

SAILING open vessel: lugsailing local waters

Risks

- 1) Drowning and water inhalation
- 2) Swamping and entrapment
- 3) Hypothermia and sunstroke
- 4) Changes in weather conditions
- 5) Other dinghys and crafts
- 6) Carrying and using equipment
- 7) Injuries – from yard, tackle and propeller etc
- 8) Equipment failure
- 9) Slipping/tripping boarding from pontoon land or dinghy

Risk(s)	Risk Management: Essential Criteria
All	Skipper must complete boat specific training and assessment as outlined in Operating Procedures (O.P.)
All	Competent Crew Ratio: as outlined for each vessel
All	Skipper must adhere to declared maximum number for the vessel
All	Safety procedures will be included in the pre-activity briefing.
All	Skipper to contact Coastguard/Harbour Authority with details of each passage
3	Skipper must ensure participants have adequate sun protection
3	Skipper to ensure all participants are wearing appropriate clothing
1,2	All participants must wear buoyancy aids or lifjackets as laid out in O.P.
4,5,6	Skipper must demonstrate good knowledge operating area.
4	Skipper to have sourced weather forecast and tidal predictions
7,8	All equipment must be checked before use.
7	Participants are to be instructed in safe use of yard and tackle with particular reference to halyard, traveller block and sheet
9	Embarkation from pontoon, dinghy, steps or slipway only
5	Adequate lookout to be kept at all times

SKIPPER GUIDELINES

- Skipper must check the weather forecast and likely condition and choose the appropriate venue or the cancellation of the activity must be taken in advance.
- The session must take place in appropriate conditions to suit the ability and experience of the group.
- Skipper must carry the appropriate safety equipment in the boat as stipulated in the OP.
- The Instructor must check that the contents of the safety bag are complete and intact
- Skipper must hold a valid 1st Aid Certificate.
- Skipper to ensure membership/consent forms completed by all participants before departure
- If participant under 16, parental consent form and club membership completed.

Reviewed Date	Amendments
	Risk assessment implemented