BRISTOL MARITIME LIMITED

WS General Practical Risk Assessment

Subject Area	Risk or Hazard	Area risk may occur?	Who Might Be Harmed? (Staff, Customer, Public)	Risk Adequatley Controlled?	If So how?	Level Of Risk- High, Medium, Low	Other Methods of Control?	Date Risk Assessed
Open Water Site	**Access & Eggress:** Slips, trips, falls, abrasions & cuts	On shore or on water	Staff and students	Yes	Full site inspection including dynamic risk assessment completed before course/training session and any debris removed where possible. PPE to be worn when getting onto, on, or off the water. Good access/egress clearly defined and explained in safety brief/during dynamic risk assessment.	Medium	Advise not to use certain access and egress if the dynamic risk assessment shows a risk. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Elements: Hypothermia and Hyperthermia	On shore or on water	Staff and students	Yes	Hot and cold water to be provided at all times. Shelter from rain, wind, or shade from the sun to be provided on site. Consideration and briefing provided to candidates on clothing to wear when going on the water. Breaks to be taken during the training as required.	Low	Activities may be suspended if conditions dictate. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Trip Hazards: Around the site, slips, trips, falls	On shore	All	Yes	Work signage to be used where required, site to be kept tidy. Safety brief on walking around river banks and dynamic risk assessment on day of underfoot conditions as well as zoning to be implemented on the day. Safe footwear to be worn on site like wellies or boots.	Low	Reminders and updates can be given by instructors as needed during the training. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Animal Attack: Bites	Anywhere on training site	All	Yes	Make all aware if livestock are grazing on site on that day. Advice from farmer on how to deal with upset lifestock. Advise candidates to stay away from any dogs. Gloves and boots to be worn. If any animals spotted group must be made aware, and try to stay avoid.	Low	If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Fall from height: Injury, entrapment, death	Wall or bridge	All	Yes	All on site to be made aware of fall risk areas. Bouyancy aids / life jackets to be worn at all times. Zoning discussed in safety brief when doing the site walk around.	Low	Zoning implemented and instructors to ensure it is followed.	02.05.2025
	Fire: Burns, smoke inhalation, death	On shore	All	Yes	All to be vigilant. Fire extinguishers to be provided on site. No smoking site near classrooms.	Low		02.05.2025
	Vehicles: Operation, injuries, entrapment	On shore	All	Yes	Only qualified drivers to operate vehicle. Extra care to be taken when operating offroad. All to be made aware of vehicle parking on site, areas where you can and can't drive.	Low		02.05.2025
	Electricity cables: Electric shocks, electrocution	Overhead, on site or under water	All	Yes	Students to be made aware of locations of cables. On site electric points to be made no access areas.	Low	Training to be conducted away from overhead cables.	02.05.2025
Water Quality & Features	**Waterborne Illness:** Risk of infection and disease	Anywhere on training site	Staff and students	Yes	All to be trained to be personal hygiene aware and aware of wash point locations including toilets. Appropriate PPE to be worn. Advice to be given before and after all training sessions. Info leaflets to be available. Additional hand washing station to be carried by instructors.	Medium	Advise task to be stopped if conditions raise cause for concern for example with flooding. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Elements: Cold Water Shock, Hypothermia and Heat Exhaustion	On water	Staff and students	Yes	Full PPE to be worn. Spare clothing to be provided on site by instructors in case of unexpected cold water immersion. Hot and cold water to be provided at all times. Shelter for shade or from wind and rain to be provided on site. Students to be debriefed and instructors to periodically check in with candidates during training.	Low	Activities may be suspended if conditions dictate. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Drowning	On Water	All	Yes	All the Staff are trained. Lifejackets and bouyancy aids to be worn at all times when in warm and hot zones. Student water activity supervised by instructors. Bank safety systems and extraction points identified and in place.	Low	Advise task to be stopped if conditions are dangerous. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Entrapment	On Water	Staff and students	Yes	Care to be taken to avoid loose "hookable" clothing and equipment. All to be Water Awareness Trained before entering the water. Wading poles to be used where appropriate.	Low	Correct wading techniques to be used when in the water by all.	02.05.2025
	Debris: Injury from fallen or floating debris	On Water	All	Yes	Full PPE to be worn on water. Full site inspection before every training session and any debris removed where possible.	Medium	Activities may be suspended if conditions dictate. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Injury from training equipment	Training site, on or off water	Staff and students	Yes	Students may only use equipment once trained how to use it correctly and safely. Equipment stored and used in designated areas.	Low	Not to be used without supervision of instructor.	02.05.2025

