

***Activity Methods Of Work
Powerboat Use And Instruction
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Powerboating

Site Powerboating is split into three distinct areas

- 1. Royal Yachting Association Courses**
- 2. Powerboating as part of Instruction by staff**
- 3. Safety Cover on the lake in general**

The following pages are dedicated to the methods of working that will be adopted by all instructors on the site. Failure to comply with the directives is considered a serious offence that can lead to dismissal.

Risk assessments for each section will follow the methods of operation.

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Royal Yachting Association Courses

Waterland is a recognised centre by the Royal Yachting Association and the following methods of operation will apply: -

Students

1. All students will have completed a relevant booking and medical form before commencement on any sailing or powerboat course.
2. All students will have been sent a kit requirements list before commencement on the course.
3. All students will at all time whilst afloat wear an approved and tested flotation aid supplied by the company. Students may use their own flotation device as long as it meets current safety standards.
4. All students whilst on power boating activity will wear appropriate footwear.
5. All students will at all times undertake to follow the requirements concerning health and safety of the instructor in charge of the Powerboat course and failure to undertake those requirements may mean removal from the course.
6. All students will take appropriate care of kit that has been supplied.

Instructors

1. All instructors for R.Y.A Courses will be to the standards recognised by the R.Y.A at the time that the course is run.
2. All instructors will be responsible for making themselves aware of any medical issues concerning their students.
3. All instructors will be responsible, in the first instance, of making a dynamic risk assessment for the conditions for power boating. If any instructor has doubt of the student's ability to cope an alternative activity or other method of teaching must be adopted.
4. All instructors are responsible to brief the students in the appropriate method for kit care.
5. All instructors will make sure at all times; the students are supervised.
6. No instructor will allow any student to go on activity unless footwear is worn.
7. The instructor has the role to designate the powerboat area.
8. All Instructors will carry a knife as personal issue in case of need whilst driving

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The Principal

The Principal of the centre is responsible to the Health & Safety Officer for the safety of powerboat activities. The Health And Safety Officer delegates the responsibility for Royal Yachting Association Courses to the Principal of the Centre.

1. The Principal role is to make the instructors aware of their obligation to follow the methods of working statements above.
2. The Principal has overriding authority to decide if a session or course takes place. In that he/she, with assistance by the instructor, will assess the weather against the ability of the students and take heed of the instructor responsible for the group and his / her opinions. If the Principal decides that the activity is unsafe it will not take place.
3. The Principal in conjunction with the instructor will make sure that all paperwork and certificates are completed as appropriate.
4. Only the Principal has the role to stamp and authorise the issue of certificates.
5. The instructors work under the direction of the Centre Principal.

Staffing

Staffing ratio's for courses will be as the Royal Yachting Association requirements:
1 Instructor to 3 students.

The use of power-craft By Instructors For Instruction/Safety Cover on Lake in General

All persons who use a power-craft to instruct from or for instructional purposes will be qualified and have obtained R.Y.A Level Two with a rescue endorsement. They will be familiar with procedures for rescue of craft they are instructing.

Speed

Power-craft will maintain a speed limit of approximately walking pace within the bay area. To avoid wash and inconvenience to other lake users the use of speed in other areas will only be used in the cases of necessity.

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Powerboat Kit List

All Powerboats will be kitted, as a minimum, with the following kit:

1. The petrol container must be stowed so that in the event of capsizing the fuel can does not exit the craft.
2. The powerboat shall be equipped with an anchor
3. The Powerboat shall have a bailer
4. The powerboat engine will be tied in some form to the hull
5. The powerboat shall have a painter which is less than three quarters the length of the craft
6. The powercraft shall have a functioning kill cord, which is attached to the driver at all times whilst driving or at the helm.
7. The powercraft will be equipped with a fire extinguisher which will be put in and removed in the morning and after craft are stripped down for the evening.
8. The powercraft shall carry a tow line of some form.
9. All staff will carry a personal knife kept away from the eyes of our clients
10. The craft shall carry a wet bag with the minimum of:-
 - First Aid Kit
 - Spare kill cord
 - Exposure Bag
 - Spare floatation aid
 - All the above kit to be checked on a daily basis

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