

SOLENT RADIO CONTROL MODEL BOAT CLUB (Scale section of the Solent RCMYC)

Summary of the risk assessment – Scale Boats - 16 October 2012

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Reviewed 20 January 2016 – Risk involving Hovercraft added.

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS.

This currently seems to be a **low risk**.

DROWNING.

With the potential severity of an accident, this brings it into the medium / low risk category and therefore needs a watchful eye, as an increase in the number of minor incidents, could make this a **Medium Risk**.

THE RISK OF INJURY BY ROTATING PROPELLOR/S.

This currently is a relevantly **low risk**, but members need to be careful when there are members of the public present.

INJURIES TO EYES BY TRANSMITTER CAUSED BY AERIALS / DUST.

Transmitter aerials - With the current practices in place and well controlled, this should remain a **low risk**.

However, dust from hovercraft being used on solid ground needs to be watched, as it could easily result in an accident involving a member of the public.

RISK OF WATER BORN DISEASE.

As long as members practice suitable and good hygiene, this should remain a **low risk**. *(Is hygiene advice published in any of the club documents, if not it really needs to be).*

RISK OF INJURY FROM RE-CHARGEABLE BATTERIES.

Again because of the possibility of a serious injury, this brings it into **medium /low risk** and therefore needs a watchful eye to make sure good practice is always maintained, as it could easily become a medium risk.

RISK OF RADIO FREQUENCY CLASH .

This as a **low risk** as long as the existing practices of “peg board” control is maintained.

RISK OF EXPLOSION / FIRE / SCOLDING.

With there being very few steam driven models currently at the pond, this is a **low risk**, if however more steam models appear, then it could quickly become a Medium, or even High Risk.

OPERATING MODEL HOVERCRAFT,
CARS AND OTHER LAND BASED
MODELS.

Again as there currently are not many of this type of model being used up at the pond, the **risk is low** again, if more are used then it may become medium risk.

To comply with the Forestry Commission Permit and to keep noise levels to a minimum only one Hovercraft is to be operated at any time

Other models must be operated in a way that the noise to an acceptable level.

SPECTATOR SAFETY.

As long as good practice is maintained when spectators are around models then the risk should remain low.

VEHICLE MOVEMENTS.

This is the one that needs to be closely watched, currently it seems to be a low risk, however, it could quite easily become Medium, or High Risk, if there was to be any serious incident.

In some ways it is out of the clubs hands and involves the National Park Authority, so if problems do arise in the future, they will need to be contacted.