

Goring Thames Sailing Club - Training Centre - Risk Assessment					
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Main Health and Safety Issues:	Slips trips and falls into river during access to river, drowning , manual handling risks, infection and disease from river water. Injury from equipment around the site.				
Hazard	At Risk	To minimise risk	Risk	Likelihood	Rating
Around the grounds - goose poo - disease	younger children	start of sessions, ensure hands washed following	1	1	1
Around the grounds - goose pop - slips	All	students are aware of risk	1	1	1
Bar - alcohol consumption	Those under 18	sessions. Where it is students will be advised not to drink and	1	1	1
Bar - shutters	All	Shutters will only be cleared when nothing is in the way	1	1	1
Car park - moving cars and boats	All	briefings, additionally, there is limited space for cars in the car	1	2	2
Changing rooms - child protection	16	adults will not go into changing rooms on their own unless a	3	1	3
Changing rooms - hot water	juniors	Signage to alert to hot water in the changing rooms	2	1	2
Changing rooms - wet floors	All	water floors will be mopped.	1	1	1
Club house - electrocution	All	Those that are wet will not use any electrical items.	3	1	3
Club house - fire	All	once a month in season at committee meetings, fire	2	1	2
Club house - heaters	All	spread of heat and no burning. For those suffering from cold	1	1	1
Club house - theft	adults	valuables away.	1	1	1
Club house - wet floors	All	mop will e used alongside a wet floor sign	1	3	3
Driveway - Lack of access	All	emergency access is available. The person on duty for the	2	1	2
Equipment - faulty equipment	All	and that resulting in a boat being unable to be used	1	2	2
Equipment - faulty radios	All	which is connected to a timer for charging.	2	2	4
Equipment - inadequate buoyancy aids and lifesaving equipment	water	identified throughout the season will be removed when	2	2	4
Equipment - use of tools to repair	instructors	Tools will be stored in a locked toolbox in the garage	1	1	1
Far bank - public right of way	water and public	onto the water for the first time, and if it is deemed to be	2	1	2
Far bank - stinging nettles and other plants	water	specifically students will be using it	1	2	2
Hornby building - fire	All	once a month in season at committee meetings, fire	3	1	3
Hornby building - stowage of equipment	equipment	will be made aware of the need to be careful when moving	1	1	1
Kitchen - hot kitchen appliances	juniors	supervision is present, if the oven/hotplates etc are on juniors	2	1	2
Kitchen - hot water um	All	height where it is not accessible	2	1	2
Kitchen - knives	younger children	Knives will be stored in a labelled container	2	1	2
OOD hut - fire	instructors	followed	2	2	4
Powerboats - Fuel stowage when in use	drivers, crew and	of the powerboats	2	1	2
Powerboats - Fuel stowage when not in use	All	Fuel containers will be either stored in the main powerboat, with the vent closed. Or loose ones will be stored in the locked fuel locker outside the OOD hut.	2	1	2
Powerboats - launching and recovery of safety boat 1	Safety boat crew and those around	When launching safety boat one: with one person - the winch will always be used, with more than one person - the winch will be used at the discretion of those involved. If the winch is used, those else around should be made aware of the winch line.	2	2	4
Powerboats - launching and recovery of safety boat 2	Safety boat crew	At least two people are needed to launch SB2: Two options are available with 4 people SB2 can be carried to the water. With three, or at the users discretion it can be rolled on to SB1 trailer and launch using this (and the winch if needed)	1	2	2

Powerboats - safe driving	Safety boat crew, those on or in water	Those driving the safety boat courses will at the very least be PB2 qualified, and if under the age of 16 accompanied by another adult. If someone is not wearing the kill cord whilst driving, they will immediately be warned, if further misuse of the boat occurs, actions will be taken in consultation with the Committee	3	1	3		
Powerboats - storage of safety boat 2 engine	Safety boat crew	At least two people are required to fit and remove SB2's engine, preferably with a third person for support. Manual handling procedures should be followed and the engine trolley should be used and brought as close as possible to the boat which should be reversed into the slipway for easy removal.	2	2	4		
Powerboats - refuelling	Safety boat crew	Refuelling will follow the operation guidelines for the centre, namely: refuelling will only take place by qualified safety boat drivers, on a hardstanding area, with access to a spill kit and goggles	3	1	3		
Rigging - equipment in garage	All, particularly juniors	For those accessing equipment in the garage, they should be aware of the dangers present. Adults should be present with the children as they obtain equipment. Equipment should be taken out after the safety boat has been launched	2	2	4		
Rigging - flying sails	All, particularly those on shore	Where possible sails should be dropped or furled when not in use and spectators should be made aware of the possibility of booms moving around	1	3	3		
Rigging - launching optimists	Adults	Manual handling procedures should be followed and at least two people should move optimists to the side of the river	2	2	4		
Rigging - manual handling	All rigging including parents	Those moving equipment around should be made aware of the need for careful manual handling	1	2	2		
Rigging - moving of masts	All, including spectators	At least two young juniors, (or one adult) should move masts and be made aware of the need to move slowly and carefully around the centre	1	2	2		
Rigging - trapping fingers	All	Instruction on correct rigging processes will be given to all those rigging for the first time	1	1	1		
River - diseases and infection	All on water	Safety briefing given to all new students, any cuts are cleaned with antiseptic wipes, and advice is given in the case of feeling unwell, to inform their doctor of the river water	2	1	2		
River - drowning	All on water	Correctly fitting buoyancy aids (or life jackets for non-swimmers) will be worn at all times on the water and at the edge of the water	3	1	3		
River - flow of river	All on water	If the Environmental Agency river flow status is yellow and increasing, or red - no sailing is allowed	1	3	3		
River - hypothermia	All on water	Correct clothing will be advised for the conditions and instructors will take students off the water if they are getting too cold	3	1	3		
River - lock and weir	All on water	The sailing area will not be beyond the last big barge. If students drift down this far, they will be moved back to the main sailing area	2	2	4		
River - other craft	All on water	The person in charge of safety will guide other craft through the sailing area, students will be briefed on the likelihood of other craft, where necessary students may be brought back to the shore whilst other craft pass	2	3	6		

Sailing - capsize	All on water	Students will be instructed on what to do in the case of a capsize and a capsize drill will be held at the earliest possible opportunity	2	3	6		
Sailing - entrapment	All on water	Entrapment is not possible in most of the boats on the river due to the depth. Only in extreme circumstance would this happen (e.g optimist capsizing, mast snapping). To avoid these, capsize drills will be done as early as possible to reduce the risk of entrapment	3	1	3		
Sailing - head injuries	All on water	Helmets will be worn by all new juniors at the discretion of the Instructor in charge. It is advised in most weather conditions for them to be worn. Adults and older juniors will be offered and advised as appropriate.	2	2	4		
Sailing - thunder and lightening	All on water	No sailing is to be held when there is any sight of lightening, until the storm has passed.	3	1	3		
Slipway - slipping whilst launching and recovering boats	All	Shoes will be worn whilst launching and recovering and students will be advised of the risk. Ideally, two people will take boats out of the water together. Where there is excess debris on the slipway it will be removed prior to use.	2	3	6		
Winch - risk of injury to spectators	spectators	When the winch is in use, spectators nearby should be informed and stopped from going near	1	2	2		
Winch - risk of injury to users	Instructors	Instructors should not use the winch with wet hands, should ensure that the line is coiling appropriately and ideally have someone guiding the trailer being winched	2	1	2		