

# WORCESTERSHIRE YOUTH SAILING ASSOCIATION

## Sailing Risk Assessment at Aztec Upton Warren

SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS AND IDENTIFICATION RISK  <i>Hazards which may result in serious harm or affect several people</i>	THOSE WHO MIGHT BE HARMED  <i>Persons at risk from the significant hazards identified</i>	CONTROL MEASURES  <i>Controls, including relevant sources of guidance</i>	RESIDUAL RISK  <i>Acceptable/Not Acceptable</i>
All of the usual hazards which are associated with learning to sail a dinghy.	Those being taught how to sail and anyone who is using the lake	The instructors delivering the sailing tuition must be a qualified RYA Instructor and have the RYA safety boat certificate. or has a RYA Level 2 powerboat certificate and has received safetyboat training from a RYA safetyboat qualified powerboat instructor in line with the Aztec Upton Warren safetyboat training schedule. They should operate to the current best practice of the RYA and in accordance with the WYSA Operating Procedures.	Acceptable
Person drowning due to a medical condition.	Anyone involved with the activity	Medical information must be checked, if the sailor has a medical condition which may cause them to become unconscious, they must wear a lifejacket instead of the usual buoyancy aid conforming to the CE 50 rule.	Acceptable
Sailor trapped in rigging, and being held under water causing asphyxiation or drowning.	Anyone sailing the boat	The safety boat must be ready when sailing is taking place. RS Visions and Laser Bahias should always sail with a mast head float.	Acceptable
Lightning strikes.	Anyone using the lake	As soon as lightening is seen it should be reported to the WYSA Senior Instructor, who will make a decision on whether or not to stop the activities on the lake. They will then inform WYSA instructors running the session.	Acceptable
Sailing dinghy capsizing while tied on to the pontoon, the falling mast causing injury to another person.	Anyone who in the area of the pontoon	Briefing of the correct way to get into and out of boats from the pontoon.	Acceptable
Head injury caused by boom of adjacent boat.	Person rigging boat	Do not allow dinghies to tie up too close to each other.	Acceptable
The mast of dinghies being dropped while rigging/de-rigging and landing on someone's head causing an injury.	Anyone the vicinity of the boats being rigged	Instruction on the correct and safe way to erect a dinghy mast. Assistance available from instructors if requested.	Acceptable
Injuries caused by someone swinging a mast around.	Anyone near dinghies being rigged	If masts are carried by inexperienced young sailors, they should be carried by two sailors – one at each end.	Acceptable
Sailor falls on the slipway injuring themselves.	Anyone using the slipway	Use of an anti-slip mat which is cleaned on a regular basis to reduce the likely of slipping on the slipway.	Acceptable
Manual handling of sailing dinghy.	Sailors	Moving dinghies, rigging and derigging should be overseen by a RYA qualified instructor.	Acceptable
Fingers or toes being injured as a result of being trapped between the boat and the pontoon.	Sailors and Instructors	Instructors to brief sailors about the danger of getting finger and toes squashed between the boat and pontoon and remain vigilant.	Acceptable