



RIB Risk Assessment

This risk assessment has been written considering the risks that could be expected during a RIB safari or RIB training, however due to the nature of these activities there may be situations out of the ordinary or not considered here, in this case staff should follow the dynamic risk assessment template.

Licensing & Safety

We are licensed by the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA), all licensing certification and insurance policies are available to view, please contact us to request a copy.

All our Skippers are experienced and commercially qualified and have completed first aid training. Our crew undergo procedure training to ensure they are fully able to assist you throughout your trip.

All passengers and crew are required to wear lifejackets throughout the trip and we will help fit them and demonstrate how they work.

Adults Lifejackets

For Adults we have Kru manually inflatable lifejackets, they are easy to put on and take off, one size fits all and are completely adjustable. They have a manual inflation toggle and you will be shown how to wear and inflate your lifejacket during the safety briefing prior to boarding the vessel.

Children's Lifejackets

Children will be issued with an appropriately sized foam life jacket EN ISO 12402-4. Children's life jackets do not require inflating.

We only operate in favourable weather conditions, although this is way under the capability of the boat, it is designed for your comfort and most importantly, safety. We monitor all weather updates available and operate by erring on the side of caution.

All our vessels carry the mandatory safety equipment to comply with our licensing and coding requirements including:

- SOLAS life-raft
- Thermal protective aids
- Approved first aid kit
- Life Rings
- DSC enabled fixed marine radio
- Emergency handheld VHF radio
- GPS Plotters
- AIS Ships tracking
- Mobile phone
- Flares
- Fire extinguishers

Passengers

Not all passengers are suitable to engage in our fast rib experiences. Very young children, elderly persons, people with heart conditions, reduced mobility and pregnant ladies, and those with a family history of osteoporosis, people with back or spine conditions and people with long term medical problems (particularly those who take steroids regularly) are all examples of unsuitable passengers who will be exposed to increased risk in certain weather conditions.

If you are unsure about any medical condition please speak to a medical professional who will be able to advise you of your suitability for the trip and keep your skipper informed, however our staff are not medical professionals and are not qualified to give medical advice or opinions.

Passengers are advised to dress appropriately, we can supply you with waterproof jackets, they keep you warm and dry but we do recommend that passengers come with their own waterproofs. Waterproof jackets are available for the duration of your trip please make sure you request a jacket at the ticket office.

We do not accept any alcohol on the boat and if you have consumed any alcohol before your trip, it is your duty to inform the Skipper before the boat departs. The skipper and the company reserve the right to refuse access to any person they consider not capable of complying with the safety instructions for the trip.

We offer a range of trips that might be more suitable for you, so please just ask and we will do our best to find the right type of trip just for you.

Other supporting documentation available on request: Access Statement, MCA certification, Insurance certificates.

Students

In addition to the risk assessment for passengers there are additional risks to consider regarding powerboat training, see relevant section.

Activity	Hazard	Risk	Existing Control Measures	Additional Action Required
Boarding and disembarking the vessel	Mooring Ropes and bollards	Tripping over ropes or bollards	Ropes are tied securely and loose rope is kept tidy	Passengers should form an orderly queue and Group Leaders should ensure that their groups follow these instructions.
	Gap between boat and pontoon	Falling from the edge between boat and pontoon.	The boat is tied to the pontoon at a close enough proximity to minimise this risk as much as possible. Boarding instructions will be given prior to boarding.	Passengers should form an orderly queue and Group Leaders should ensure that their groups follow these instructions. Boarding and disembarking must not proceed until the skipper has authorised it, passengers should board and disembark one at a time.
	Stepping onto/over the tubes	Slipping or tripping	Boarding instructions will be given and staff are on hand to assist.	Staff will monitor all passengers boarding and leaving the boat and offer help.
	Wet surfaces	Slipping	Boarding instructions will be given and staff are on hand to assist. There are non-slip patches on the tubes and non-slip surface covers the deck.	Passengers should use the handrails on the boat.

