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Data protection – Your name and signature are required for the effective conduct of your membership contract with the club and to ensure the club fulfils our obligation to ensure your health and safety in accordance with current Royal Yachting Association policy guidance.

CONSENT

I confirm that I have read and fully understood the RYA guidance and other information provided by the club/centre on blue-green algae and accept responsibility for exposing myself to such risks whilst taking part in activities in and around the water. I will comply at all times with the instructions of the club/centre and its officers. I accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by my own negligence.

Please print name.....

Signed Date.....

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT

I agree that may take part in activities on the water. I confirm that I have read through the above advice with him/her and that she/he understands and agrees with the advice. I also confirm that he/she takes part in activities on the water with my full agreement.

Please print name.....

Signed.....Date.....



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Participants are advised that blue-green algae is present in the sailing water used by Shearwater Sailing Club

On occasions, growth of the blue-green algae becomes excessive and can cause blooms and scum. Bloom and scum-forming algae are capable of producing toxins which can be harmful to people and fatal to animals. We wish to advise you of the following:

1. Every person wishing to use the potentially affected water may be required to sign this Risk Statement after reading the RYA guidance at least once in each season.
2. When water is affected by algal scum the following categories are at particular risk: paddlers, trainees doing capsize drill, swimmers (including immersion sports), small children, pregnant women, domestic animals (if allowed to play in the water or to drink it).
3. On a lee shore on a windy day algae and scum can be found at some distance from the water. Keep animals and children away from these areas.
4. Participants likely to enter the water should wear clothing which is close fitting at the wrists, neck and ankles, such as a wetsuit, along with boots over the clothing/wetsuit to minimise contact with algae or algal scum.
5. Minimal time should be spent in shallow water launching and recovering equipment. Launching/recovery should be in areas away from thick aggregations of algae or scum.
6. Consult the notice board before participating for detailed information as to areas of the water to be particularly avoided.
7. After coming ashore participants should hose themselves down to avoid bringing scum and algae into the changing rooms. All clothing should be washed and thoroughly dried on returning home. Do not store wet or damp clothes.
8. If taking part in working parties in or close to the water do not strip off, even on hot days; to do so increases the risk of illness.
9. Avoid horseplay in or near the water. This Risk Statement is to be signed by or on behalf of those intending to go in or near the water at Shearwater Sailing Club.