



Risk Assessments | Powerboating

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Hazard	Present Precautions	New or Change to Precautions (since last document review)
<p>ON LAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trips and slips, falls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing re slipping on seaweed, slipway, and falling from edge of slip. Slipway kept clean as far as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote culture of tidiness in and around clubhouse to minimise risk Encourage participants to move around carefully and unhurriedly ie no running
<p>ON WATER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falling overboard Cold water shock Hypothermia Drowning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
<p>OPERATION OF SAFETY BOAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelling in the safety boat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat(s) to be equipped per RYA check list The Safety Boat (RIB) is manned by any person approved by the Senior Instructor and who 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crew should remain seated unless directed otherwise by skipper Crew briefed about keeping hands in-board especially when in contact with other vessels/objects Encourage a culture of predicting when tricky situations may arise and act in an appropriate way Ensure painters are short enough so as not to entangle in propeller

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- Mechanical breakdown, engine failure

- Fuel

- Regular engine maintenance schedule per manufacturer's recommendation,
- Pre-operation RYA checks.
- Skipper to report any defects right away and action to be taken.
- Fuel will be kept in a dedicated metal fuel storage bunker

FLEET CONTROL

- The whole fleet must be within sight of the Safety Boat crew and the club limits of operation – see map in boat house
- VHF Radios (Channel 6) should be used for communication between the Safety Boat, shore and Instructors.

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.
