



HIGHCLIFFE SAILING CLUB LTD (Founded 1962)

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Safety Policy And Risk Assessments



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Introduction

All members please be advised that Highcliffe Sailing Club Ltd (HSC) is run by the members for the benefit of the members. We all have a responsibility for our own Health and Safety and the safety of others, particularly our junior members. No guidelines can replace the core responsibilities of all members who sail and paddle, to support each other on and off the water. It is the member’s responsibility to please follow the advice and guidance laid down in this safety policy and risk assessments and not to engage in any activity that puts you or others at risk of injury.

Any form of sailing and paddling, especially on the open sea, carries an element of risk. HSC members taking part in sailing/paddling, and in any events organized by HSC, do so at their own risk. The decision on whether to sail or paddle on a given day rests ultimately with the helm and crew of the boat / paddler. HSC however, has a responsibility to ensure that safe sailing and paddling is promoted at all times. The safety policy is based on a risk assessments of HSC’s principal activities and are built on the accumulated experience of people who have sailed and paddled at HSC over the years.

The following document includes our Safety Policy and Risk Assessments. All members should read the appropriate sections before sailing, paddling, taking part in club sailing races, organised activities or hiring club boats / kayaks. Safety Boat Helms and Officers of the day (OODs) must be familiar with all sections of this document.

Due to the nature of the Club, sailors and paddlers do not need to provide evidence that they have read this document. However, the Club has the right to remove a member from any activity if they are not following these procedures.

This an active document and should reflect a true account of what happens and will be reviewed every year. Members who wish to comment on the safety policy and risk assessments should contact a member of the committee.



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Guiding Principles

Highcliffe Sailing Club Ltd recognises that there are always risks associated with sailing and paddling. The club Safety policy is based on the following guiding principles:

- Responsibility for the safe operation of the club rests with the members.
- The Policy will ensure, as far, as is reasonably practical, those safe conditions are maintained within the clubhouse, dinghy park and on the water.
- The Policy is intended to minimise the risks associated with activities on or of the water.
- Club members have a duty of care, to take all reasonable steps to avoid injuring other club members and water users or damaging others equipment.
- Members participating in all activities, on or off the water do so at their own risk.
- It is a fundamental principle of maritime law that the skipper is responsible for the safety of his vessel and its crew.
- It is the skipper's responsibility to decide whether to start or continue sailing/paddling.



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Clubhouse

General

Members should treat the clubhouse and equipment with respect and report any faults to a committee member or email office@highcliffesailing.co.uk. The safety/condition of the clubhouse is reviewed at every committee meeting.

Wet and Dry Areas

The clubhouse has a "wet area" (foyer, changing rooms and toilets) and a dry area (main hall i.e., dining area and bar). The wet area may be very slippery, and members should take care in this area. Wet clothing or equipment should not be taken into the dry area.

Kitchen/Galley

This area contains similar equipment to a home kitchen. Care should be taken, and no children under 14 are permitted in the Galley.

Fire

The clubhouse has 5 fire exit routes, the main entrance, the two doors facing the harbour from the main hall, galley, and upstairs landing fire escape. Members are asked not to obstruct these exits.

The clubhouse has clearly visible fire extinguishers in the foyer, outside the galley and upstairs. There are also smoke / fire alarms. All equipment is inspected annually and tested as required.

Hazardous Substances/Equipment

All hazardous substances/equipment must be stored in the race cupboard and bosun's locker with the permission of the committee. General household cleaners may be kept in the Galley and the bar back room.

Hazardous substances/equipment (for example DIY equipment) must only be used in the clubhouse with the permission of the committee.

Fuel

Fuel is to be stored in the locked fuel locker and not brought into the clubhouse.

Smoking/Vaping

Smoking and Vaping is not permitted in the clubhouse or on the balconies and access stairs. It is also not permitted in the rib shed/bosuns locker or within their immediate vicinity.

First Aid

There is a first aid kit located in the foyer.



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Dinghy Park

General

Members should report any safety issues to a committee member or email office@highcliffesailing.co.uk. The safety/condition of the dinghy park is reviewed at every committee meeting. Maintenance of the slipway and launching areas is the responsibility of Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council (BCP)

Insurance

All Craft / Kayaks using the dinghy park must have valid third-party liability insurance.

Long Term Craft / Kayak Storage

All craft / Kayaks left in the dinghy park must be tied down securely.

Short Term Craft / Kayak Storage

Care is to be taken when leaving craft / Kayaks for any length of time (especially if rigged with sails) to ensure they will not move or fall over. If a member finds a craft/ Kayak where this might happen, they should alert the owner/user (if possible) before attempting to move it.

Moving Craft / Kayaks

Care should be taken when moving craft /Kayaks, especially if they are rigged. Members are advised to take extra care when moving Craft rigged with sails and ensure the Craft is always pointing as close into wind as is possible.

