

Mariners of Bewl  
Risk Assessment - Wheelyboat Operations Safety/Support Boat Activity

Risk assessment and risk management record				Number	004 MoB		
Activity				Location/purpose	Bewl Water		
Identifying the hazards - assessing the risk				Risk rating	Control measures - reducing the risk		
Outcome							
Launching and recovery operations				Medium	As per details found in MOB Safe Operating Procedures	Low	
Drowning				High	Helm and crew are required to wear an appropriate and correctly fitted buoyancy aid or lifejacket. Helm or crew who are wheelchair users must not be strapped into the chair. Helm or crew who require upper body support and use a seat belt are not permitted to be on board when the vessel is operating as a safety/support boat.	Low	
Falling overboard - hit by propeller				Medium	Helm to attach kill cord around leg and clipped back on to itself before engaging a gear. Crew to remain seated whilst engine is in gear except when involved in close quarter slow manoeuvres.	Low	
Cold Water shock				High	All safety boat helms and crew are required to wear appropriate clothing for the conditions Helm and crew advised that entering water that is 15°C and below can induce cold water shock and lead to drowning.		
Hyperthermia					All safety boat helms and crew are required to wear appropriate clothing for the conditions and potential tasks which may include entering the water. 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				High	Helms hold RYA Powerboat Level 2 and RYA Safety Boat certificate plus have experience within the last 1 - 2 years helping powerboats in a safety boat capacity . Helms have completed an induction training session(s) and have been signed off as competent to operate a Wheelyboat for safety/support boat use. Dedicated crew member on board assisting with lookout duties and mooring of the vessel .	Low	
Sinking				Medium	Drain plug checked for security before launching. <b>Inspection ports checked - see Owners Manual - Buoyancy chambers</b> Bilges checked and emptied before each session afloat. Helm to ensure the deck is kept free of accumulated water at all times. Helm to ensure good balance and trim of the boat by careful consideration of position of passengers. Security of any wheelchair checked before each trip Bow door secured with safety clip before leaving shore. Bow door to remain closed and secured unless an emergency involving a rescue requiring recovery of sailor from the water. Maximum loads will not be exceeded		
Fire on board				High	The vessel is inspected and serviced annually by recognised professional personnel Smoking or naked flames are not permitted on board or near the boat e.g. pontoon. Fire extinguisher located and checked i.e. in date and release mechanism from bracket in working order. Refuelling not permitted when afloat	Low	
Recovering personnel from the water					Crew and helms advised to think carefully before attempting to lift anybody or any object from the water. Members recommended to follow advice given in HSE Publication - <a href="#">Getting to Grips</a> <a href="#">Manual Handling</a>	Low	
Bow door winch				Medium	Winch only operated by trained helm and/or crew	Low	
<b>Completed:</b>				Date	29/03/2026	Review date	March 2027
<b>Signature:</b>				Club Officer		Seen/read by Chair	
<b>Please Print name:</b>				Richard Hayden RYA Senior Instructor			
<p><b>* This training to be overseen by someone who holds an RYA Powerboat Level 2 qualifications (min) is competent (i.e. trained and experienced) with the specific operation of a Wheelyboat Coulam V20 with 90/100hp engine, and has read the current Risk Assessment and Safety Operating Procedures.</b></p> <p><b>** Helms will be registered on MoB's Wheelyboat Competent Helms list and approved by the Chair of Mariners of Bewl.</b></p>							