

Blakeney Sailing Club Organised Pursuit Races – including Regattas

Risks to be read in conjunction with Risk Assessment 1 – Organised Sailing

Additional risks identified

Entrants come from Blakeney and Morston by sea and since the latter do not launch from the Dinghy Park are unable to complete registration forms, e.g. sign in and sign out at the Race Hut. This may be OK if experienced senior sailors but unsafe if less experienced sailors or Youth Members. Some entrants from Blakeney might even line up to start a race without completing the necessary paperwork

Possible solutions:

All experienced members of Blakeney Sailing Club and Morston Sailing Club to be alert to the presence of possible inexperienced or youth sailors and to bring this to the attention of the Race Officer. Such members to ask if the sailors in question feel confident to race or would like additional supervision; the Race officer again to be kept informed. And the Race Officer to alert the Patrol Boat Helms accordingly.

Hazard -1	Potential severity and risk	Who is at risk	Control Measures	Further measures as appropriate	Residual risk
<p>Sailors joining the start of the race from Morston and from Blakeney</p> <p>Sailors starting form either bank at Cooke's Posts</p>	<p>Necessary forms not completed</p> <p>Sailors not signing out may be "missed"</p>	<p>Youth Members</p> <p>Less Experienced members</p> <p>Uninsured members putting others at risk.</p>	<p>Race Officers / assistants to ask entrants who are not members of BSC if they have the necessary skills and insurance</p> <p>RO and PBs to liaise regarding any sailors who might be considered at risk.</p>	<p>All participants encouraged to be aware of sailors who might be in need of help and to offer such assistance as they are able.</p> <p>Members with VHS radios to offer to assist Race Officer as eyes and ears on the water</p> <p>All sailors to follow safety instructions of RO PB and assistants</p>	Low

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Hazard -2	Potential severity and risk	Who is at risk	Control Measures	Further measures as appropriate	Residual risk
Less skilled or less experienced sailor helming	Danger to themselves and other users on the water	Sailors with inadequate skills to sail at Blakeney	<p>Sailors to have RYA Youth Scheme Level 3 or RYA National Scheme Level 2 or equivalent</p> <p>Less experienced sailors indicate on Intention to Race Form and alert RO.</p> <p>RO will alert PBs of sail number of said sailors.</p>	<p>At least four PB available for patrolling the race course.</p> <p>PBs to be on water before sailors set sail and ready to assist as early as possible.</p> <p>Members with their own VHF radios to assist RO & PB helms.</p> <p>PB to be aware of less experienced and youth helms and therefore be more likely to need assistance.</p> <p>If necessary the RO/PB will request the inexperienced or youth sailor to stop racing and the PB to take said sailor to a place of safety e.g. Lapwing or back to launch slipway at Dinghy Park or abandon boat.</p>	Low