



Chelmarsh Sailing Club Risk Assessment: OWS Night Swim



Date of Assessment:	17-Nov-22
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Area of Assessment:	Open Water Swimming
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			SEVERITY of HARM (S)				
			1 Minor harm <i>(minor injury)</i>	2 Slightly harmful <i>(incapacitated for up to 3 days)</i>	3 Harmful <i>(incapacitated for over 3 days)</i>	4 Major harm <i>(eg loss of sight, broken limbs)</i>	5 Extreme harm <i>(fatality or fatalities)</i>
LIKELIHOOD	1	Highly unlikely	1	2	3	4	5
	2	Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
	3	Possible	3	6	9	12	15
	4	Likely	4	8	12	16	20
	5	Highly likely	5	10	15	20	25



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Activity	Hazards	Before Control Measures			Control Measures in Place	After Control Measures			Further Action Required?	Related procedures
		Likelihood	Severity	Risk		Likelihood	Severity	Risk		
Night Swim	Reduced Visibility of Swimmers in water	4	3	12	<p>Light sticks issued to all swimmers to be placed on tow float at attachment point to body strap;</p> <p>Ratio of SUP support to Swimmers to be set at 1:15 max. Additional briefing to all SUP support and swimmers</p> <p>All swimmers to have whistle and audible signals to be used for event control;</p> <p>Reduction in course size and extent (to Bouy 1 only);</p> <p>Admin increased to ensure better controls as higher risks from reduced swimmer visibility specifically: Illumination of check in area, added admin to ensure all swimmers have mandatory standard equipment (Tow Float wrist band swim cap);</p> <p>Reduced swim numbers allowing more admin processing time.</p>	1	3	3	No	Chelmarsh Sailing Club OWS SOP
	Reduced visibility of beach hazards	4	3	12	<p>Use of Astroturf walkway and this to be illuminated with glow sticks to reduce beach injury risks;</p> <p>Recommendation to swimmers pre event to wear appropriate footwear as land hazards harder to identify.</p>	1	3	3	No	