Footwear

Members maintain and repair craft in the dinghy park. This can lead to sharp objects or chemicals such as adhesive and paint being left on the ground. Members of the public have access to the dinghy park and can discard hazardous rubbish. Members are advised to always wear footwear in the dinghy park.

Smoking

Smoking and vaping is not permitted in or around any HSC boats.



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Public Slipway & Launching Areas

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Most accidents at sailing clubs happen when launching and landing craft. The grip on the surface of the public slipway and dinghy park slipways/launching areas can change from week to week. There are also underwater hazards such as moored boat's anchors and chains. Members are asked to report any problems to a committee member or email office@highcliffesailing.co.uk.

The condition of the dinghy park slipway and launching areas is reviewed at every committee meeting. However, maintenance of the slipway and launching areas is the responsibility of Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council (BCP) and the club is engaged in a continuous conversation with the authorities to improve these facilities.

Keeping the Slipways Clear

When Craft / Kayaks are sailing or paddling from the club the dinghy park slipways are to be used for launching and landing only and members are asked to keep the slipways clear.

Members must not block the dinghy park slipways by leaving Craft / Kayaks, or preparing Craft on them.

Harbour Launching and Landing

Members are encouraged to help others when launching and landing Craft (without putting themselves at risk). Some combinations of waves, wind and tide can make launching and landing dangerous.

Gundimore Beach Launching and Landing

We have the use of launching from the beach at Gundimore, mainly for Sailing Open Meetings, but must observe the Council's licence terms:

- Gates to be closed immediately after use.
- Access ways must be kept clear.
- Sails to be rigged on the beach.
- Warning signs to be placed at either end of Gundimore when in use.
- Consider all members of the public.

Officers of the day (race officer and assistant / support boat helms and crew) “OODs”

Members are reminded that whilst the OODs are encouraged to help with the launching and landing of craft and often do, it is not their responsibility and they do not have to. The Club expects members taking part in an activity to help one another launch and land.



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Club Racing

Sailing Race Area

The Club sailing race area is as defined below and illustrated on the chart in the foyer.

- Harbour Racing
- Sea Racing

OOD's Risk assessment prior to race

The OOD's will need to consider many items prior to allowing racing to take place including but not exclusively:

- The Weather conditions.
- The tide state.
- The number of boats racing.
- The competence and experience of the support boat helms.
- The type of boats racing.
- The experience of the sailors racing.
- Their own competence and confidence to run the race in the conditions.

The club provides a risk assessment matrix (see below) which needs to be completed prior to every race session by the OOD's to assist with their assessment. The risk assessment value is to be written on the signing on form.

There are several rules for the OOD's when setting a course:

- All course marks shall exist entirely within the area defined above - however an element of judgement must be exercised as the definition is approximate.
- Navigation, Christchurch SC, Council marks or any other buoyage/marks must not be used as marks of the course.
- The course should be adjusted to take into account the wind direction and strength, making allowance for boats that may in the event of a capsize drift towards the Run and Christchurch Ledge (At Sea).
- The OOD's or club support boat(s) should be able to see all competitors from where they are positioned.
- The club support boat(s) will be expected to assist any club member within the racing area or near vicinity, whether racing or not, including paddlers.



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The following rules apply to all Sail boat races:

- All sailors boats must have valid third-party liability insurance.
- It is the OODs decision to hold a race or cancel a race due to weather/sea conditions.
- The support boat(s) will be launched and be on the water prior to the start time of the race. They remain on the water throughout the races. The support boat(s) shall not leave the water until all boats are ashore and the OOD has agreed.
- The OOD’s must cancel a race at any time they feel they cannot provide adequate support cover.
- Club members must respect the OOD’s decision.
- The OOD’s can refuse entry in a race to anyone they feel is a danger to other sailors.
- The OOD’s can refuse entry in a race to any boat they feel is un-seaworthy or inadequately equipped for the conditions.
- The OOD’s can refuse entry in a race to anyone they feel they cannot provide safety cover for.
- At least 2 of the OOD’s should be suitable dressed and ready to enter the water at all times.

Support Boats

The club owns and operates 2 RIBS and a Rigiflex Support boat. Any member who finds a fault with these boats or their equipment should inform a committee member or email office@highcliffesailing.co.uk. The condition of the support boats is reviewed at every committee meeting.

The club will have a minimum of one support boat (two at Sea) on the water during each organised sailing event. This boat /boats shall be launched prior to the start of the event. Members choosing to sail ahead of this accept they are sailing without support. However, in providing this boat the club does not accept any liability.

The support boat crew is expected to provide cover for those racing and for members social sailing or paddling within the vicinity of the racing area. Social sailors and paddlers on the water beyond the immediate vicinity of the race area are deemed as sailing / paddling without support cover.

Support Boat Helms

Any member over the age of 16 may operate the club support boats. All helms should preferable have at least a level 2 powerboat certificate or have had a familiarisation session. Support boats



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should always be manned with a helm and crew, except in exceptional circumstances and only with permission of the OOD's.

