

# 1 WELCOME

Congratulations on becoming the new owner of a: Bruce 22

Make sure you receive a full explanation of all systems from the person transferring ownership to you.

## 1.1 Boating Experience

If this is your first craft, or you are changing to a type of craft you are not familiar with, for your own comfort and safety, ensure that you obtain handling and operating experience before assuming command of the craft.

Any boat dealer or national sailing federation or yacht club will be pleased to advise you of local sea schools, or competent instructors

Regardless of the craft's seaworthiness and its certified design category, protection from freak sea and wind conditions cannot be guaranteed. Beware of offshore winds and currents. The ability, experience and fitness of the crew, therefore, should be taken into consideration before making any voyage.

## 1.2 Responsibility

It is the boat owner/operator's responsibility to:

- 1 Know the limitations of your boat;
- 2 Follow the rules of the road;
- 3 Keep a sharp lookout for people and objects in the water;
- 4 Ensure that the anticipated wind and sea conditions will correspond to the design category of your boat and that you and your crew are able to handle the boat in these conditions;
- 5 Never sail when the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
- 6 Be aware of the crew/passenger's safety at all times;
- 7 Ensure all crew receive suitable training, particularly with regards to location and operation of safety equipment;
- 8 Reduce speed when there is limited visibility, rough water, people in the water nearby, boats, or structures;
- 9 Ensure the craft is properly maintained at all time;
- 10 Have the craft inspected by qualified personnel at regular intervals and whenever a cause for concern is raised; and
- 11 Ensure compliance with all legislation in place in the area of operation. These may include requirements for the carriage of life saving equipment, licensing of the helmsman and respect for the environment.