Bournemouth Lifeguard Corps – Beach Operations - Risk Assessment

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General access into BLGC Garage.	1. Small objects of debris from renovation, sharp screws/nails. 2. Uneven concrete floor, small areas of raised or lowered concrete. 3. Equipment racks, IRB's, training equipment, IRB fuel store, IRB engine racks.	1. Cut, graze, trip causing broken bones or puncher wound to feet. 2. Miss instruction causing any incident by poor communication.	M	1. Any under 18's should always be accompanied in the garages by a trainer or responsible adult. 2. Lifesaving equipment to be stored in correct positions and locations within garages leaving floor area clear. 3. Priority given to all members moving equipment racks around garage. If in doubt assume you have not been seen. Communicate with other members/trainers about to move or moving equipment. 4. Communicate with any club member/trainer. If their works are unknown, ask how what they are doing may affect us and how we may affect them.	L
Moving equipment, Rescue Boards, Kayaks and Ski's.	1. Heavy items such as Rescue Boards and Kayaks. 2. Moving equipment racks in and out of the garage.	1. Dropping of items causing injury such as broken bones and cuts or damage to property and equipment. 2. Straining excessively causing muscular injury.	M	1. All lifting tasks to be assessed before lifting begins, including assessing weight and route. 2. Moving of equipment racks must involve a minimum of 2 adults. Ensure route planning and effective communication. 3. A minimum of two people required for lifting of Kayaks and Ski's. 4. Rescue Boards can be carried by one person if weather conditions and each individual person's abilities allow. If unable then a minimum of 2 people required for lifting/carrying of Rescue Boards. Trainer or senior person to risk assess each session. 5. Some tasks may require more people, due to the position or route. The senior person i.e. Trainer should assess this risk.	L
Usage of club equipment for training purposes.	1. New incompetent persons.	1. Injury from unknown conditions	M	1. Building users to be shown around the building, highlighting exit points, muster location and first aid facilities. 2. All training to be under the instruction of a probationary or qualified trainer. Trainers must hold a current Beach	L

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				Lifeguard award with either SLSGB or RLSS. 3. All new candidates to have been briefed in the risks associated with using club equipment in training including this RA. All must complete pre-qualification declaration which should be read by the trainer. 4. Trainer to complete analytical risk assessment for all practical sessions to report on current conditions.	
Usage of Club Equipment for normal operations.	1. Incompetence. 2. Not following procedures. 3. Equipment Failure.	1. Personal, team, public Injury or damage to equipment.	M	1. All Corps personnel to have undertaken either SLSGB/RLSS Beach Lifeguard training courses instructed by a competent trainer. 2. All personnel to be assessed to SLSGB/RLSS Beach Lifeguard standards and hold an in-date qualification. 3. Annual proficiency testing carried out on all personnel to ensure standards are maintained. 4. All club equipment required for normal operations must be check by qualified competent lifeguard prior and post operation use. 5. Corps personnel to report any equipment failures to the session trainer and/or Corps Captain / Vice-Captain whom can make Equipment Officer aware. 6. All operations to be followed as per the SLSGB/RLSS training manual.	L
Weather/ Environmental Changes	1. High winds. 2. Large surf/waves. 3. Sand/stones/shells.	1. Personal, team, public Injury or damage to equipment.	M	1. Trainers and trainees to discuss current conditions before setting out. If conditions are deemed to be out of competence for anyone involved, the trainer is to adapt the session accordingly. 2. If the conditions are deemed too dangerous the trainer should cancel the session or adapt it into a theory session.	L

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				5) Risk Mitigation & Controls to prevent accidents and loss events		

Instructions for Use: 1) The task risk assessor will review the work task then list the main task steps or job components; **2)** using the items in column 1 list the main hazards as a result of undertaking that work; **3)** note the event or incident that could occur and the likely injury or loss that may occur as a result; **4)** Use the "**Risk Rating**" matrix to assess each hazard likelihood X severity, multiply the two numbers then indicate level of risk i.e.
L = 1-4; M = 5-10; H = 15-30 or **VH** = **50** in column 4 before the controls have been applied. **5)** Then record the controls and actions needed to mitigate the risks to prevent accidents and loss. **6)** Again use the risk rating matrix to assess the residual risk after controls have been applied. **Communicate to user.**

Risk Rating Matrix - Indicate L; M; H; VH or N/A in columns above

Likelihood		X	Severity
1	Unlikely to be affected	**1**	Minor First Aid Injury Only
2	May be affected	**2**	Hospital Treatment & Off Work
3	Occasionally affected	**5**	Some Disability - Long absence
5	Likely to be affected	**10**	Permanent Disability/Death