

# Sweers Island Resort



## SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Alcohol and Boats do not mix. Boat drivers must not be under the influence of alcohol and we recommend that passengers restrict their alcohol intake. It is almost impossible to swim when drunk. Fisheries Inspectors can and do conduct breathalyser tests and the penalty includes not only losing your boat licence but your drivers' licence as well.
- Ensure that you know how to fit and tie a lifejacket. It is too late to learn after you are in the water. Our boats have positive buoyancy. They will support five people even if both hulls are holed. It is usually best to stay with the boat.
- Ensure that you can identify a TOADFISH. If in doubt, ask! Eating Toadfish means death – not an upset stomach, not serious illness but certain death.



TOADFISH



STONEFISH

- Do not walk barefoot in the water. There are STONEFISH in these waters which cause excruciating pain or death and there are Razor Shells, which can cause severe cuts.
- One full tank of fuel will take you once around Sweers Island. It is up to you to ensure that you have enough fuel for your trip.
- Our boats are in survey for daylight only. You must be back at base before last light.
- Most damage to boats and passengers is caused by boats coming alongside each other at sea. If you must come alongside another boat keep fingers, hands, feet etc. completely inside the boat. Anything jammed between the boats will be removed and this could spoil your trip. We are a long way from a hospital.
- Fuel may vent from the air bleeder of fuel tanks. It is highly flammable. Keep matches, cigarette lighters etc clear of the fuel tank at all times.
- Do not sit on gunwales (sides) or bow of the boat when it is moving or stopped. The seats are specifically for this purpose.
- Do not use the lifejackets as seat cushions. Sitting on them renders them useless as lifejackets.
- When freeing a snagged anchor using power, keep hands clear of the anchor rope and bollard.
- Do not leave baited hooks at filleting table (or elsewhere) where birds or animals (dog) may eat them. Do not leave loose hooks lying around boats or beach.