Junior members over 14 years of age may also operate the support boats if:

- They hold an RYA Level 2 Powerboat Certificate (or higher)
- And an adult, with a RYA Level 2 Powerboat Certificate (or higher) is also in the boat.

Junior members under 14 are not permitted to helm an HSC support boat.

Support Boat Checklist

Before launching, each support boat must be checked to ensure:

- The engine will start, and trim button is operating.
- The kill cord works.
- At least one line/tow rope is on board.
- The appropriate Yellow safety box is on board.
- An anchor and warp are on board.
- The tubes are adequately inflated.
- There is sufficient fuel in the tank /tanks.
- The air vent in the fuel tank is open.
- A radio is onboard and working. See radio card in safety box for channel information.
- There are 2 paddles in the boat.
- Ensure bungs are in.
- Check drainage tube is raised.
- The boat appears in good working order all round.

A kill cord must be worn and used by anybody driving a club support boat at all times. This is to be secured around the leg above the knee in accordance with RYA guidelines.

Support Boat operating procedures

- Refer to the support boat operating procedure leaflet.



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Water Activities at Other Times

Members are free to use club facilities and the water at any time. However, they should remember that support cover is only available at organised club events.

Children are the responsibility of their parent, guardian, or a supervising adult during these activities. The club does not carry out risk assessments for members taking part in these activities, it is the responsibility of individual members to make their own assessments of risk, by taking into account factors such as weather, tides, skill, experience, equipment etc. For the purpose of this policy all social sailing / paddling is classified as not being a club organised event.

Club members are requested to enter their name and sailing/paddling location in the logbook (in foyer) noting their launch and landing times. (this is for the purpose of logging club member activities and should not be deemed as a safety log)

HSC recommends the BUDDY system for individual sailors / paddlers going on the water. Or advise a person ashore that you are going afloat and then notify them of your safe return. Alternatively, we also recommend, the use of an App such as RYA Safetrx or similar safety system.

The club has only one Rule covering all water activities at all times:

Life jackets or buoyancy aids (Appropriate CE approved, e.g., min.150N life jackets or 50N buoyancy aids) must be worn by all those on/in or near the water at all times, and appropriate clothing, such as wet suits or dry suits, suitable for the prevailing weather conditions and temperatures. Between November 1st and 30th March dry suit or wet suits are required.

Navigation Hazards

Harbour:

- Strong currents near the harbour entrance.
- Mudeford Ferry manoeuvring in strong currents and in confined areas.
- RNLI lifeboat launching for an emergency.
- Moored boats and moorings.
- There are two marked channels of deep water, away from these channels depth of draught is a problem for many craft. A depth of tide 1.4 m above chart datum is a sensible depth to take as minimum.

Christchurch Bay

- 4/5 knots+ current in the “Run” with breaking seas on the “Bar” and the channel is liable to shift during the year.
- There is a post marking the extent of the rock groyne called Clarendon rocks which extends south from the Mudeford sandbank some 200 meters. It is prohibited to sail between the post and Mudeford sandbank.
- The tides can also be very strong around Hengistbury Head and the “Ledge” can get very rough.



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Training Events

The club organises several training sessions and events for members and junior members throughout the season.

Club members who will be referred to as coaches in this document, run these sessions. These coaches are volunteers.

The following rules apply to these events:

- At least one coach will be a RYA Qualified Dinghy Sailing Instructor (coastal) at each sailing event, and a suitable qualified person for paddling events.
- The club will have support boat/boats on the water, crewed and in action for every 6 craft (best practice defined by RYA). With a maximum of 18 craft in the harbour and 12 at sea.
- If more members wish to sail or paddle, than the club can provide support cover for, the members will have to take turns on the water.
- The coaches can stop any member sailing or paddling at any time.
- The coaches will decide which member will sail/paddle which craft.
- No members can sail or paddle unless a support boat is on the water.
- A qualified First Aider will be present at each training event.

Special Events

From time to time the club will organise special events, for example RYA training days or long-distance races, open meetings etc. Some of these events will not be covered by this safety policy or will be run under different policies. If this is the case members will be informed of the different policies/risks either before the event in written notices or during the immediate pre-event briefing.



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Club Hire Craft /Kayaks

The club has a selection of sailing Craft / Kayaks for members to hire for use within the sailing areas.

To hire and sail one of these craft, members must have:

- Been shown how to rig and de- rig the boat by a competent club member and have taken note of the navigation hazards within the sailing areas (see above) or demonstrated their paddling abilities to a competent club member.
- Completed a booking on webcollect.
- Signed on to the race sheet (if they are racing) or sign in and out in the logbook in foyer.
- Have the OODs permission to hire a boat. (if racing)
- Checked the Craft for faults or had the Craft checked by another member and agree it is in a suitable condition for sailing/paddling.
- It is the responsibility of social sailors and users of club hired Craft to keep clear of racing boats.

