

RBSC Risk Assessment

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HAZARD	RISK	CONTROL MEASURES in PLACE	ACTIONS	ACTION by WHO / WHEN
1) Drowning	LOW	1) Personal buoyancy aids, correctly fitted to be worn at all times both on the jetties and when afloat. 2) Children, to wear well fitted personal buoyancy aids when near or on the water. Under 5 years of age at all times. 3) Life ring, with heaving line sited outside the clubhouse.		
2) Hypothermia	LOW	1) All single handed sailors are strongly advised to wear wetsuits or drysuits during the winter season. 2) All sailors are strongly advised to wear wetsuits or drysuits when ever a capsize is likely, especially during winter months. 3) Sailors are advised to wear appropriate clothing for the conditions. 4) Safety boat available to assist sailors in the water as required. 4) Sailors to supply towels and dry clothes as necessary. 6) Hot showers available.		
3) Capsize	HIGH – LOW (depending on wind conditions and type of dinghy sailed.)	1) Sailing alone (i.e. no other members at the Club) is strongly advised against. 2) Personal buoyancy aids, correctly fitted, should be worn at all times when afloat. 3) Safety boats available to assist sailors in the water as required. 4) Sailors are advised to practise righting their own boats. 5) Dinghy buoyancy should be checked at least once a year. 6) Emergency Response Procedures in place.		
4) Injuries Whilst Sailing	MEDIUM - LOW	1) First Aid Kit available in the Clubhouse 2) Safety boat to assist as required 3) Emergency Response Procedures in place.		
5) Injuries Onshore	MEDIUM - LOW	1) First Aid Kit available in the Clubhouse 2) Emergency Response Procedures in place		

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6) Slips and Falls on Jetties and Slipways	MEDIUM - LOW	1) Running not allowed on jetties or slipways 2) Stiff brooms available for sweeping down the jetties and slipways 3) Regular cleaning with pressure washer. 4) Non-slip matting on slipways.	1) Installation on non-slip matting in progress	Derek
7) Racing Accidents	MEDIUM	1) All helms should have a basic knowledge of the right of way rules. 2) Safety boat to assist as required		
8) Safety Boat Preparation	LOW	1) No smoking or naked flames when refuelling engine. 2) A heaving line with float to be carried on the Safety Boat. 3) A mud weight to be carried on the Safety Boat.		
9) Safety Boat Operations	MEDIUM	1) All helmsmen must have experience or training in safety boat use. 2) When the safety boat is on duty the crew will be two (one with a minimum age of 18 years and a second with a minimum age of 14). 3) A Kill Cord must be attached both to Helmsman & Dory when afloat. 4) Crew to be in radio contact with OOD and positioned so all boats can be monitored. 5) The safety boat engine to be cut when retrieving sailors from the water.	1) On gong Training for Safety Boat Helmsman	

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10) Fire	LOW	1) Fire fighting equipment in Clubhouse. 2) Emergency Response Procedures in place. 3) Fire extinguisher on engine shed door.	1) Inspection of Fire fighting equipment carried out as required 2) Fire extinguisher to fitted to engine shed door 3) "Flammable liquids" sign to be fitted on the outside of engine shed door	
11) Storm Damage	LOW	1) All dinghies subject to be blown about in strong winds, should be secured to the ground when not in use, especially during winter. 2) Removal of overhanging hazardous branches as practical. 3) Emergency Response Procedures in place		
12) Thunder & Lighting	High (when present) – Low (as not a common occurrence most of the year)	1) When sailing it is up to the individual sailor to decide if he/she should come off the water when there is a thunder and lighting in the area. It is highly recommended that all sailors come off the water until the risk has passed.		

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DEFINATIONS:

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| 1) Hazard | - Something which could cause potential harm |
| 2) Risk | - The likelihood that a specific hazard may occur |
| 3) Risk Levels | - High, Medium, Low |
| 3) Control Measures | - Measures put in place to reduce the risk |
| 4) Actions | - Requirement to further reduce the risk |