HORSESHOE LAKE

MINIMUM INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION - RYA dinghy instructor to lead, assistant instructor to supervise ratios

INSTRUCTOR: PARTICIPANT RATIO - Dis - 1:6 Single Handed 1:8 Double Handed Als - 1:6 Participants (Assisting a DI and under supervision of an SI) 1:6 boats for a non RYA Taster session

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Risk	Who Might Be Harmed	Measures to Minimise Risk
Entanglement	Participants Volunteers Instructors	 Full safety briefing given prior to start of activity. Safety pack in all powerboats containing a knife. Instructors to carry a knife in their buoyancy aid. Safety boats in close proximity at all times. Instructors trained to deal with entanglement situations. Instructors to hold relevant first aid qualification. Ensure Instructor ratios are maintained at all times. All participants to wear suitable clothing and buoyancy aids
Capsize	Participants Volunteers Instructors	 Full safety briefing prior to start of activity. Safety boats in close proximity at all times. Instructors trained to deal with capsize recovery. Ensure Instructor ratios are maintained at all times. Safety Pack in all powerboats containing first aid kit. All participants to wear suitable clothing and buoyancy aids
Injuries sustained on the water	Participants Volunteers Instructors	 Full safety briefing given prior to start of activity. Safety pack in all powerboats containing first aid kit. Under 18s to wear Helmets. All participants to wear suitable clothing, footwear and buoyancy aids. Instructors hold relevant first aid qualification. Member of staff on land, trained in calling the emergency services, and first aid contactable by radio.
Collisions with other craft	Participants Volunteers Instructors	 Full safety briefing given prior to start of activity. Participants instructed to avoid collisions at all costs from the start. Participants taught the 'Rules of the Road' at earliest opportunity. Ensure instructor ratios are maintained. Sail area to be set prior to going afloat.
Injuries sustained on land	Participants Volunteers Instructors	 Full safety briefing given prior to the start of Activities. Instructor(s) to ensure that manual handling guidelines are followed at all times. Ensure equipment is checked regularly. Instructor(s) to supervise manoeuvring craft to and from the boat compound and rigging craft. Instructor(s) to have relevant first aid training, and a first aid kit in the building.

Taster session

Risk	Who Might Be Harmed	Measures to Minimise Risk
Falling out of a sailing dinghy	Participants	 Full safety briefing given prior to the start of Activity. Safety boat in close proximity with safety kit on-board at all times. Appropriate clothing and buoyancy aids to be worn by all participants. Instructors trained to deal with the situation. Instructors to hold relevant first aid qualification. Member of staff on land, trained on calling the emergency services, and first aid.
Drowning	Participants Volunteers Instructors	 Full safety brief given prior to the start of Activity. Safety boat in close proximity. Ensure instructors have the training to deal with rescue and recovery techniques. Instructor(s) to hold relevant first aid qualification. Member of staff on land, trained in calling the emergency services, and first aid. At least one Instructor per group to have a radio and carry out a radio check with Duty Manager/Senior Instructor
Harm from powerboats	Participants Volunteers Instructors	 All instructors driving a powerboat MUST hold a current RYA Level 2 powerboat Licence and take part in a HLAC specific powerboat induction. Safety-boats only to be used for their purpose as safety boats and teaching platforms. All safety-boat helms to wear the kill cord at all times when the engine is running. All safety-boats to undertake regular checks.
Medical conditions	Participants Volunteers Instructors	 Ensure all medical requirements are understood by staff Continuous supervision by Instructors Ensure all instructors hold a relevant first aid qualification. At least one instructor per group to carry a working radio at all times, and completed a radio check with the Duty Manager/Senior Instructor