

Mariners of Bewl
Risk Assessment - Sailing

Risk assessment and risk management record						Number	001 MoB	
Activity						Location	Bewl Water	
Identifying the hazards - assessing the risk						Risk rating	Control measures - reducing the risk	Outcome
Drowning						High	All members and guests who wish to go afloat are required to wear an appropriately fitted Personal Flotation Device (PDF)	Low
							ONLY Buoyancy Aids (not Life Jackets) to be worn on the Drascombe Lugger	
							All members and guests sign to confirm that they are confident in water.	
							All MoB sailing sessions are supervised by an RYA Senior Sailing Instructor.(SI)	
							All sailing sessions have a dedicated safety boat with an RYA Powerboat Level 2 helm (min) on board and in attendance.	
							No dinghies permitted to set sail until a safety boat is manned and clearance is given to cast off/leave shore by the S I.	
							All dinghies are checked for seaworthiness before launching.	
							All dinghies to have crew on board with sufficient mobility to ensure that boat balance adjustments can be made.	
							Sailing restricted to specified areas stated by the S I.	
							Retractable weighted keels (Stratos,Hansa, RS Venture and Lugger) must be securely tied in 'down' position and checked by the SI.	
							All dinghies with retractable keels are fitted with 'keel secured' warning sign/sticker.	
							The size/sail area of each dinghy is under the control of the designated RYA S I and will be adjusted/shortened according to weather conditions and sailors capabilities and experience	
Hypothermia						Medium	All members and guests going afloat are advised to wear suitable clothing for the prevailing conditions at all times. The SI may stop sailors going afloat if they consider are not dressed appropriately.	Low
							A dedicated safety boat with First Aid kit inc thermal blanket on board oversees all sailing activity.	
							All members and guests briefed on what action to take in case of a capsized.	
Cold Water Shock in water below 15 deg C						High	All members and guests who wish to go afloat are required to wear appropriate clothing.	Low
							All members recommended to watch the RNLI Cold Water survival video clip https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1DJRJ96uva/	
							A dedicated safety boat is always afloat and available to attend any incident that results in members or guests entering the water.	
Moving parts on the dinghies e.g. booms						Medium	All members advised of hazards including both the metal boom and blocks and the associated risks of being hit on head, getting fingers pinched and getting friction burns from rope.	Low
							Correct handling procedures are taught.	
							All members advised of heavy items of equipment, and are shown how to move these safely using any appropriate lifting aids.	
Lifting/moving heavy parts of dinghy e.g. Trailers,Centreboards						Medium	Members advised to heed guidance in <i>HSE Getting to Grips with Manual Handling</i> . https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg143.pdf	Low
Poor water quality causing illness and/or infections						Medium	Water in the reservoir is tested weekly by Southern Water and South East Water. Any serious	Low

