

# **River Boat Risk Management**

The following risks have been identified:

## **Working near water - drowning**

Trained and competent boat pilots only to operate the boat and pontoon.

The pilot to ensure the vessel is checked before use and all defects reported.

CYC to ensure life jackets and life belts are calibrated and in date and to ensure there are life jackets available for the number of volunteers.

CYC to ensure all volunteers using the boat have undergone induction before boarding.

CYC to raise awareness of the risks associated with the operations through information, advice and guidance.

## **Working near water - travelling on the boat**

Pilots must be trained and competent.

All passengers must remain seated during all movements of the boat.

All passengers to keep all parts of their bodies inside the handrails.

The pilot to give the instruction to move from the seated area to the pontoon to carry out the work.

Be aware of changes in weather conditions.

## **Working near water - contaminated water**

CYC to raise awareness of possible contaminants in the water: biological, chemical and physical.

RFS to ensure appropriate PPE available and used.

Minimise personal contact with the litter/rubbish retrieved from the river.

All materials removed to be suitably bagged up with bags used to be approved by RFS.

## **Maneuvering the boat – contact, collision and entrapment**

Pilots to be trained and competent.

All passengers must remain seated during all movements of the boat.

All passengers to keep all parts of their bodies inside the handrails.

The pilot to give the instruction to move from the seated area to the pontoon to carry out the work.

Be aware of changes in weather conditions.

## **Working from the boat - Operation of tools and equipment**

All tools used by the volunteers must be approved by the group: non-approved tools must be prohibited.

The group to ensure all tools and equipment are fit for purpose.

The group to ensure checks on tools and equipment are carried out and recorded.

Defective equipment must not be used.

## **Working from the boat - manual handling - strains/sprains**

Manual handling assessment to be carried out by RFS.

Volunteers to share the workload when there are repetitive operations and use a mechanical aid whenever possible.

Minimisation of exposure time

## **Working from the boat – slips/trips/falls**

The working area on the pontoon to be kept free from unwanted tools, equipment and materials.

During inclement weather the decking may become unworkable thus the operations must stop.

All defects in the decking to be reported.

All tools, equipment and materials not in use to be stored safely away from the working area.

Good house-keeping standards to be maintained by the group.

Remove all rubbish at the end of the work.