**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 |
| **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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