

FLEETWOOD MODEL YACHT



AND POWER BOAT CLUB

Affiliated to M.Y.A.

Risk Assessment

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What can be done?
Slips, trips & falls	<i>Participating skippers and the general public.</i> Although the lake is well maintained by Wyre Council there is a danger from bird droppings, dog fouling and possibly loose stone edgings. Also, take care on or near the ramp in the top right hand corner of the lake.	It is up to each individual to be wary of these risks and take due care. Any loose edging stones should be pointed out, marked and referred to the council for remedial action.
Human collisions	<i>Skippers and general public.</i> The lake is used by the public, who has right of way. It is also used by 'crabbers' who don't get out of your way.	As well as watching your boat keep an eye on other users and skippers to avoid collisions that could result in someone being knocked into the water.
Launch and recovery of boats	<i>Skippers falling into water during launch or recovery.</i> There is a risk of loss of balance when launching or retrieving some large and heavy boats.	Such boats must be handled using straps or some other device which reduces the need to bend down.
Rescue Boat activities	<i>Crew falling into water.</i> <i>Injury from outboard motors.</i>	Ensure wearing of buoyancy aids. At least two people must be involved in launching and retrieving the rescue boat. Do not start motors until all crew have boarded.
Eye injury	<i>Competitors and general public.</i> The risk is from unprotected aerials.	All telescopic aerials must be fitted with a soft protective cover over the tip.
Clash of Frequencies	<i>Participating Skippers.</i> There is a risk of losing control and boats crashing. The club has a frequency board but the use of 27MHz and 40Mhz frequencies is rare.	It is up to each skipper to check if their frequency is already in use before switching on their RC equipment.
Ancillary Equipment (e.g. Generator, Kettles Geyser. etc.)	<i>Members and visitors.</i> Unfamiliarity with the club's electrical equipment could result in shock or scalding.	Full instructions to be placed in relevant positions in the galley.
Serious illness, heart attack or hypothermia	<i>Members and visitors.</i> There is always a risk of someone becoming ill whilst at the club.	Wherever possible advanced notice of any allergies or ailments should be obtained so that any necessary precautions can be put in place. In the case of severe conditions refer to our Emergency Action Plan. Refer to the 'Emergency Contacts' list displayed in the cabinet near the canteen.