

Scouts Risk Assessment

Activity	Dinghy Sailing at Draycote 2020		
Location	Draycote Water Sailing Club (DWSC)		
Date	1 May to 30 Sept 2020	Assessor	Martin Scurrah
Contact	Martin Scurrah		

HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	IS THE RISK ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED OR IS MORE NEEDED?	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLS	REVIEW AND REVISION
General		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader in Charge for each session will hold appropriate Scout Water Activity Permits. (Lead sailing B1 inland or above). • Skipper of each boat will hold appropriate Scout Water Activity Permit, or be authorised by the Leader in Charge. • Leader ratios will be as set out in Scout Association Dinghy Sailing Factsheet FS120652. • All Leaders have completed a DBS check as part of the appointment process (POR). • All adult leaders have an up to date first aid certificate. • Leader in Charge will have charged mobile phone. • Parental permission form including contact details to be completed for all young people. • Sailing boats are scout registered craft or DWSC training boats and meet the necessary requirements. Permit holder will inspect all boats before and after use. • Rescue cover in the form of Safety Boats are provided by DWSC. 	Leader In Charge (usually Martin Scurrah).	
Slips trips and Falls in Dinghy Park	All involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group control – limit numbers • Discourage messing around • Keep launch area tidy 	Leader In Charge	.

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Slips trips and falls on slipway	All involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the water level has dropped during the week, or there is an onshore wind, the slipway becomes very slippery. Extra caution to be taken when launching boats. • Use extended painter so that boats can be hauled out from dry land. 	Leader In Charge	
Injured feet due to sharp objects around Dinghy Park and in water	All involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear Hazards where possible • Pumps / wet boots to be worn at all times (included on kit list) 	Leader In Charge	
Manual Handling injuries while moving boats	All involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All boats are launched from trolleys – no lifting required • Minimise un-necessary boat movement • Supervision – ensure that there are sufficient people for the task in hand 	Boat Skipper	
Drowning	All involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoyancy aids to be worn at all times on slipway areas close to water, identified by DWSC signs • Leader in Charge will have appropriate water activity authorisations. • DWSC Safety boats with qualified Coxn's on water during the session. • Leader in Charge must be told about any non-swimmers (non swimmer as defined in POR). • Only one non swimmer per boat (POR) • An adult must be in any boat containing a non swimmer (POR). • Briefing on action in the event of a capsize before going on water • Monitor / review wind strength <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reef sails / fit smaller sails as appropriate ○ suspend / cancel activity if too windy 	Leader in Charge	

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Entrapment under inverted boat - Drowning	All Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoyancy aids to be worn at all times. • Safety boats with qualified Coxn's on water during all boating activities. • RYA recommended capsized drill briefed to all young people before they go sailing (drop into the water, hold on to the main sheet, swim to the back of the boat, don't try to climb up boat out of water) • All boats to be fitted with mast head floats to prevent inversion. • All Boats fitted with righting lines to facilitate single handed capsized recovery by skipper • Boat Skipper to carry Safety Knife 	Leader in Charge Boat Skipper	
Hypothermia	All Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people not allowed on water without adequate clothing for conditions. • Kit list showing adequate clothing provided prior to event. • Group leaders to ensure their young people bring ALL the clothing on the kit list • Boat Skippers will have first aid training and can recognise symptoms. • In cold conditions, keep sessions on water short so that young people have chance to warm up. • Warm showers available in club changing rooms – which may be used, provided that appropriate safeguarding procedures are followed 	Leader in Charge Leader In charge Group leaders Boat Skippers Leader in charge ALL Leaders	Due to a highlighted potential safeguarding issue, we will only use the main changing rooms if there is a large youth event running, so that the majority of changing room users will be young people. This means that we may not have direct access to the showers to warm up young people, so we all (including the young people) have to take extra measures to make sure they don't get cold in the first place. CLUB SHOWERS ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN AN EMERGENCY

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Sunburn / Heatstroke	All involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people not allowed on water without suitable clothing for conditions (including sun hat and sunblock) • Boat Skippers will have first aid training and can recognise symptoms • In Hot conditions, keep sessions on water short so that young people can re-hydrate, • Drinking water available on site to prevent / treat de-hydration. 	Leader in charge Boat Skipper Leader in charge All Leaders	
Head injuries due to being hit by boom	All involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particularly less experienced Young people • Particularly in strong winds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booms fitted with foam padding to protect against minor knocks. • Teach correct RYA Method for going about / Gybe “watch the boom” • Helmets / bump caps available for those at high risk 	Leader in charge Boat Skipper Leader In Charge	
Cuts / bleeding on water	All Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWSC Safety boats with First Aid qualified Coxn’s on water during the session • Each boat to carry waterproof first aid kit. 	Leader in Charge	
Waterborne Diseases and infections	All involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factsheet given to group leaders stresses the importance of Hand washing after boating. • Washing facilities available at DWSC • Open cuts to be covered before sailing. • All participants are advised to shower when they return home. 	Leader in Charge	Due to a highlighted potential safeguarding issue, we will only use the main changing rooms if there is a large youth event running, so that the majority of changing room users will be young people
Collisions with other craft (who may have inexperienced skippers)	All involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All boats will have an experienced helmsman on board as skipper. 	Boat Skipper	

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Lightning Strike	All involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water will normally be closed by the DWSC Bosun / Safety crew if lightning is seen in the area of the reservoir • If not – the leader in charge will bring the boats ashore. • Stay ashore till the lightning has passed, or the water has been re-opened. 	DWSC Bosun & Leader in Charge	

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ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES – A PRE-ACTIVITY CHECK-LIST

ACTIVITY

Has the activity been planned so that all members of the group - **even the weakest** – are capable of completing it?

LEADER'S PREPARATIONS

Do I have:

- Authorisation appropriate to the activity, the area to be visited, the season and the size of the party?
- Additional leadership appropriate to the size (and make-up) of the party?
- Appropriate clothing and personal equipment (including that required for an emergency)?
- Confidence in my own skills, appropriate to the activity planned (including possible deteriorating weather conditions)?
- A knowledge of the area to be visited?
- A route plan for the activity - with escape routes?
- A home contact appointed and briefed?
- A driver (who need not necessarily take-part in the activity)?
- Confidence that I can cope in an emergency?

WEATHER FORECAST

Have I confirmed that the forecast weather conditions will not knowingly affect the proposed activity?

PARTY MEMBERS

Has everyone:

- Appropriate clothing, personal equipment and food/drink for the activity?
- Sufficient, appropriate (safe) activity equipment?
- Adequate emergency items/equipment (plus food)?
- Training, knowledge and skills appropriate to the planned activity?
- The physical stature and fitness/stamina appropriate to the planned activity?
- Been assessed as capable of completing the activity?

For further information, please refer to
<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/fs120000.pdf>