

Mariners of Bewl
Risk Assessment - Wheelyboat Operations Recreational Activity

Risk assessment and risk management record							Number	005 MoB	
Activity							Location/purpose	Bewl Water	
Identifying the hazards - assessing the risk							Risk rating	Control measures - reducing the risk	
Outcome									
Drowning						High	All passengers are required to wear appropriate and correctly fitted lifejacket Skipper and crew are required to wear an appropriate and correctly fitted buoyancy aid or lifejacket. Passengers in wheelchairs must not wear seat belts i.e. not strapped into their chair. However, in exceptional cases where passengers NEED to be strapped in to provide essential body support, the boat speed must NOT exceed displacement speed, and a dedicated carer will sit alongside the 'clipped in' passenger in the wheelchair and be fully conversant with releasing any belt. Skipper must brief wheelchair users, carers and crew about any actions that may need to be taken in the case of an emergency, with all knowing how to release straps that may be used to prevent wheelchairs from moving.	Low	
Collision with other craft						High	Skippers to hold RYA Powerboat Level 2 certificate plus have experience within the last 1 - 2 years helming large powerboats with high powered (>40hp) outboard engines . Skippers 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 always on board assisting with lookout duties and mooring of the vessel .	Low	
Sinking						Medium	Drain plug checked for security before launching. (Drain before securing plug) Inspection ports checked - see Owners Manual - Buoyancy chambers Bilges checked and emptied before each trip Bow door secured with safety clip before leaving shore. Bow door to remains closed throughout all voyages. Skipper to ensure the deck is kept free of accumulated water at all times. Positioning of passengers and crew carefully considered before each trip to ensure vessel is balanced and trimmed. Wheelchair brakes fully engaged, and if required wheelchair security straps clipped on before the vessel leaves the pontoon. Maximum loads will not be exceeded The vessel is inspected and serviced annually by recognised professional personnel.	Low	
Fire on board						High	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 how to release from bracket Refuelling not permitted when afloat.	Low	
Falling overboard - hit by propeller						Medium	All passengers remain seated whilst engine is in gear. Crew to remain seated except when involved in close quarter slow manoeuvres. Skippers to attach kill cord around leg and clipped back on to itself before engaging a gear	Low	
Bow door winch						Medium	Winch only operated by trained skipper and/or crew	Low	
Vulnerabilities of passengers							Skippers will operate the boat at speeds that take into consideration passengers needs, comfort, confidence on water and in open outdoor spaces .	Low	
Completed:	Date	29/03/2026						Review date	March 2027
Signature:	Club Officer							Seen/read by Chair	
Please Print name:	Richard Hayden RYA Senior Instructor								
<p>* This training to be is 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.</p> <p>** Helms will be registered on MoB's Wheelyboat Competent Helms list and approved by the Chair of Mariners of Bewl.</p>									