**Yealm Yacht Club**

**Risk Assessment Form – Club Safety Boat Operation**

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| **Hazard** | **Risk** | **Control Measure** |
| **Environment – Dry land** | * Slipping on stones
* Falling off walls
* Being hit by boats that are being launched or retrieved;
* Possibly while carrying boat equipment
 | * Warning notice at top of steps
* Wear suitable clothing and footwear for the activity
* Always report hazards that are evident
* Promote a culture of moving about deliberately/ thoughtfully

\*\* **Please note** * First Aid kit in hut and boats
* VHF communications
* Potentially call emergency services (see “*YYC Dinghy & Dayboat Crisis Management Plan”*)
* RYA First Aid course recommended
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| **Environment - Water** | * Falling overboard
* Cold water shock
* Hypothermia
* Drowning
 | * It is a requirement that Safety Boat crews wear Lifejackets or Buoyancy Aids at all times
* Two handed manning of Safety Boats, a requirement of the Club Insurers
* Boats’ equipment to include a boarding ladder and survival bags

\*\* *see note above*. |
| **Safety Boats’ equipment and sailing craft rig** | * Being struck, squashed or dragged by gear (eg swiped by a boom of a boat that is being assisted, fingers trapped by gunwale)
 | * Encourage a culture of predicting when tricky situations may arise and act in an appropriate way

\*\* *see note above*. |
| **Fire onboard Safety Boat** | * Fire burns
 | * No smoking onboard the Safety Boat;
* No refuelling to take place while engine is running
* Fire extinguisher carried

\*\* *see note above* |
| **Hierarchy of Risk*** Eliminate the risk if possible
* Reduce the risk to the absolute minimum
* Isolate the area from all but the operatives
* Control at all times
* Ensure that the correct PPE is used
* Ensure that risk assessments are adhered to
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(First Assessed - April 2018)

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