



Shearwater Sailing Club Risk Assessment – Work parties and general maintenance

APPENDIX E

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Standing risk assessments prepared on behalf of the Committee of Shearwater sailing Club
 These assessments will be subject to ongoing review and amendment as required.

All members please be advised - S.S.C. is run by the members for the benefit of the members. We all have a responsibility for our own health and safety and the safety of others, particularly our junior members. It is the member's responsibility to please follow the advice and guidance laid down in this risk assessment and not to engage in any activity that puts you or others at risk of injury.

Use of large power tools e.g. strimmers, lawn mowers, power washers and similar.	Death / serious injury / minor injury Medium	Operative and those in vicinity	RCD Circuit breaker to be used with all mains powered equipment, all cabling to be visible colour, eye protection / gloves / hard hat to be worn as required. No loose clothing, hair tied back. Petrol fuelled equipment to be re-fuelled when cold and on a suitable flat surface outdoors. Fuel to be stored in recognised purpose made container. No fuel to be taken in to or stored in clubhouse.	No use of power tools by those under 18. Ensure other persons keep clear of work area Tools not to be used for a prolonged period Ensure equipment is in safe working order and operator is suitably experienced and familiar with operation Ear defenders to be used noisy tools and others to keep clear of source of loud noise. Appropriate preferably safety footwear to be worn	Low
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Use of small power tools such as drills, sanders, jigsaws and similar	Death / serious injury Low / medium	Operative and those in vicinity	Battery powered tools to be used (if mains see above precautions) eye and breathing protection to be worn as appropriate. No loose clothing, hair tied back.	No use of power tools by those under 18. Ensure other persons keep clear of work area Tools not to be used for a prolonged period Ensure equipment is in safe working order and operator is suitably experienced and familiar with operation	Low
Injury resulting from use of a chainsaw	Death / serious injury High	Operative and those in vicinity	Only a suitably formally qualified operative will be allowed to use a chain saw on club premises. They must wear full appropriate safety clothing etc. and carry their own personal and third party insurance	If a chain saw is in use then all other persons will keep well clear of the vicinity. Observer / marshal to be deployed to keep area clear.	Low



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Use of manual tools such as digging bars, spades, forks, shovels, hand saws, rakes, scythes, hammers etc.	Cuts, loss of fingers / toes, injury to back etc. Medium	Users and those in the vicinity	Tools to be in good condition and fit for purpose. Users to ensure that they are in sufficient health to use the particular tool and that use will not aggravate any existing medical condition.	Onus on the user of the tool not to tackle or continue with any task that that they feel may cause them injury. In particular care to be taken to avoid back injury by exercising good technique and not lifting or moving excessive weight.	Low



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Injury resulting from use of ladders / working at height	Death / serious injury Medium	User and those below	Use of ladders will be a last resort, consider long handled tools (e.g. pruners / saw instead) use to be restricted to no higher than head height above ground. If higher above ground (such as work on clubhouse roof) dynamic risk assessments to be conducted by user(s) ensure ladder adequately supported and secured from slipping etc.	No lone working with a ladder. Another person(s) at bottom to assist with security at all times. If in any doubt about the safety of a task do not use a ladder or climb to complete it. Professional assistance to be sought as necessary.	Low



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Use of paints, varnishes, polishes, surface preparation etc.	Lung damage / breathing problems / poisoning / eye damage Low	Those painting, polishing and sanding etc. and others in the vicinity	Users to read the instructions on all products before use and follow these, including safety guidance. Ensure adequate ventilation, Install extra ventilation in confined spaces. Use dust mask and eye protection if scraping / sanding. Do not get paint and other products on bare skin. Wear protective outer clothing such as overalls and use gloves as required.	Only products intended for the 'domestic' market (i.e. readily bought over the counter) and in their original proper containers will be used. If there is any doubt over the suitability of a product do not use it.	Low
Falling branches when clearing or pruning in dinghy park	Head injuries Medium	Saw users and others below.	Do not tackle any branch that appears at all likely to be capable of causing injury if it falls unless a dynamic risk assessment has been conducted and suitable measures put in place.	Keep working area clear of other persons	Low



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Use of wheelbarrow	Injured back Medium	Wheelbarrow user	Light weights only to be carried in barrow. Users to ensure that they are in sufficient health to use the barrow and that use will not aggravate any existing medical condition	Onus on the user of the barrow not to tackle or continue with any task that that they feel may cause them injury. In particular care to be taken to avoid back injury by exercising good technique and not lifting or moving excessive weight.	Low
Bonfire to dispose of leaves etc.	Burns / smoke inhalation Low	Persons stoking fire / those in area of smoke	If wind is likely to blow smoke towards area where those are working do not light fire. Take care when putting vegetation on to fire. No children allowed near fire.	Small bonfire only	Low



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<p>Lifting of large objects such as abandoned boats, logs etc.</p>	<p>Back injuries / muscle strains</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Those lifting</p>	<p>Light weights only to be lifted alone.</p> <p>Heavier weights may be lifted by two or more people. Ensure proper co-ordination if doing so.</p> <p>Lifters to ensure that they are in sufficient health to lift the weight required and that use will not aggravate any existing medical condition.</p>	<p>Onus on the lifter not to tackle or continue with any task that that they feel may cause them injury. In particular care to be taken to avoid back injury by exercising good technique and not lifting or moving excessive weight.</p>	<p>Low</p>
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Work to and maintenance of clubhouse roof.	Death / serious injury.	Those working at height.	Dynamic risk assessment to be undertaken by those considering work. No person to put themselves at undue risk. Professional assistance to be engaged if work judged to be potentially unsafe or beyond abilities of those available to undertake.	Also see assessment above re use of ladders	Low