Craft / Kayaks are not available to hire if the wind gusting strength is greater than 20 Knots

Any member who finds a fault with these craft or their equipment should inform a committee member or email office@highcliffesailing.co.uk

The committee appoints a club member / members to oversee maintenance of these craft. The club undertakes to provide members with safe seaworthy craft but accepts no other responsibility for members who hire boats. The condition of the craft is reviewed at every committee meeting.

The ultimate decision to use a club boat is with the hirer and it is their responsibility to assess the conditions of the craft, weather, tide and their own competence for the conditions and therefore use the craft at their own risk.



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Junior Members and Children

General

There are 4 categories of membership that include children, these are:

Family Membership

Comprising individual members and their children up to the age of 25 whilst still living in the family home.

Single membership for single persons over the age of 21 years

Intermediate Membership

A member aged 16 to 25 inclusive (whether family or Independent).

All children are at all times the responsibility of their parent/guardian or designated adult member acting in loco parentis and that adult must be present (either in the clubhouse, dinghy park or close by or on the club's sailing area) whenever the junior member is at the club. One person can act as designated adult for as many children as they feel capable of supervising.

To simplify this document the term "designated adult" will be substituted for and can be assumed to mean "parent/guardian" or designated adult member acting in "loco parentis" from here onwards.

Racing & Events Other Than Training

It is the designated adult's responsibility to decide whether a child should start or continue a race.

All children taking part in a race must be signed on to the race sheet. The club would also request designated adults inform the OOD's of the following:

- Their level or experience
- Any relevant medical conditions

The OOD's can refuse to allow any child to compete in a race if they feel the conditions are hazardous or they cannot provide adequate support cover. In allowing a child to compete in a race the OOD's and club do not take any responsibility or liability for that child. It is the designated adult's responsibility to ensure a child can launch, sail, paddle and land safely.



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Supervision of Children under 12 at Racing & Events Other Than Training

The club would expect a child under 12 years old to be closely supervised by a designated adult. A child under 12 should not be left alone on the club premises whilst their designated adult goes sailing and if a child under 12 is sailing or paddling then their designated adult should either be on the craft with them, on another craft nearby or on the shore monitoring their progress.

Designated adults of children over 12 years old should not assume they do not require the same level of supervision and must decide what supervision is appropriate based on the child's experience health and the weather conditions. Club coaches may be able to advise on a child's sailing/paddling ability but the responsibility for deciding on the level of supervision rests solely with the designated adult.

Training Events

The club organises several training sessions and events for members and junior members throughout the season.

Any child wishing to take part in these sessions can do so provided:

- They have the permission of their parent/guardian.
- A designated adult is present (in the clubhouse, dinghy park or close by or in the club sailing area) throughout.
- The club has been given a Medical Consent Form (see page 16) covering the child during the activity and the coach/club informed in writing of any relevant medical conditions.

Supervision of Children at Training Events

The extra supervision requirements of the club for a child under 12 do not apply whilst a child is actively involved in a club training session (This allows designated adults to go sailing whilst their children are in training). However, if for any reason a child stops being involved in a training session, the designated adult should apply the rules for events other than training.

Supervision of Children during Events over Multiple sites

During these events, the rules outlined already apply however the instructor/organiser shall advise of his expectations for parental supervision and may refuse participation if adequate parental supervision is not available.



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Medical consent form

I, the Parent / Guardian * of:

- Name of Participant

give permission to the coaches participating in activities during the period.

- Date of Event

to administer any relevant treatment or medication to the named participant, when/if necessary. I shall inform the organising body of any known conditions and medication requirements.

In addition, if the case arises, I authorise the members of staff to take my son/daughter to hospital and give full permission for any treatment required to be carried out in accordance with the hospital's diagnosis. I understand that I shall be notified, as soon as possible, of the hospital visit and any treatment given by the hospital.

Parent / Guardian's* Consent

- Name of Participant
- Name of Parent / Guardian
- Relationship to Participant
- Signature of Parent / Guardian*

* delete as applicable.



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Guests

Guests are the responsibility of the members who invited them to the club. These members should be present whenever their guest are in the club.

Members who bring guests to the club should remember that a sailing club can be a dangerous place for the inexperienced and should supervise their guest accordingly.

