



Risk Assessment - Windsurfing

Appendix vi)

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Hazard	Present Precautions	New or Change to Precautions (since last document review)
Slipping and falling around the site	During briefing at the start session, participants are warned not to run up and down the slipway as it can be very slippery. Slipway kept clear of algae, weed and stones, and visual scan to identify any on-water hazards eg creel lines across sailing area	
Drowning	All persons on the water must wear a suitable buoyancy aid or life jacket. No persons are permitted to take to the water without the safety boat in operation, crewed by a qualified person holding a minimum of RYA Power Boat Level 2 and a valid First Aid Certificate.	
Cold – Hypothermia	All on the water participants must be wearing suitable clothing i.e. close-fitting wetsuit, dry suit, etc.	
Operation of Safety Boat	The Safety Boat (RIB) is manned by any person approved by the Senior Instructor and must hold a minimum of RYA Power Boat Level 2 and a valid First Aid Certificate.	While engine is running, a kill cord must be worn around right leg of the driver. When in contact with persons in the water the engine should be switched off.
Fleet Control	The whole fleet must be within sight of the Safety Boat crew. VHF Radios should be used for communication between the Safety Boat, shore and Instructors.	VHF communication will be on Channel 06 except when making a ‘Mayday’ call for a life threatening emergency when Channel 16 is used.

Equipment	Boards to be rigged on floor of boat house to avoid loss of small components on shore. Carry boards down to water's edge in pairs emphasising correct stance for lifting ie bent legs, straight backs. Assembled rigs last to go down and correct means of carrying ie back to wind and allow wind to flow under flat sail.
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Weather and tide conditions	Instructors will decide whether to take any group on the water. If unsure they must bring their concerns to the attention of the Senior Instructor or Decision Maker who will take the final decision. The safety of the participants will always be the overall deciding factor.
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Medical conditions of participants	When attending an on-the-water session, participants must bring to the Club and its staff's attention any medical conditions that may be or could become a hazard while on the water. Participants with conditions that may require medication will not be allowed to take part if they do not have their medication with them.	Instructors must be told about any condition of their pupils and must have to hand any medication their student supplies – ideally carried inside a dry-pouch when on the water.
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General Club Equipment	Participants will be advised to be careful when carrying boards, dangers of sudden wind shifts and other water users.
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