**Life Jackets and LMICs**

**Interview Questions**

**Preamble**

As part of my post graduate research, I am interested in how you feel about the wearing of life jackets in UK/Europe and Low Middle Income Countries (LMICs). In particular their design, and perception of use. I wish to ask you a series of open and closed structured questions via this question sheet. Anticipated time to complete the interview will be approximately 30 – 45 minutes. This interview will be recorded, with all identifiable data deleted after transcription or analysis. Your answers will remain confidential and in line with the university’s ethical guidelines.

Please rate the following responses on a scale of 1 – 5

1 = Strongly Agree 2 = Agree 3 = Neutral 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly Disagree

**Personal information**

1. What is your gender? (Male) (Female) (Other)

2. What is your age group? (18 – 39) (40 – 59) (60 – 79) (80+)

3. Have you ever been involved in a rescue situation? Yes/No

**Sailing experience**

4. How many years boating/sailing experience do you have? Years........................................

5. What size boats do you generally go on? .................................................................

6. Besides UK/European waters, where else have you gone boating/sailing? ............................

7. On average, how many days a year do you normally go boating/sailing? .............................. 8. Do you normally skipper boats/yachts? Yes/No/Sometimes 88 The wearing of life jackets

9. If a life jacket were made available would you wear one? Yes/No/Sometimes

10. (a) Would you always encourage crew members to wear a life jacket? Yes/No/Sometimes

10. (b) Please provide a reason for your response ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

11. Wearing of life jackets should be mandatory? (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

12. Buying a life jacket, you would buy the cheapest ‘basic’ one? (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

13. If money were not an issue, what type of life jacket would you purchase and why? ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

14 (a). If you were offered a Manual-inflating life jacket as the only option, would you wear one? Yes/No/Sometimes

14 (b). Please provide a reason for your response. ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

**Beliefs**

15. Life jacket users are perceived as being novices or non-swimmers (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

16. You think cultural beliefs influence decisions in life jacket use. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

17. Peer pressure is a deciding factor in non-use. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) 89

18. Cheaper ‘basic’ life jackets might encourage use. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

**Legislation and Proposals**

19. The consumption of alcohol should be banned on vessels. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

20. Life jackets should be government subsidised to encourage use. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

21. Fishing communities should have a designated safety representative. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

22. All boat operators and skippers should have a licence to operate. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

23. The wearing of life jackets for children should be mandatory. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Life Jackets and Low Middle Income Countries (LMICs)

24. What do you feel about promoting European-standard life jackets for use in LMICs. ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

25. What do you think about the supplying of passenger aircraft-style life jackets for LMICs? ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

26. What do you think about relaxing life jacket standards to make them more accessible to LMICs? ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 90

27. What do you think the likely reason would be for not wanting to wear a life jacket? ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

28. Can you make any suggestions to reduce drowning events in these areas? ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

29. What life jacket safety features do you consider as essential? ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

30. Is there anything else you would like to add? ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------