
Water Based Activities –COMPETITORS, RIB DRIVERS AND CREW, RACE OFFICERS and HELPERS at the Royal Solent Yacht Club

Organisation name: Royal Solent Yacht Club

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The Royal Solent Yacht Club (the 'Club') has carried out this Risk Assessment of the Club's sailing activities to satisfy the requirements of regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. The Club's sailing activities involve competitors, RIB drivers and crew, Race Officers, Club staff and helpers.

With effect from 27th April 2022 the Club will be running its programme of Club and other racing for sailing boats including racing yachts, Cruisers, Folk Boats, Day Boats and dinghies. Racing will be run from Grants and from Committee boats.

No one may participate in racing unless they have completed fully the Condition of Entry Form and they have read and understood this Risk Assessment. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. This activity is for competent people capable of making their own decisions and sailing without support from others. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in the activity is hers alone.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Date Assurance Provided
Communication system not clear	All participants if race management is affected or safety issue arises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VHF radio protocols to be followed by Race Offices and RIBs - Courses to be communicated as per Sailing Instructions including WhatsApp and repeating at regular intervals over VHF radio. - Results to be on Club website 	Review daily	PRO and Race Officers.		
Competitor gets into difficulty and requires urgent assistance with their boat	Sailors and RIBs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following standard sailing protocols - Buoyancy aids/floatation devices are recommended to be worn on the water. Dinghy sailors must use buoyancy aids/floatation devices. Race Officers may require buoyancy aids/floatation devices to be worn if conditions mean that it is appropriate to do so - Wind and sea conditions to be considered to assess hazards for sailors and RIBs. - Race Officers to assess adequacy of RIB safetycover given numbers, experience and wind/tide conditions - Upper wind speed limit to apply. - Radios to be used on RIBs for communication with shore team and PRO with protocols followed to summon rescue. 	All racing to be closely monitored by Race Officers and Boatman and immediately cancelled/abandoned if the wind/sea conditions are becoming more than acceptable.	Race Officers, RIB drivers	On day of sailing	

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Competitor gets into difficulty in the water and requires assistance getting out of the water	Sailors and RIBs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As above - Standard RSYC Protocol - RIBs to carry steps/ladder devices to enable self-recovery from water - Radio communications and protocols to summon external assistance if required 		Sailors and RIB drivers and crew	Immediate	
First Aid including Basic Life Support	RIBs and sailors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As above - Endeavouring to minimise the actual risks of sailing - Perform only Chest Compression BLS. - Follow UK Resuscitation Council Guidance +/-RYA recommendations 		RIBs, other sailors,	On day of sailing	
First Aid including Basic Life Support	Staff and sailors	As above Endeavour to minimise the actual risks of sailing	<p>Perform only Chest Compression BLS.</p> <p>Follow UK Resuscitation Council Guidance +/- RYA recommendations.</p>	Boatman, other sailors, Race Officers and Sailing Secretary if on duty	Immediate	