

Mariners of Bewl  
Risk Assessment - Sailing

Activity		Location/purpose	
Sailing		Bewl Water	
Identifying the hazards - assessing the risk	Risk rating	Control measures - reducing the risk	Outcome
Drowning	High	<p>All members and guests who wish to go afloat are required to wear an appropriately fitted buoyancy aid.</p> <p>All members sign to confirm that they are confident in water.</p> <p>All MoB sailing sessions are under the control of a qualified RYA Senior Sailing Instructor (SI).</p> <p>All dinghies are checked for seaworthiness before launching.</p> <p>No dinghies permitted to sail until safety boat is manned and clearance given by the SI.</p> <p>Sailing restricted to sailing areas agreed by SI</p> <p>Retractable weighted keels securely tied in 'down' position on the Lugger, Stratos, Hansa and RS Venture. All these dinghies fitted with warning sign/sticker.</p> <p>All members and guests briefed on what action to take in case of a capsized dinghy.</p>	Low
Hypothermia	Medium	<p>Members and guests advised to wear appropriate clothing at all times. The SI may stop people from going afloat in unsuitable conditions.</p>	Low
Cold Water Shock in water below 15 deg C	High	<p>The sail area of any of MoBs dinghies under the control of the designated RYA Senior Instructor will be adjusted/shortened according to weather conditions and the experience of the helm and crew. This will reduce the risk of the vessel being overpowered and capsizing resulting in the helm/crew entering the water.</p> <p>Cold Water Shock can be mitigated by following the procedure as detailed in the RNLI film at - <a href="http://completeguide.mli.org/cold-water-shock.html">http://completeguide.mli.org/cold-water-shock.html</a></p> <p>A safety boat is always afloat and available to attend any incident which includes members or guests entering the water.</p>	Low
Moving parts on the dinghies e.g. booms	Medium	<p>All members advised of hazards including the boom and blocks and the associated risks of being hit on head, getting fingers pinched and getting friction burns from rope. Correct handling procedures are taught.</p>	Low
Lifting/moving heavy parts of dinghy e.g. Centreboards	Medium	<p>All members advised of heavy items of equipment and are shown how to move these safely use any lifting aids.</p> <p>Members advised to heed guidance as stated in <i>HSE Getting to Grips with Manual Handling</i>.</p> <p><a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg143.pdf">http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg143.pdf</a></p>	Low
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