


Mariners of Bewl
Risk Assessment - Launching/Recovery of sailing craft

Risk assessment and risk management record				Number	003 MoB
Activity				Local	
Launching/Recovery of sailing craft				Bewl Water	
Identifying the hazards - assessing the risk			Risk rating	Control measures - reducing the risk	Outcome
Personal injury - lifting			High	Members advised to follow HSE Publication - <i>Getting to Grips with Manual Handling - Short guide</i> . http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg143.pdf	Low
Trailer separating from towing vehicle			High	Driver of towing vehicle checks trailer hitch is secure or tow rope is correctly connected and with wire safety harness in correct position on tow hitch.	Low
Tow ropes breaking and whiplashing			Medium	A third party must not be relied on to carry out this check. Tow rope checked for wear and tear by driver of vehicle before use. Nobody permitted to stand between boat and towing vehicle. Towing using a rope must only be used to pull trailer far enough out of water to allow direct connection to tow hitch on vehicle, after chocking the trailer wheels.	Low
Loss of control of boat and trailer/trolley on slope			Medium	When moving a boat on a slope the boat and trailer/trolley must always be downhill of people manouvering the boat. Person in charge of launching to ensure that other helpers or members or users of the slipway are not standing between boat and the waters edge. Trailers attached to a vehicle via a tow rope must not be towed up or down a slipway or along level surfaces. They will be out of control.	Low
Entrapment of fingers/hand in winch			High	Users of winch to be trained in use of the equipment BEFORE use Hands never to be placed on winch strap.	Low
Winch handle flying free			High	Handle to be gripped by launcher before releasing the locking mechanism.	Low
Slippery surfaces - slipway			Medium	All members advised of any slippery surfaces. Members advised to stay in contact with dinghy if they lose footing i.e. hold on to boat)	Low
Drowning due to falling in water or from jetty			Medium	All members advised of uneven underwater surface. All members are required to wear a buoyancy aid correctly fitted if they may need to enter the water of step on a jetty/pontoon	Low
Craft slipping off dinghy trolley/trailer			Medium	Helms to check that dinghy is positioned correctly on trolley/trailer and secured to trolley with painter before moving the boat.	Low
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