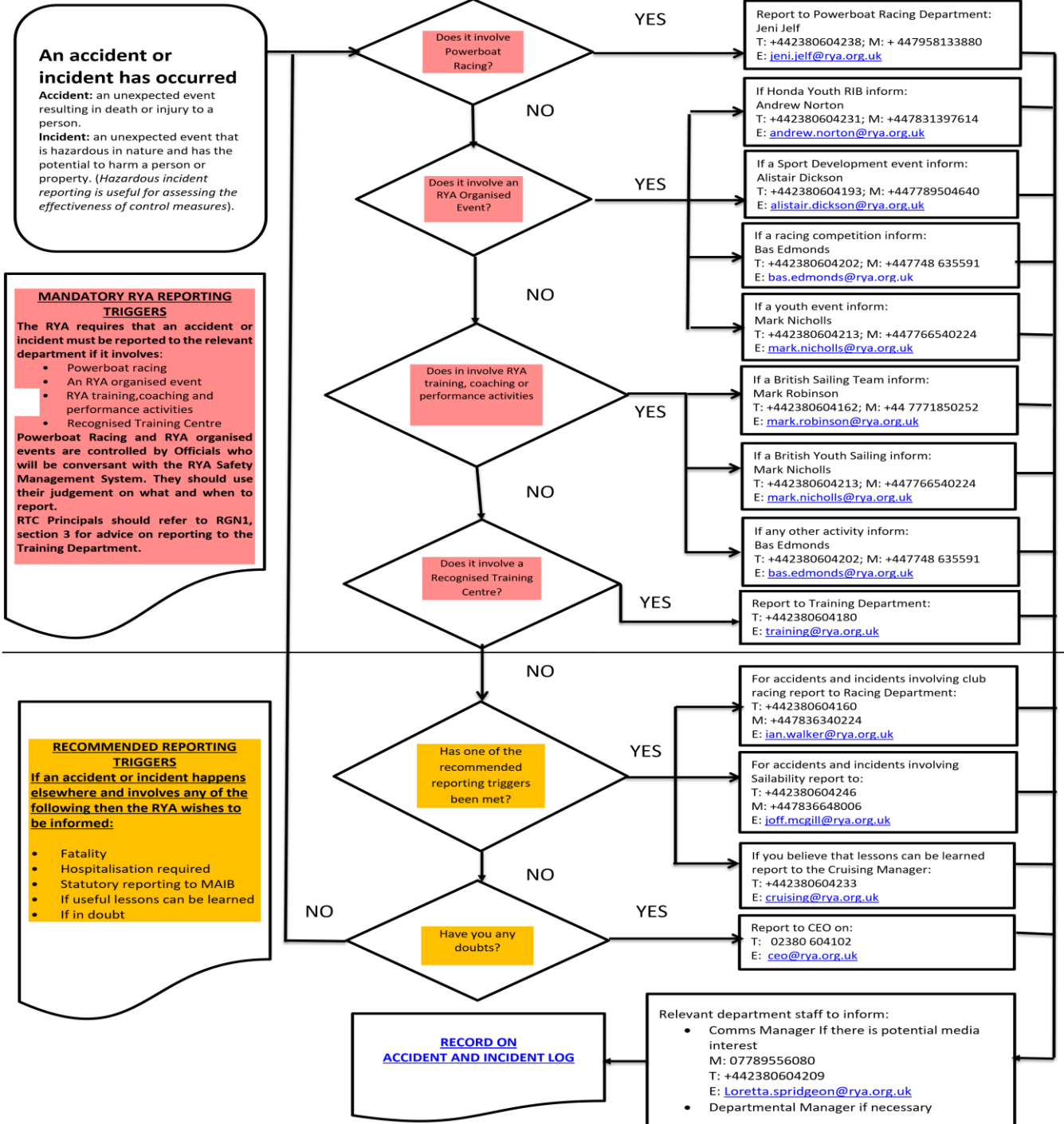
Feedback

This policy is a live document and will be amended as required to suit changing conditions and lessons learnt from its implementation. If members wish to comment on this policy or risk assessments please contact a committee member. Alternatively email office@highcliffesailing.co.uk



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Triggers for Reporting Accidents and Incidents to RYA



Feedback of lessons learned This might include:



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Club House Risk Assessment

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Risk	Persons at risk	Precautions and Control measures	Risk factor with control measures in place	Action
GALLEY:				
Knives	Club Members	Only members on the duty rota to enter Galley and to have had a prior familiarisation session	Low	All Members on Galley duty rota to have attended a familiarisation session. No under 14’s permitted in Galley.
Objects on high shelves	Club Members	Only members on the duty rota to enter Galley and to have had a prior familiarisation session	Low	All Members on Galley duty rota to have attended a familiarisation session. No under 14’s permitted in Galley.
Hot Surfaces (grill, hob and Oven)	Club Members	Only members on the duty rota to enter Galley and to have had a prior familiarisation session	Low	All Members on Galley duty rota to have attended a familiarisation session. No under 14’s permitted in Galley.
Hot water Urn	Club members	Only members on the duty rota to enter Galley and to have had a prior familiarisation session	Low	All Members on Galley duty rota to have attended a familiarisation session. No under 14’s permitted in Galley.
Kettle	Club members	Only members on the duty rota to enter Galley and to have had a prior familiarisation session	Low	All Members on Galley duty rota to have attended a familiarisation session. No under 14’s permitted in Galley.
Electrical appliances	Club Members	All Electrical appliances PAT tested as required annually	Low	PAT testing carried out annually and recorded
Lifting from lower cupboards	Club Members	Items removed from lower cupboards (plates) to be removed in small controllable quantises	Low	All Members on Galley duty rota to have attended a familiarisation session. No under 14’s permitted in Galley.
Cleaning materials	Club Members	Rubber gloves to be worn when using cleaning materials	Low	All Members on Galley duty rota to have attended a familiarisation session. No under 14’s permitted in Galley.
Hot water taps	Club members	Care to be taken when using hot tap to regulate temperature	Low	All Members on Galley duty rota to have attended a familiarisation session. No under 14’s permitted in Galley.
Trip and slip hazards	Club member	Floors to be kept clear and dry in walkways and working locations	Low	All Members on Galley duty rota to have attended a familiarisation session. No under 14’s permitted in Galley. Monitor
Fire	Club members and property	Fire extinguisher and fire blanket located in galley	Low	Extinguisher and blanket to be maintained annually or as required.



