

**St Denys Boat Club**

**Risk Assessment  
Usr of Motor Powered Boats**

**Priory Avenue St Denys  
SO17 2LT**

**Date 13<sup>th</sup> march 2026**

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**Reviewed by: Wayne Mitchell**

This Risk Assessment is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure activities and risks have not changed and in any event not later than March 2027.

**Activities:**

Refresher training for dealing with on water incidents. .

**Notes:**

The club committee and nominated persons regularly organise and run events at the club, This event aims at refreshing rescue and incident management skills.

A number of individual exercises will be carried out, each with a dedicated organiser.

A safety boat not involved in actual exercises will be available at all times.

Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Persons at Risk	Mitigation	Revised likelihood
Drowning	Low	High	Everyone,	Everyone to wear Buoyancy aids or Life Jackets. Operate vessels carefully always be aware of what others are doing.	Low
Injuries from propellers	Moderate	Severe	Everyone, particularly inexperienced	Do not operate motors except when securely attached to vessel and with vessel in the water. Electric outboards are a particular risk as it is possible to inadvertently operate the throttle or to connect the battery with drive selected. Under no circumstances should the motor be connected to the battery unless the motor is mounted to the vessel and in the water. Do not approach anyone in the water without stopping a petrol engine or physically disconnecting the battery on an electric motor. Do not put hands or other body parts in the water near propellers. If the propeller becomes fouled and needs cleaning, stop a petrol engine and remove kill cord or disconnect battery on an electric motor. Always use Kill cords.	Low
Collisions	Moderate	Low	Everyone	Brief everyone to keep a good lookout. Brief everyone to keep hands / limbs inside boat and not to try and fend off collision	Mod
Slips trips and falls	Moderate	Low	All	Warn of risk areas, edge of slipway and pontoons.	Low
Immersion / cold	Low	Mod	All	Activities and boats to be chosen as appropriate for the conditions. All persons to be dressed appropriately. Anyone who falls in or shows signs of becoming too cold to be taken ashore immediately and warmed up.	Low
Entrapment	Low	Mod to High	All	Sailing craft, ropes to be managed to reduce risk. Kayaks, beware of clothing catching on fittings ensure participants understand exit techniques. Participants to be briefed on actions in event of capsize. Safety craft and supervision.	Low
Fire	Low	Mod to High	All	Petrol is flammable and Electrical systems can cause fires due to	Low

			severe	damage or accidental short circuit. Smoking is NOT ALLOWED on club premises or vessels. Batteries and fuel not to be stored in clubhouse use designated external storage. Turn off fuel when not in use. Disconnect battery when not in use. Do not refuel hot engines or on the water. Use only certified and approved fuel containers. Do not carry or store excessive quantities of fuel. Larger cruisers with separate fuel tanks carry fire extinguishers.
Contaminated water	Low	Mod	All	Be aware of the signs of Weils disease. Any cuts grazes to be covered on water. Any injuries incurred during event to be disinfected and covered or otherwise treated as appropriate. Seek medical advice if required.
Damaged equipment	Mod	Mod	All	Do not use equipment showing signs of damage, (particularly fuel leaks or damaged electrics) report for repair and mark as Do Not Use.
Pre existing Medical conditions	Low	Low to Severe	All	Individuals to be responsible for managing their own health conditions, and understanding their own limitations.
Protection of children	Low	Mod	All	This event is not intended for children. Under 18's only allowed if accompanied by a parent or guardian, all members to be vigilant of risks to very young children, comply with safeguarding policy.