

Dolphin Model Boat Club – Risk Assessment for Regatta Days

Brief Description of Area

The area is the pond/park on the Orpington by Pass. The park is used by the public and is easily accessible at any time on foot. People walk through the park on the concrete paths/grass and are used by families/children dog walkers. Members must therefore be constantly vigilant with the use of their boats/cars. The park is in use 24hrs 7days a week.

Risk Assessment

1. Take care unlocking entry barrier and padlock, it can pinch fingers. Open barrier arm right back to prevent it snagging cars or worse still people/children. **RISK LOW**

2. Boats about a metre long. Scale boats, predominantly electric powered, some steam. Owners/runners of steam to ensure that the flammable fuels are stored correctly, in particular that children cannot tamper or play with canisters equipment which contains solvent flammable materials.

Owners of boats are responsible for ensuring that boats are “powered up” safely, particularly if members of the public are in close proximity of the boats. **RISK LOW**

3. Boats/equipment not to be left in positions where other users of the park could trip over them. Members to be particularly mindful of this item as lack of care could potentially cause an accident. **RISK MEDIUM**

4. Boats on the water/care running boats. Members to ensure they are running on correct crystals/channels and not crossing with another user prior to launch. This ensures no accidents with boats which could have a “knock on effect” of potential accident with a member reacting without thinking to ensure boat is not damaged and falling in the pond or worse. **RISK MEDIUM**

5. Car parking. On regatta days club members are permitted to park within the confines of the park grass area only, no parking on the paths or access/egress used by the public. Speed on entering the park to be restricted to 5 mph or lower. Take great care in park. There is potential for an accident when leaving/reversing. Driver to ensure area is clear before manoeuvring. **RISK MEDIUM/HIGH**

6. RNLI stand. This is normally erected by the two committee members who are members of the RNLI and DMBC. This facility is not provided if the two members are absent. Stand comprises paste tables for RNLI souvenirs/other small items to be displayed and sold. On erection of a commercial gazebo there is a potential hazard when guy ropes are used. These must be installed safely so no one can trip over them, if this is not possible they must be clearly identified. Keep public/members away from this area as far as possible. **RISK MEDIUM**