

To ensure appropriate safety margins in operating pilot launch passenger and cargo transfers the following load restrictions will apply.

1 General Conditions

- 1.1 All BMP launches can take 10 passengers plus the Coxswain and Deckhand making a total of 12 persons on board.
- 1.2 For crew joining or paying off with luggage (up to 32 kg each) the total number of passengers will be limited to 8.
- 1.3 Any individual item of either luggage or cargo should not weigh more than 25 kgs.
- 1.4 To ensure cargo (and luggage) can be safely transferred from the cabin to the foredeck along the side of the launch, each item will have a single handle or lifting point / sling which it can be carried by using one hand.
- 1.5 Even in good conditions the transfer area can be splashed by seawater and therefore any items sensitive to sea water should be adequately sealed.

2 Strong Wind Warning (>25 knots of wind)

- 2.1 When a strong wind warning is forecast or current for the booked time of the transfer then the total onboard will be reduced from 12 to 7.
- 2.2 This will also apply to periods of continuously strong wind in excess of 20 knots which has caused the seas to build up over a couple of days.
- 2.3 During periods of strong winds or forecasts of strong winds, agents should contact the Duty Coxswain to discuss safest scheduling of transfers which may include reduced loads by using additional trips and / or scheduling transfers in day light or favourable current direction.