

St Denys Boat Club – Risk Assessment

Event: Knots and Nibbles

Activity Type: Indoor skills and social session

Location: St Denys Boat Club (indoor space)

Expected Numbers: Up to 20 people

Event Type: Supervised / organised event

Assessor: Caroline Smedley

Reviewer: James Wardle

Date: 13 Jan 2026

Hazard Identification and Control Measures

Hazard	Who may be harmed	Risk	Control / Mitigation Measures
Overcrowding	Attendees	Low	Numbers limited to approximately 20 people. Seating and working space arranged to allow clear movement.
Trip hazards from ropes and spars	Attendees	Medium	Ropes and spars kept tidy when not in use. Walkways kept clear. Participants reminded to keep equipment under control.

Manual handling of spars	Attendees	Low-Medium	Lightweight spars only. Demonstrations given on safe handling. No lifting above shoulder height.
Minor injuries from rope handling	Attendees	Low	Demonstration of safe knot-tying techniques. Participants encouraged to work at a comfortable pace.
Slips and trips (general)	Attendees	Low	Floors kept clear and dry. Bags and coats stored away from activity areas.
Fire risk	All	Low	Fire exits identified and kept clear. No open flames or heat sources used.
Medical incident	Attendees	Low	First aid kit available. Event lead aware of emergency procedures.

Additional Controls

Short safety briefing at the start of the session. Clear supervision throughout. Equipment checked and cleared away at the end of the session.

Residual Risk

With the above controls in place, risks are considered low and acceptable for a small indoor skills and social event.

Review

This risk assessment should be reviewed if numbers increase, if the format changes, or following any incident or near miss.