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Risk	Persons at risk	Precautions and control measures	Risk factor with control measures in place	Action
Main Hall:				
Trips and slips	Club members and guests	Stairs, walkways, and all general access areas to be kept clear. Spillages to be cleared up immediately	Low	No wet gear permitted in the main hall area. All rubbish to be placed in bins provided. Monitor
Fire exits	Club members Guests	Fire escape doors to be always kept clear	Low	Monitor
Fire	Club members, Guests and property	Fire extinguishers positioned by main exit	Low	Extinguishers to be maintained annually or as required. Record
Stacking chairs	Club members and guests	Stacking chairs to main Hall to not be stacked more than 6 high	Low	Signage placed in main hall. Monitor
Tables	Club members and guests	Tables to only be moved by two persons	Low	Signage placed in main Hall. Monitor
Lighting	Club members and Guests	All light bulbs to be regularly checked to ensure adequate illumination of the hall and escape doors	Low	Monitor
Upper landing hand railings and balcony barriers	Club members and Guests	Railings / barriers are not to be climbed on and children under 12 must be always supervised on the upper landing /balcony.	Medium	Parents of young children to be made aware of their responsibilities. Monitor
Under stairs	Club members and Guests	Area to house stacked chairs. When vacant, benches to be placed to prevent possible collision injury	Medium	Monitor
TV and other electrical appliances	Club members and Guests	Appliances to only be operated by club members and all to be PAT test annually or as required	Low	Annual PAT test to be carried out and recorded. Monitor
Electric heaters	Club members and guests	Electric radiators checked and certified as required. No items to be placed on radiators	Low	Signage and record. Monitor



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BAR & REAR BAR STORE:				
Manual handling	Club members	Beer crates to be carried by two persons, Wine boxes to be carried singly and empty bottle skips to be emptied when 70% full.	Low	All members doing bar duties to have attended a familiarisation session. Monitor
Glasses	Club members	All glasses are for single use only and will be cleaned prior to another use. No glasses are to be re used.	Low	All members doing bar duties to have attended a familiarisation session. Monitor
Broken glass	Club members	Broken glass to be swept up using broom / dustpan and brush. No broken glass to be collected by hand. Glass to be placed in the disposal bucket.	Low	All members doing bar duties to have attended a familiarisation session. Monitor
Slips / trips	Club members	All spillages to be cleaned up immediately. Trip hazards to be reported to the rear com House via e mail: rearcomhouse@highcliffesailing.co.uk	Low	All members doing bar duties to have attended a familiarisation session. Monitor
Carrying glasses	Club members	Glasses not to be stacked unless of a stacking type. Glass trays to be used to collect glasses	Low	All members doing bar duties to have attended a familiarisation session.
Use of optics	Club members	Two hands to be used when changing bottles to minimise bottles being dropped.	Low	All members doing bar duties to have attended a familiarisation session.
Storage	Club members	Beer crates and wine boxes, not be stacked more than two high	Low	All members doing bar duties to have attended a familiarisation session.
Fire	Club members, Guests and property	Fire extinguishers positioned by main exit	Low	Extinguishers to be maintained annually or as required. Record



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Risk	Persons at risk	Precautions and control measures	Risk factor with control measures in place	Action
Toilets/changing rooms:				
Slips	Club members and guests	Squeegee mops provided to remove surface water from floors.	Low	Squeegees provided and notices. Monitor
Shower doors (ladies)	Club members and guests	Users of the changing rooms to be aware shower cubicle doors open outwards	Low	Signage. Monitor
Electric showers	Club members and guests	Showers visually checked regularly and electrically certified as required. Showers run frequently in line with legionella prevention.	Low	Monitor and record
Hand driers	Club members and Guests	Driers visual checked regularly and electrically certified as required	Low	Monitor and record
Non vision doors	Club members and guests	Members and guests to be aware when using doors of possible persons on blind side	Low	Signage. Monitor
Heaters	Club members and guests	Electric radiators checked and certified as required. No items to be placed on radiators	Low	Signage and record. Monitor

