

Risk Assessments - Powerboating

Powerboating as a GST activity always runs powerboating of 1 instructor per boat with the correct number of students as per manufacturer guidelines, except in the case of RYA Courses in which case they will be run as per RYA Instructor Ratios.

HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	CONTROL MEASURES
WHEN STUDENTS ARE UNDER INSTRUCTION	STAFF & STUDENTS	Instructor should be seated adjacent the throttle & Kill Cord, Students should be instructed to helm with 1 hand on wheel and 1 on throttle. All 8-11 yr olds must have a kill cord attached as must the instructor (PBL1 Courses)
BOARDING VESSEL	STAFF & STUDENTS	Boat to be moored correctly alongside. Brief Students prior to boarding. Help given where necessary especially if rough weather.
DROWNING	STAFF & STUDENTS	GST & Education have medical form stating swimming ability. Students must wear life jackets or buoyancy aids before going afloat.
DRIVER DISLODGED FROM HELM	STAFF & STUDENTS	Kill cord to be worn at all times
LOOSE EQUIPMENT IN BOAT	STAFF & STUDENTS	All equipment is to be stowed, especially fuel tanks and batteries. No loose gerry cans are to be carried on board.
COLD WEATHER	STAFF & STUDENTS	All students are briefed on what to wear by the instructor in charge of the group. All appropriate protective clothing will be provided and checked by an instructor before going afloat. All GST Staff are appropriately Trained & Qualified and are responsible for ensuring they have the correct clothing for themselves before going afloat.
GROUP CONTROL WHILST AFLOAT & OTHER WATER USERS	STAFF & STUDENTS	All students will receive a comprehensive safety briefing by the Instructor in charge before going afloat. This will include the Sailing area, safety & recall signs, awareness of other water users & any local hazards.
MAN OVERBOARD & PEOPLE IN THE WATER	STAFF & STUDENTS	All occupants to be instructed to sit & hold on to designated hand holds. When contact is made with person/people in water the engine MUST be switched off.
STUDENT MEDICAL ISSUES	STUDENTS	All students must fill out a booking form prior to arrival. If under 18 this form must be signed by the students Legal Guardian. All forms are read by the Principal & General Manager and any issues are noted on the course/school register. Any issues will be appropriately risk assessed before going afloat.