **07586 687132** OR Signal to a Passenger boat. Each Passenger boat has radio contact with the Self-Drive staff and they are equipped with mobile phones and can pass a message on to the Self-Drive staff for you.

Please note that failure to follow the navigational safety information, failure to respect your fellow river users and generally unruly behaviour could result in **EARLY TERMINATION OF YOUR HIRE AND YOU FORFEITING YOUR DEPOSIT.**  
*We thank you for your anticipated cooperation and hope you enjoy your hire.*