

The Marine Society & Sea Cadets

TRAILER SAFETY

In recent years the Sea Cadets have suffered a number of near misses involving road trailers. Although no serious accident or injury has resulted, this was only because of good fortune. The most recent accident, in which an off side road wheel fell off a trailer owned by the MSSC, very nearly resulted in a head-on collision between the towing vehicle and oncoming traffic, which would almost certainly have proved fatal.

Road Trailers require the same care in use, management and maintenance as do road vehicles and boats. Failure to give them this care is potentially a criminal offence, and will be treated in the Sea Cadets as a serious disciplinary matter.

Change 2 to ASCR 15 Road Transport Regulations has been produced, and incorporated into the parent book. All Area, Training Centre and Unit staff who are involved with management, use and maintenance of road trailers are to familiarise themselves with the new annex without delay, and apply the regulations it contains immediately.

Any trailer which has not been fully maintained within the last year is not to be used, except for the purpose of taking it for maintenance, until it has been fully maintained.

I realise this may seem draconian, but your safety and the safety of the cadets in your care is of prime importance.

