Instructions for voyagers on FB POLARFUCHS

On the basis of the "Instructions for Voyagers" for voyages with GEOMAR research ships, the special circumstances for the use of the Polarfuchs research cutter are stated here:

Captain’s authority to issue instructions:  
The captain has the highest authority with regard to crew members and other persons on board (Art 121 SeeArbG [Law pertaining to work at sea]). Instructions from the captain must be complied with.

Maximum number of persons on board:  
The construction and equipment safety certificate which is issued by the Federal Ministry of Transport allows a maximum of six persons plus two crew members, in compliance with the following conditions:

• Research voyages in the Kiel Fjord, the Kiel Canal, on the Elbe and the Eider
• National voyages in the Western Baltic in good weather
• No voyages in case of ice

If the number of persons is exceeded, the permit for the voyage becomes void. In this case, the captain is instructed not to depart. Infringements against this can result in the immediate decommissioning of the ship and heavy fines. In addition, the insurance cover in case of damage becomes void. Only the persons who are listed by name in the "Voyage Instruction" form may participate in the voyage.

Health and safety:  
Personal protective equipment must be worn for work on deck. This consists of non-slip safety footwear and automatically triggered working life jackets (min. buoyancy 150 N). If required, working life jackets will be provided on the ship. Suitable work clothing and work gloves must be worn, depending on the type of work. A safety helmet must be worn when working with cranes. For work outdoors, adequate sun protection (full length clothing, headgear, sunglasses, UV skin protection) must be worn as necessary. In addition, the on-board regulations and protective measures which are specified in the risk assessment for the particular work must be complied with.