

## **MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO.144OF 1999**

(Navigational and Seamanship Safety Practices)

### **Use of Beach Pleasure Hired Boats in Hong Kong Waters**

The attention of owners, persons-in-charge and charterers of Beach Pleasure Hired Boats is drawn to the death of a youngster arising from a recent incident where a floating board was towed by a Beach Pleasure Hired Boat fitted with an engine in Plover Cove, Tai Po. Injury or loss of life could be avoided by observing the legislative requirement and taking simple precautions as follows:-

- (a) Beach Pleasure Hired Boats shall not be fitted with any engine;
- (b) Beach Pleasure Hired Boats shall not be used for towing purpose;
- (c) each Beach Pleasure Hired Boat shall not carry more than 2 persons. All persons, particularly children on board shall wear life-jackets; and
- (d) children on board shall be accompanied by an adult.

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