Candidates inc. simulated casualties	**Inexperience:** Panic, drowning	Anywhere on training site	Staff and students	Yes	Candidate briefing, good access and egress points, correct PFDs and clothing	Low	Student water activity supervised by instructors. Bank safety systems and extraction points identified and in place.	02.05.2025
	Fatigue or Poor Fitness: Panic, entrapment, injuries, drowning	On water	Staff and students	Yes	Candidate briefing, good access and egress points, correct PFDs and clothing. Instructors to periodically check in with candidates throughout training and provide breaks as required/needed.	Low	Encourage self assessment and feedback during training. Instructors to adapt training as needed, fitting within RLSS guidelines and regulations.	
	Trauma/Injury	On Shore or On Water	Staff and students	Yes	Students briefed on how to call for help. Students aware of safe swim positions. Safety cover positioned to affect a swift recovery.	Low	Student water activity supervised by instructors. Bank safety systems and extraction points identified and in place.	02.05.2025
	Visibility: Lost candidate, injuries, entrapment, drowning	On Shore or On Water	Staff and students	Yes	All students to wear the PPE which is coloured to help with spotting students. Instructors to have clear sight and communication lines. Students safety briefed on ways of communicating.	Low	Student water activity supervised by instructors. Bank safety systems and extraction points identified and in place. Activites may be suspended if conditions dictate.	02.05.2025
	Loss of student: Entrapment, drowning, injuries	On Shore or On Water	Staff and students	Yes	Instructors to count heads upon entry and exit as well as periodically in the water.	Low	Student water activity supervised by instructors. Bank safety systems and extraction points identified and in place.	02.05.2025
Activity Area	**Drifiting outside span of control:** Lost candidates, drowning, entrapments, injuries	On Water	Staff and students	Yes	Activity area clearly defined for students, students should be briefed on the activity area. Throw bags and rescue equipment left suitable positions to assist. Establish activity away from end of training area. Instructors to consider group management techniques.	Low	Activities may be suspended if conditions dictate	02.05.2025
Climate and Weather	**Sun Glare:** Visibility for sighting, sun burn, UV damage to the eyes	On Water or On shore	Staff and students	Yes	Ensure position of activity is appropriate. Sun cream and first aid cover. Instructors to consider candidate placements during briefings.	Low		02.05.2025
	Storms/Lightening: Injuries, death	On Water	Staff and students	Yes	Check the weather forecast, visual check, cancel training if a storm approaches.	Low	Advise task to be stopped if conditions are dangerous. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Winds: Injuries	On Water or On shore	Staff and students	Yes	Check the weather forecast, visual check, move activity to sheltered area, brief students on ways of communication	Low	If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	Mist/Fog: Entrapment, drowning, lost candidate	On Water or On shore	Staff and students	Yes	Check the weather forecast, visual check, delay activity until fog has cleared, reduce the activity area to maintain visual contact	Low	Advise task to be stopped if conditions are dangerous. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
	High Water Levels: Entrapment, drowning	On Water or On shore	Staff and students	Yes	Check the weather forecast, visual check, delay activity until water level has dropped, reduce the activity area to maintain visual contact	Low	Advise task to be stopped if conditions are dangerous. If concerned speak to the duty manager.	02.05.2025
Conflict with other users	**Bird watchers, other training groups, anglers:** Various conflict/impact injuries	On Water or On shore	All	Yes	Liasie with other users, establish clear activity zones	Low		02.05.2025
Other	**Disorderly behaviour:** General risk to safety	On Water or On shore	All	Yes	Contact with emergency services.	Low		02.05.2025
General risk to safety	**Child Protection (Safeguarding):** Inappropriate behaviour internal/external	On Water or On shore	Anyone under 18	Yes	Staff have been checked, avoiding contact with any other groups	Low		02.05.2025