Date 26/05/18

**Risk Assessment for all Supervised Junior Sailing Activities run at WOSC for members only and not under the**

**RYA banner**.

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| **WHO MIGHT BE HARMED** | **HAZARD** | **PROCEDURE IN PLACE** | **REMEDIAL ACTION** | **DATE**  **(of remedial action)** |
| Any Junior | Too young to understand instructions | Age range 8 to 18 at the time of the activity. Parental attendance and support required |  |  |
| Any Junior | Playing in car park or surrounding grounds | All Juniors and their parents or delegated responsible adult alerted to the hazards of running in boat park at the safety briefing. | Hold safety briefings and cover hazard. | April and  July |
| All Juniors | Playing around boats | All Juniors and their parents or delegated responsible adult alerted to the hazards of running in boat park at the safety briefing | Hold safety briefings and cover hazard | April and  July |
| All Juniors | Slips trip and falls | 1) The possibility of slippery wet floors in the toilets and changing area pointed out at the safety briefing.  2) The hazards on the wood decking (slipping and splinters) are pointed out at the safety briefing.  3) The concrete slipways may become very slippy with weed. This is pointed out at the safety briefing  4) Unless access is required to patrol boats Juniors are banned from the jetty. | Hold safety briefings and cover hazards and rule. | April and  July |
| All Juniors | Cuts to feet and hands while playing in boat park and while in a boat. | 1) Parents and children alerted to this hazard at safety briefing  2) Suitable and secure footwear also mentioned at safety briefing | Hold safety briefings and cover hazards. | April and  July |
| All Juniors | Weather conditions | 1)Parents and Juniors alerted to the fact that the decision to go afloat in the conditions is theirs alone.  A Risk Statement and a declaration, form part of the membership renewal forms for 2013  2) In the event of a thunderstorm juniors are sent ashore. | Hold safety briefings and cover hazards | April and  July |
| All Juniors | Stress | Instructors told not to pressurise any junior not wishing to participate any further and return child to parent or delegated responsible adult. | Hold assistant and instructor safety briefings just prior to main junior safety briefing. | April and  July |
| All Juniors  and helpers | Lifting and manoeuvring boats | 1)Pointed out at the safety briefing that boats may appear very heavy to juniors.  2)Instructors and helpers alerted to the fact that they must be vigilant in not allowing small Juniors to lift excessively heavy weights as they may not consider the additional weight of the water in a boat or adopt the correct lifting posture. | Hold safety briefings and cover hazards. | April and  July |
| All Juniors | Hygiene | 1) After sailing the need to wash hands before consuming any food or drink pointed out at safety briefing. | Hold safety briefings and cover hazard. | April and July |
| Any Junior | Drowning | 1) All Juniors and their parents or delegated responsible adult alerted to the fact that the child should be able to swim and be confident in the water.  2)Wearing of buoyancy aids is mandatory at all times when on the water or launching or recovering boats.  3) Buoyancy aids must be correctly fitted. This is the responsibility of the parent or delegated responsible adult (not one of the instructors)  4) Tidy clothing with no snag hazards.  5) Long hair to be tied up to prevent entanglement.  6)No Juniors allowed out on water under instruction without a manned safety boat being present.  7)Items 2,3,4 and 5 all covered in the initial safety briefing. | Hold safety briefings and cover hazards | April and July |
| All Juniors | Bumps to head caused by boom  or other boat parts | 1)Parents alerted to the possibility of providing canoe crash hats for their children.  2)Juniors alerted to the problem and reminded to keep their heads down when tacking or gybing  and while assembling or dismantling boats | Hold safety briefings and cover hazards | April and July |
| All Juniors | Excessive heat/cold | 1)Parents reminded at safety briefing that it is their responsibility to provide the correct clothing for their child.   1. 2) Instructor to be made aware that children loose heat quickly and can suffer from heat stroke or dehydration. 2. 3)No single session to be greater than approximately 1 hour   4) The possible need for sunscreen, hats and other suitable covering pointed out to parents at safety briefing | Hold safety briefings and cover hazards | April and July |
| All Juniors | Recreational swimming in the sailing area | Recreational swimming in the lake is strictly forbidden except within the designated areas and under parental control. | Hold safety briefings and cover hazards | April and July |
| Any junior | Control of the safety boats | 1. All patrol boat drivers are ether trained to at least RYA level 2 or have been trained by WOSC up to a comparable standard (Patrol boat course criteria). 2. All patrol boats will have a crew of 2. 3. 1 patrol boat will supervise up to 10 dinghies. 4. If weather conditions are so poor that multiple capsizes are likely coaches will order all boats ashore. |  |  |
| Anyone in the water in the vicinity of the propeller | Propeller | 1) All patrol boats fitted with propeller guards |  |  |
| All Juniors and helpers | Patrol boat launching and retrieval due to weight and angled slipway | 1)At safety briefing the need to stay well clear of the back of any safety boats being launched and recovered is highlighted  2) Before any launching or recovery all helpers and instructors MUST ensure that the slipway is clear of people. | Hold safety briefings and cover hazards | April and July |
| Assistants  and instructors | Child Protection | 1)Assistant told of limitations to the action they could take and be aware of the Child Protection laws  2) Child protection poster prominently displayed with contact name and photograph |  |  |
| All juniors | Incorrect identification of parent or responsible adult | 1)Register kept of Juniors.  2)Mobile contact number kept if possible.  3) Junior members parent/guardian to remain responsible for their child. |  |  |
| All juniors | Injury caused by incorrect supervision while patrol boat driver is otherwise engaged. | No junior may be carried in a patrol boat other than for the purpose of recovery. |  |  |