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During the trip	Boat Motion	Passengers falling when the boat moves.	Passengers will be informed about the expected sea conditions during the initial safety briefing, passengers are instructed to hold on all times.	All passengers should listen to the safety briefing and comply fully. Group leaders should ensure that every member of their group does this.
	Biohazards	Coming into contact with bird faeces or other rubbish.	Staff will check and clean the vessel before boarding passengers.	Passengers to inform crew if they come into contact with bird faeces or other rubbish. The crew will clear and clean the area.
	Extreme weather	Sea sickness	Trips will only run if safe to do so, but in certain conditions the sea will be rougher than others. Drinking water is carried on board.	Passengers that suffer from sea sickness are advised to inform the staff when booking and also the skipper when boarding and advice on the expected conditions can be given.
		Cold weather and wind chill. Getting wet. Exposure to direct sun.	Passengers are advised to wear suitable clothing. Coats are available for passenger to use. If extreme cold/heat is expected you will be informed during the initial safety briefing.	All passengers should listen to the safety briefing and comply fully. Group leaders should ensure that every member of their group does this.
	Reduced visibility	Collision with other vessels	GPS must be turned on at all times, local charts on board at all times. Listen to Fog signals from other vessels. Speed restricted, skippers are familiar with the local and navigable waters.	Trips will only run if conditions are safe, however sometimes visibility can deteriorate quickly.

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Coming alongside	Contacting the pontoon	Sudden jolt. Trapped limbs.	Passengers will be instructed to remain seated and keep everything inside the vessel throughout the trip.	All passengers should listen to the safety briefing and comply fully. Group leaders should ensure that every member of their group does this.
	Damage to the RIB	Deflation of the tubes	This is most likely to occur on the pontoon. There are multiple chambers in the tubes only a small section should ever deflate and vessel is designed to remain afloat even when fully deflated.	If tubes were to be puncture passengers would be returned to shore or if necessary emergency procedures would be instigated.
Emergency	Sudden unpredicted movement of the vessel	Operator falling overboard	Operator to have dead man pull cord attached at all times. Life jacket to be worn at all times.	N/A
	Any emergency on board that requires assistance from the emergency services.	Injury to any person on board, vessel disabled or damaged, including such situations as: Engine failure Fire Collision Grounding Medical emergency Man overboard	The vessel is fully licensed and carries all the necessary safety equipment. A safety briefing will be given at the start of each cruise which instructs passengers how to behave during the trip and what to do in case of emergency. The Skipper is responsible for all crew and personnel on board, they will be in control during any emergency and will give clear instructions to all passengers. Your skipper will be fully qualified and trained in first aid, sea survival and radio operation. Lifejackets to be worn at all times.	All passengers should listen to the safety briefing and comply fully. Group leaders should ensure that every member of their group does this.

Additional activities to consider for Seacoast Training

Activity	Hazard	Risk	Existing Control Measures	Additional Action Required
Man overboard drill	Falling in while recovering the MOB buoy	Cold shock Drowning	Clear instruction will be given before the drill commences and it will be supervised by a qualified skipper or instructor. The engine will be shut down before recovering the MOB. No person is to lean out over the side of the boat without a safety line or another person holding onto them.	Report any accidents or near misses
Throwing lines	Getting hit by a line	Minor injury to any body part	Warning to be given before a line is thrown.	Report any accidents or near misses
Tying lines	Trapping fingers	Crushing fingers or hand	Instructor to demonstrate how to secure lines and to ensure that all people are instructed how to handle lines so that they can minimise the risk of trapping fingers.	Report any accidents or near misses
Handling lines	Friction burn	Burn	Everyone handling lines are instructed not to allow lines to run through their hands.	Report any accidents or near misses
Anchoring	Falling in	Cold shock Drowning	No person is to lean out over the side of the boat without a safety line or another person holding onto them.	Report any accidents or near misses
	Hauling the anchor	Muscular skeletal injury	If the anchor is too heavy for one person to handle two or more people to work together.	Report any accidents or near misses