

Mariners of Bewl
Risk Assessment - Safety/Support Boat Operations. Jaffa/Commando

Risk assessment and risk management record							Number	003 MoB
Activity							Location	Bewl Water
Identifying the hazards - assessing the risk			Risk rating	Control measures - reducing the risk			Outcome	
Drowning			High	All safety boat helms and crew are required to wear an appropriately fitted buoyancy aid			Low	
				All safety boat helms hold RYA Level 2 Powerboat (min).				
Cold Water Shock			High	All safety boat helms and crew are required to wear appropriate clothing for the prevailing conditions.			Low	
				Helm and crew advised that entering water that is 15°C and below can induce cold water shock and lead to drowning.				
Hypothermia			Medium	Helms and crew are required to wear appropriate clothing for the conditions and potential tasks that may include entering the water.			Low	
				Dry warm indoor space available for dealing with suspected cases of hypothermia. First Aiders always in attendance when sailing takes place.				
Collision with other craft			Medium	Only competent helms (min RYA PB L2) are permitted to be in charge of a safety boat.			Low	
				All helms aware of other regular water users.				
				Crews advised to keep a good look out at all times.				
Falling overboard - hit by propeller			High	Helms and crew remain seated whilst engine is in gear.			Low	
				Helms attach engine kill cord before engaging gears prior to casting off.				
Transferring casualty from dinghy to power boat or visa-versa			High	Transfers must NOT to be attempted unless an EMERGENCY* and no other option available. [* Both craft to be secured firmly together.]			Medium	
Recovering personnel or equipment from the water			Medium	Crew and helms advised to think carefully before lifting anybody or any object from the water. Members recommended to follow advice given in HSE Publication - Getting to Grips			Low	
				Manual Handling				
Fire			High	Smoking or naked flames are not permitted in or near safety/support boats.			Low	
				Refuelling not permitted when afloat and only carried out by landlords Ranger when on land				
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