Risk	Persons at risk	Precautions and control measures	Risk factor with control measures in place	Action
Cleaning Cupboard				
Household cleaning materials	Club members	Cleaning materials to only be used by appointed cleaners	Low	Monitor
Electrical points	Club members	Care to be taken to ensure wet items are not placed against power points	Low	Monitor
Exposed pipe work	Club members property damage	Care to be taken when removing items from cupboard to prevent snagging	Low	Monitor
Face fitted wiring	Club members property damage	Care to be taken when removing items from cupboard to prevent snagging	Low	Monitor
Open doors	All (escape route)	Doors to be kept locked shut when not in use	Low	Monitor



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Rib Shed				
Head injuries	Club members	Ribs not to be boarded until removed from rib shed	Low	Signage. Monitor
Foot entrapment by trailer wheels	Club members	Instructions issued for removal and return of ribs on trolleys to be followed.	Medium	Instructions issued to all members + posted in rib shed
Falling objects/ Marks	Club members	Ensure Marks are secured before hanging or hoisting	Low	Instructions issued to all members + posted in rib shed
Fuel	Club members	Refer to appendix 1 Fire risk assessment	Low	Refer to appendix 1 fire risk assessment
Entrapment by door	Club members	In case of power or other failure mechanical override is available internally	Low	Instructions in rib shed
General Public	General public	Removal and return of rib trailers to be carried out as issued instructions. Jockey wheel person to control movement and warnings to public	Low	Instructions issued to all members + posted in Rib shed

Risk	Persons at risk	Precautions and control measures	Risk factor with control measures in place	Action
Bosun Shed				
Upper deck	Club members	This area only to be accessed by Bosun or authorised persons.	Low	Signage placed on wall at foot of ladder stating authorised access only.
Windsurf boards striking people	Club members	Windsurf lockers users to be aware of persons around them when removing items from lockers.	Low	Monitor



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Dinghy Park / Slips and on the Water Risk Assessment

Risk	Persons at risk	Precautions and control measures	Risk factor with control measures in place	Action
Dinghy park / slips				
Slipways trips and falls	Club members	Slipways will always be slippery due to changing conditions members to be made aware when joining club	Medium	Monitor and inform new members of risk
Boat rigging		If practical all main sails to be hoisted on foreshore not on dinghy park to prevent booms swinging	Low	Monitor
Trips, slips, foot injury and strains	Club members	Footwear is recommended to be always worn in the dinghy park to prevent injury. Ask for assistance when lifting heavy items.	Low	Monitor inform members

Risk	Persons at risk	Precautions and control measures	Risk factor with control measures in place	Action
Sailing / Paddling				
Drowning	Sailors /Paddlers	Wearing of buoyancy aids	Low	HSC Policy states All club members must wear appropriate CE approved, e.g., min.150N life jackets or 50N buoyancy aids when they are on/in or near the water at all times.
Tide (EBB and flow)	Club members	Be aware of tidal conditions (refer to tide tables) especially around the run area	Medium	Refer to tidal conditions. See HSC web site, before going afloat. Allow adequate time for your sailing /paddling
Mudeford Quay Ferry	Club Members	Avoid the ferry route and keep well clear of operating ferry vessel. Always avoid collisions.	Medium	Keep clear of ferry route in harbour and delay your passage of the run when ferry is manoeuvring by quay.
Hot weather	Club members	Avoid dehydration by carrying drinking water in your craft.	Low	Wear appropriate clothing and keep hydrated.



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Cold Weather (Hypothermia)	Club members	Between November 1st and 30 th March appropriate clothing for the prevailing conditions must be worn i.e. Wetsuit or dry suits	Low	HSC Policy states Between November 1st and 30 th March appropriate clothing for the prevailing conditions must be worn i.e. Wetsuit or dry suits
Sudden immersion in cold water	Club members	Sudden immersion in cold water can cause shock / breathing difficulties. And possible drowning. HSC rules state Buoyancy aides to be always worn when on/in or near the water.	Medium	All sailors /paddlers should be aware of the consequences of entering cold water even on hot days. All club sailors should be aware if they enter the water unexpectedly, to try and relax and breath normally and have confidence in their buoyancy aid
Collisions	Club members	Collisions should be always avoided to prevent possible injuries and craft damage. All craft afloat should be aware of the “rules of the road” (regulations for the prevention of collisions at sea and racing rules of sailing) when changing direction.	Low	HSC Sailing / paddler instructions refer to requirements (on notice board)
Capsize / Inversion	Club members	To minimise risk of immersion and injury. Mast head floats should be considered where possible and all sailors / paddlers to be aware of the RYA/ BCU techniques for avoiding and recovering from capsize.	low	HSC recommends that all sailors/ paddlers practise recovery techniques within the harbour. On race days adequate supports boats on water to assist.
Entrapment	Club members	All ropes etc to be kept tidy and stowed prior to sailing. Trapeze boats should consider quick release harnesses. All systems should have a rope component close to the harness for cutting.	Low	HSC recommends that all sailors carry a knife within their craft or on themselves. On race days adequate supports boats on water to assist
Snaring in mooring area by ropes and submerged tackle	Club members	Sailors to be alert to the hazards when passing through the area to avoid being accidently caught up.	Low	HSC has requested a marked channel by laid through the area by BCP
Bodily injury	Club members	Sailors to be aware of rigged boats with swinging booms on foreshore. Also, to be aware of their own boats to potential to cause injury.	Medium	HSC recommends the wearing of bump caps particularly in low boom boats. At all youth training sessions, helmets are to be worn. Paddlers advised to wear helmets in rough waters.
HSC Hire vessels	Club Members	Users to check vessels for sea worthiness prior to launching.	Low	Monthly checks to be carried out and records kept.



