



PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY LIMITED



## Local Notice to Mariners

No 24/2017

### USE OF “KILL CORDS” ON POWERED CRAFT

Following a fatal incident involving the ejection of a family of six from an 8m RIB the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) have issued a safety bulletin drawing attention to the proper use of kill cords on-board powered craft (MAIB Safety Bulletin 1/2013).

The following has been extracted from MAIB Safety Bulletin 1/2013

“The kill cord serves only one purpose, to stop the engine when the driver moves away from the controls.

To ensure that this tragic accident is not repeated it is essential that all owners and operators of vessels fitted with kill cords:

- Test them regularly to ensure that the engine stops when the kill cord mechanism is operated.
- Make sure that the cord is in good condition.
- Always attach the cord securely to the driver, ideally before the engine is started, but certainly before the boat is put in gear.
- Stop the engine before transferring the kill cord to another driver”

For further information on how to use a kill cord go to

<http://www.rya.org.uk/go/killcord>

The full MAIB Safety Bulletin 01/2013 is available at:

[www.maib.gov.uk/publications/safety\\_bulletins/safety\\_bulletin\\_2013/safety\\_bulletin\\_1\\_2013.cfm](http://www.maib.gov.uk/publications/safety_bulletins/safety_bulletin_2013/safety_bulletin_1_2013.cfm)

LNTM No 07/2016 is hereby revoked

*This notice is issued under the powers vested by the Portland Harbour Revision Order 1997.*

Captain M Shipley  
General Manager (Marine)  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Owners, Agents, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.