

Passenger Counting Boating Station and Bathampton

Message system

The special telephone number for text messages is <+447797801313>. This should be set up and retained in each driver's mobile phone.

When passengers are discharged or added at each of the two locations a message should be sent in the form:

<SSspaceBBspace99ON99OFF>.

BB is boat code <AM> = Avon Monarch <S2> = Scenic 2 and <SW> = Sir William Pulteney
SS is Site Code <BS> = Boating Station <BH> = Bathampton.
99 = numbers off or on the vessel.

Example <BS S2 2ON 3OFF> (Scenic2 at Boating Station 2 on and 3 Off)

No time is necessary as each message is timestamped by the SMS system.

Internet Sending

Messages can also be sent via the Internet. This is to be preferred as it is quicker to enter the message and the message is always sent in the correct format for subsequent display. Most mobile phones normally have Internet Connectivity.

The link for this facility is:

<http://www.lavistest.com/LevelSystem/SMSsendhtml.html>

The display has pre-formatted drop-down boxes that generate codes as above and sends a message to the same number. A confirmation message is returned to show that an entry has been sent correctly.

Message Recovery

Messages can be recovered via any Internet connected device such as a PC or Mobile phone at the following website:

<http://www.lavistest.com/LevelSystem/SMSEdit.php>

This link will display approximately the last days messages although more than one Months messages are stored on the host system and may be downloaded by other means.

MCA

Boatmasters should remember that it is an MCA requirement that we count and record passenger's at all three locations and that they occasionally carry out incognito checks to ensure we complying with this regulation. Text messaging has been agreed with the MCA for the Boating Station and Bathampton with the paper slip system being retained at Pulteney Weir. If the text message system can be made to operate satisfactorily then it may be introduced at Pulteney Weir at some time in the future.

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