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Hazard	Persons at risk	Precautions and control measures	Risk Value	Further action
Firefighting equipment	All	Ensure firefighting equipment is maintained	Low	Annual checks as required and update equipment to suit.
Fire source	All Property damage	Ensure combustible materials are not stored in Galley, Rear bar room, race office or under stairs	Low	Monitoring
Fire spread	All Property damage	Ensure that the firefighting equipment remains accessible and maintained.	Medium	Signage and updates on club web site
Detection	All	The club has a linked smoke and heat detection system installed across the club house.	Medium	The system to be tested as required and records kept. Fire escape route lighting and signage to be checked as required and recorded.
Electrical	All	Ensure the electrical system is tested at least every 5 years and PAT testing is carried out annually	Low	Monitoring and records kept
Rubbish	All	Ensure that rubbish is not allowed to accumulate, and all bins are emptied regularly	Low	Exterior bins are isolated from public access to minimise risk. Secured within lockable compound.



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Hazard	Person at risk	Precautions and control measures	Risk value	Further action
Fuel store and decanting fuel	All	Fuel to be decanted from the fuel jerry cans to the safety boats outside of the rib shed and with boat tanks removed from boats where practical. Funnels to be used rather than free pour.	Low	Monitoring
Fuel in Jerry Cans	All	These are to be stored in the fuel store and the store to be locked. Minimum amount of fuel may be stored in the boats tanks but no fuel to be stored in the rib shed	Low	Monitoring
Usage of Jerry Cans	All	Care to be taken when opening jerry can (only opened when stood on the ground) to avoid spillage from overfilling or expansion on hot days	Low	Awareness and monitoring
Boat fire	All	All fuelling to be done outside the rib shed with no smoking signs displayed and extinguishers available.	Medium	Awareness and monitoring
Galley oven, hob and grill	All and property damage	Ensure no combustible items are left on the appliances	Medium	Awareness and monitoring

Activity control compliance: Regulatory reform (fire safety) order 2005



HSC Risk Assessment Evaluation Chart for Club Organised Sailing. Racing in the Harbour

- Below are 7 factors for racing conditions.
- Consider each factor and ‘circle’ the relevant factor. One per line.
- Total the number of ‘circled’ factors for each column. Enter in line A
- Calculate & enter risk value for each column. A x B
- Total the 4 risk values.

RISK LEVEL	LOW	Low/ Medium	Medium/ High	High
FACTORS				
1.Wind Gusts. Strength in Knots	0 to 8	8 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 24
2. Wind Direction	All directions			
3.Air Temp (°C)	25 to 20	19 to 15	14 to 10	9 to -0
4.Sailing Area: Harbour	Harbour adjacent to Club	Main Harbour	Main Harbour	Main Harbour
5.Standard of Sailors	Competition Sailors	Club Racing	Competent	1&2 point disabled
6.Boats sailing Support boats minimum 2 cover ratio Max 1 to 12	3 to 4: boats	4 to 8: boats	8 to 12: boats	12 to 15: boats
7.Sailing time	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours
A Total ‘circled’ boxes				
B Risk Level Values	x 1	x 2	x 3	x 4
Risk Values A x B for each column				
Total Risk Value. ie Total of columns 1-4				

LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK
16	22	28
14	20	26
12	18	24
10		
8		
6		
4		

Chart based W&PNSA process and RYA guidelines.



HSC Risk Assessment Evaluation Chart for Club Organised Sailing. Racing at Sea

- Below are 7 factors for racing conditions.
- Consider each factor and ‘circle’ the relevant factor. One per line.
- Total the number of ‘circled’ factors for each column. Enter in line A
- Calculate & enter risk value for each column. A x B
- Total the 4 risk values.

RISK LEVEL	LOW	Low/ Medium	Medium/ High	High
FACTORS				
1.Wind Gusts. Strength in Knots	0 to 8	8 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 24
2. Wind Direction	S / SE	SW / E	NE	N / NW
3.Air Temp (°C)	25 to 20	19 to 15	14 to 10	9 to -0
4.Sailing Area: Christchurch Bay	200 to 500 metres from shore	600 to 800 metres from shore	800 to 1000 metres from shore	1000 plus. metres from shore
5.Standard of Sailors	Competition Sailors	Club Racing	Competent	1&2 point disabled
6.Boats sailing Support boats minimum 2 cover ratio Max 1 to 12	3 to 8: boats	9 to 14: boats	15 to 20: boats	21 to 24: boats
7.Sailing time	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours
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