



BEAULIEU RIVER SAILING CLUB

RISK ASSESSMENT

Amended: 18 May 2021

Original: 23 May 2005

Activities usually carried out by the club

Dinghy Sailing at Needs Ore and the Factory Fields

Main dinghies are Scows, Lasers Toppers and Optimists

HAZARD	CONTROLS MEASURES IN PLACE	RISK FACTOR	FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES
<p>Capsize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immersion in Water• Drowning• Hypothermia• Getting Trapped• Inability to right the boat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buoyancy aids currently worn at all times which comply to RYA recommendations of greater than 50N• Sailing in a buddy system where in close proximity to other boats• Awareness of risk• Beginners shown how to right a capsized craft• Rescue boats cover, driven by people with RYA safety boat qualifications• Maintain a controlled sailing area with adequate safety craft ratio	<p>High</p>	

<p>Racing Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falling overboard • Capsizing • Physical Injury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sailors taking part should be aware of the risks and have their own boat insurance • All participants are required to wear adequate clothing and buoyancy • Race Officer to decide if conditions are suitable to hold race and should check before the start that all the Rescue Crews are familiar with their boats and their rescue equipment • The Race Officer is empowered to reduce length of course or cancel racing • The Racing Rules of Sailing are mandatory and will be obeyed by all competitors • The Race Office will maintain a controlled racing area suitable for the conditions and the time of year 	<p>High</p>	
<p>Club House Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft • Vandalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety boats and fuel should be checked before racing • All equipment must be locked away 	<p>High</p>	<p>Vandalism and theft are an issue due to the remote location. Secure lockers should be used at all times and no valuables should be left in the clubhouse overnight</p>
<p>Collision with another boat or obstacle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat Damage • Sinking • Physical Injury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the basic RYA rules • Awareness of local hazards and manoeuvrability of other boats in the river when setting the racing courses • Helming by beginners should be supervised according to the weather conditions 	<p>Medium</p>	

<p>General Medical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bee/Other stings • Asthma attacks • Animal bites • Panic Attacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid available. • Awareness of risks • Parents should notify the person in charge of any relevant medical conditions • If there is a serious risk or allergy the parent should remain to supervise the child 	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Our First Aid kits were medically reviewed in 2010 and are checked yearly before sail training for all the appropriate medication. First Aid kits are in the Donkey Field hut and Needs Ore and there is a small amount of First Aid available in the Rescue boat kit</p> <p>A list of first aid with instructions is in each box. When dialling 999, the ambulance instructions for Needs Ore are required as the postcode does not give an accurate location</p>
<p>Training Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falling overboard • Capsizing • Physical Injury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants and their parents should be aware of the risks and have their own boat insurance. They are responsible for checking that their boats are in a seaworthy safe condition • All participants are required to wear adequate clothing and buoyancy and have spare clothing and snacks available on the shore • Training Officer to decide if conditions are suitable to hold training session and should check before the start that all the Rescue Crews and Instructors are familiar with their boats and their rescue equipment. The Instructors should be briefed on their charges and decide whether they are competent to deal with the conditions • The Training Officer should reduce the length of the session if required 	<p>Slight when parents observe the rules</p>	

Hypothermia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate warm clothing • Suitable wetsuit or dry suit advisable • Windproof clothing advisable • Sailing stops if too cold • Warm drinks are available ashore • Shelter available from the wind when not sailing • Rescue boat drivers are aware of the stages of hypothermia and need to be capable of returning someone to shore within the required time 	Slight when appropriate measures taken into account	
Dehydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone should have access to water • In hot weather, the Safety boat crews should be aware of this and have water on board 	Slight	
Weather <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collision • Capsize • Injury • Lightning Strikes • Cold • Strong Wind • Sunburn • Dehydration • Cold / Snow / Ice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No sailing in poor visibility • No sailing during lightening • Suntan lotion • Sunglasses • Drinks available • Small sails for strong winds 	Slight	

<p>Changing Weather Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudden change in wind strength leading to capsize or damage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather forecast before going afloat • Come ashore if conditions worsen 	<p>Slight</p>	
<p>Injury from equipment on the boat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Injury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazard Awareness • Wear appropriate clothing • Check the boat is properly rigged before going afloat • Helming by beginners should be supervised according to the weather conditions 	<p>Slight</p>	
<p>Infected water or mud</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring leptospirosis (Weils Disease) or other water borne disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover Cuts • Awareness of dirty water • First Aid Available 	<p>Slight</p>	<p>Our First Aid kits were medically reviewed in 2010 and are checked yearly before sail training for all the appropriate medication First Aid kits are in the Donkey Field hut and Needs Ore and there is a small amount of First Aid available in the Rescue boat kit</p> <p>A list of first aid with instructions is in each box When dialling 999, the ambulance instructions for Needs Ore are required as the postcode does not give an accurate location</p>
<p>Physical Injury from Launching/ Recovery of boats on slipway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall • Pulled muscles and ligaments • Cuts • Fractures • Immersion in water (cold and drowning) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members advised as to the best way to lift • Wear suitable clothing and especially footwear • First Aid Available • Warnings given of glass in the mud 	<p>Slight</p>	<p>Cuts are a Sail training hazard so we try to keep the children out of the mud</p>

<p>Rescue boats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falling overboard Injury from propeller 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buoyancy Aid to be worn at all times Helmsman to hold a minimum qualification of "RYA Powerboat Level 2" Kill Chords to be worn at all times All passengers to be seated while vessel is making way Rescue boats should have neutral Yellow safety canister holding knife, wire cutters and wound dressing to be taken on the water at all times 	<p>Slight</p>	<p>Flares were added to the safety boat kit in 2018</p>
<p>Pontoon Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crush injuries Seals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify novices the dangers of trapping fingers/limbs between the pontoon and the boat Warning not to approach if seals(s) is/area on the pontoon 	<p>Slight</p>	<p>The seal has been sighted this year (2021) so people need to be warned. June will check with the harbour master before sail training</p>
<p>Slipway Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falling injuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The slipway is exposed to the elements and can be slippery the appropriate foot wear should be worn 	<p>Slight</p>	
<p>Club House Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire in the building Electrical Safety Sail locker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Fire extinguishers and a fire blankets are provided and checked yearly No electricity so we are covered Sails are stored on racks 	<p>Slight</p>	<p>Gas and fire extinguishers were checked 2021. There is a book in the club house where monthly checks should be recorded</p> <p>Discussed the use of steps or try to encourage taller members to use the top racks</p>
<p>Covid 19</p>		<p>Slight</p>	<p>The club endeavours to follow the RYA guidelines as what activities are permissible and how they should be undertaken. This is also reviewed by a Covid subcommittee</p>

<p>Social Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost Member • Mugging etc • Child protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never had a mugging and there are security gates to enter • Most parents know all the children and the club house is too small • No child is ever on their own with an instructor or parent 	<p>Very slight</p>	<p>We are a small club where we all know each other. Any parent with any worries can sit on the shore and watch their child</p> <p>During Sail training please feel free to stay with your child or discuss any concerns with June Kirkman (Senior Sailing) or Alice Bubear (Junior Sailing)</p>
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NB. Covid 19 has been added and the various safety checks. Alice Bubear has been added for child protection during Junior sailing. The 2021 assessment was emailed to all committee members for comments

Assessment undertaken : 18/05/2021

Signed JUNE KIRKMAN (Sail Training) _____

Signed BILL VANCE (Captain) _____