



SAFETY REGULATIONS

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SITE SAFETY REGULATIONS

CVSS operates within Bury Lake Young Mariners (BLYM) operations procedures. We need to draw your attention to a number of safety procedures.

ACCIDENT AND FIRE PROCEDURES

Any fire or accident must be reported to the person in charge as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Do not speak about the incident, regardless of the severity. All communications should come from the person in charge.

FIRE PROCEDURES

In the event of a fire, no person may re-enter the premises unless instructed to do so by the person in charge.

On hearing the fire alarm, the base should be evacuated immediately to the assembly point.

The ASSEMBLY POINT is the grass area near the BLYM car park.

SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PRECAUTIONS

There may be occasions when the water needs to be evacuated. The general recall procedure is

6 BLASTS ON A WHISTLE

DISPLAYING A RED BALL SO THAT IT CAN BE SEEN FROM ALL PARTS OF THE LAKE.

All water based activities must cease and all craft must return to the jetty unless instructed otherwise by the Leader.

CVSS SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. All CVSS members and leaders of groups of disabled visitors are to be made aware of the relevant contents of these regulations.
2. CVSS has a responsibility for the safety of people participating in their activities. The safety of disabled people whilst on site but not boating, is the responsibility of themselves or their carers. Wheelchairs whilst on site are also the responsibility of the individual sailors or their carers. This also includes exposure to cold and sun requiring thought as to sun cream, hats and other clothing, remembering that it is generally cooler on the water than on land.

Supervision of the boating activity must be by a Leader experienced in sailing and dealing with the needs of disabled people. The instructions of the Leader must be followed.

3. CVSS shall provide sufficient helpers to assist with boating to safely cope with the number of boats afloat.
4. CVSS shall ensure that safety boats and competent crew are available whenever CVSS are operational.
5. The Leader of the day will decide if prevailing wind conditions are safe for CVSS to operate within. The sail area will be reduced in stronger winds on the instruction of the leader who will err on the side of safety at all times giving due consideration to rapid changes in local weather conditions.
6. Helpers should advise people to wear suitable clothing for the prevailing weather conditions.
7. All CVSS sailors who are independently mobile must wear buoyancy aids/life-jackets whilst they are on site. Sailors who are not independently mobile must wear buoyancy aids/life-jackets when they sail or canoe, are in proximity to the water, watching sailing or preparing to sail. Carers must wear buoyancy aids when they sail/canoe, when they are in proximity to the water and when they are supervising their group sailing.
8. Crotch Straps IMPORTANT NOTICE: Crotch straps are fitted to CVSS smaller size buoyancy aids. When these are being worn the straps must be fitted correctly. It is not permitted to wear these loose and untied.
9. The use of a hoist should be considered when a person has difficulty entering or leaving a boat. When a hoist is used, careful consideration should be given to the needs of the person hoisted and a suitable number of people should be present to assist. The weight limit for the hoist is 127Kgs (20 stones).
10. The pontoon hoists are to be operated and maintained in accordance with their manual. They should be inspected each time they are used and any fault observed should be reported immediately to the Leader on the day.
11. The pontoon hoists must be examined annually by a qualified person who shall issue a safety certificate.
12. All injuries occurring at CVSS activities must be fully recorded in an accident book.
13. A qualified First Aider must be present whenever CVSS is operational on the water.
14. A volunteer who has a safety power boat qualification must be present whenever CVSS is operational on the water
15. CVSS in whatever capacity do not accept responsibility for any loss, damage or injury suffered by persons and/or their property arising out of or during the course of their activities unless such loss, damage or injury was caused by or resulted from negligence or deliberate act."