

HOLLOWELL SAILING CLUB Hazard Register

SAILING COMMITTEE

All risks associated with sailing are considered by the sailing committee annually and where appropriate are included in our sailing hazard register. We have a specific On-The-Water-Safety policy which all members are encouraged to read. We also have a Major Incident Plan. All docs are available in the downloads section of the website. Members are reminded that sailing at the club operates under the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea (IRPCS) and the Racing Rules of Sailing and all members have a responsibility for their own health and safety, and the safety of others.

| Hazard | Current Control Measures | Further Controls to ensure ALARP |
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| Drowning | Buoyancy aids are required to man any craft and operate from the pontoons, safety boat cover is provided in programmed sailing times, all craft to have positive buoyancy, parental supervision and 'buddy' sailing actively encouraged. | None |
| Entrapment | Safety boat crews trained by the club to PB2 and encouraged to do Safety boat level. RYA techniques for avoiding and recovery from inversion part of SB course. All SBs equipped to deal with entrapment. Younger sailors discouraged from continual capsizing. | None |
| Trapeze entrapment | Word of mouth promoting quick release harnesses only and the absence of club trapeze equipment for hire. Recommendations on their use included in the On-the-Water-Safety doc. | None |
| Slipping/tripping on slipways and /or pontoons | Notices installed at entrances to wear buoyancy aids while operating from pontoons and the installation of non-slip surfaces on pontoons. | None |
| Slipping on the grass while carrying fuel cans and other equipment | Paved path to pontoon. | None |
| Cold from water immersion or exposure | Training courses, space blanket in safety boats, members advised to dress appropriately, safety boat cover during advertised sailing hours to watch for sailors suffering from cold. Instructors trained in first aid, as are a number of other members. | None |
| Safety boats and propellers | Use of correctly attached kill cords on all powered craft, crew of two, equipment list on boat. Turn engine off near people in water. All members offered free powerboat and safety boat training. A specific website page reminding members of the responsibilities of those operating a SB. DO has a checklist to ensure safety cover is fully briefed. | None |
| Medical ailments of safety boat crews | Declaration of fitness on membership application form. | None |
| Injuries from boom, sharp edges and ropes | Training courses and practical experience of how to operate boats safely, wearing helmets encouraged | None |
| Strain or injuries from pulling boats or lifting engines | Easy gradients to slipways, trolleys for moving engines and engine hoist. | None |
| Infection from blue green algae or wels disease | Warning notices on advice of Anglia Water. Wash hands before eating advice in members handbook. | None |
| Hazard of fire while refueling powerboat tanks | Warning signs, sand buckets and fire extinguisher in fuel store. Notice to close fuel store door. | None |
| Hazard of fire on board powerboats while in operation | Power boats have a fire extinguisher on board | None |
| Toxic fumes e.g. petrol | Fuel cans stored in fuel store, tanks filled outside to avoid vapors, new fuel cans bought in 2017. | None |
| Petrol splashing into eyes and onto other parts of the body | Goggles and gloves, kept in the fuel store, are available for wearing. | None |
| Risk of collision with increased multiple use of water by sailors and rowers. | Affiliated club agreement with Hollowell Scullers lays out required safety measures monitored by committee members. The main and effective control measure is time zoning. | None |
| Sudden changes of wind/conditions, thunderstorms & lightning | DO's have the authority to stop all activity on the reservoir and can immediately call boats off the water. It is their responsibility to check forecasts and brief accordingly before sailing commences. Additional spare SB fitted out and always tied to pontoon to be manned in emergencies. | None |
| Separation from Stand Up Paddleboard | SUP users are to be attached to the Stand Up Paddlboard by a leash. | None |
| Risk of injury when launching Stand Up Paddleboard | SUP users are advised not to launch from pontoons as there are metal fixings with sharp edges that could cause injury or damage to inflatable SUPs. Launch from the shore or slipway. If launching from the concrete wall in front of the clubhouse best practice is to leave and arrive on knees and not standing up. | None |
| Risk of collision with Stand Up Paddleboard due to small profile | SUP users are advised to wear high visibility tops when sharing the water with other craft | None |

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| DATE | 14/02/24 | This schedule is to be reviewed annually or after a significant change to the plant, process or activity | Prepared By | | Approved By | |
| NEXT REVIEW DATE | Feb 2025 | | Signed | Name | Signed | Name |
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