



## Risk Assessment - Dinghy

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Hazard	Present Precautions	New or Change to Precautions (since last document review)
Slipping and falling around the site	<p>During briefing at the start session, participants are warned not to run up and down the slipway as it can be very slippery.</p> <p>After use launching trolleys are removed to ensure a clearway between the boathouse and the end of the slipway.</p> <p>Slipway kept clear of algae, weed and stones.</p>	
Drowning	<p>All persons on the water must wear a suitable buoyancy aid or life jacket.</p> <p>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>	
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.
Fleet Control	<p>The whole fleet must be within sight of the Safety Boat crew.</p> <p>VHF Radios should be used for communication between the Safety Boat, shore and Instructors.</p>	VHF communication will be on Channel 06 except when making a 'Mayday' call for a life threatening emergency when Channel 16 is used.

## Appendix i)

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Sailing – knocks to the head from boom and general bumps and bangs	During teaching of new sailors the instructors will highlight any hazards aboard sailing vessels.	
	All sailing boats must be in full working condition as designed by manufacturer. All split pins and other sharp edges must be taped up.	
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.	Skye Sailing Club is always RISK AVERSE
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.
General Club Equipment	Participants will be advised to be careful when carrying masts, the weight of boats on trolleys and to be wary of equipment being set up by other participants that could be caught by the wind.  Fuel will be stored in a dedicated metal fuel storage bunker.	

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