

MARS MID ARGYLL RADIO SAILING

Covid-19 RISK ASSESSMENT and METHOD STATEMENT– For organised sailing at Loch a Bharain *Updated 30 September 2020*

This risk assessment is to be read in conjunction with the general MARS risk assessment which it supersedes as relevant

Area of concern	Hazard	People at risk	Existing controls	Initial assessment			Extra control measures	Final assessment		
				L	I	Rating		L	I	Rating
Maintaining Social Distancing	Increasing the risk of infection through droplet transmission to other members or spectators being close	MARS members or spectators	Maintain 2m distance from non-household members and sit or stand 3m apart when controlling a boat There should be no invited spectators	4	5	20	Only one person at a time to launch or recover a boat. If 2 people are required with a large boat, wear a face covering. Wait 2m from the top of the ramp before going to launch or recover a boat	2	5	10
	People passing infection to each other by being too close	Members of MARS and other people in the car park	Cars must be parked so that people can maintain social distancing when beside their vehicles. Members do not share transport with other non-household members	3	5	15	All members to exercise extra thought when parking	1	5	
		Members of MARS and people passing on the road by the canal	Members must make sure they maintain social distancing when on the bank. They must be aware of people passing on the road and move away if necessary.	3	5	15	All members to think about the social distancing all the time and set up on the bank 3m apart. When controlling their boats people should be at least 1m from the road and check for passers-by before moving onto the road. When crossing the canal make sure that no one is approaching the lock bridge and if they are stand back until they are well clear.	1	5	5
		Members of MARS	Social distancing should be observed on the pontoon and gangway and in the rescue boat. This means only people from one household should man the rescue boat at any one time.	4	5	20	Members need to wait until any member from another household is 2m away from the gangway before approaching it. If 2 people are needed to launch/recover a large boat then they should wear a face covering	1	5	5
Hygiene	Passing on Covid-19 through contact with contaminated surfaces	Members of MARS	Members of MARS need to be aware of the risk of touching contaminated surfaces and so becoming infected with Covid-19. Members to bring their own hand sanitiser and surface disinfectant and a bag for used cloths.	4	5	20	All members to use their own hand sanitiser before touching the railings around the pontoon. When using the rescue boat, members must use gloves, surface disinfectant or hand sanitiser to avoid contact with contaminated surfaces such as the boat, oars etc. Members should avoid touching another household's boat and if that is unavoidable then it needs to be wiped down with surface cleanser. Only one household should man the rescue boat at a time and preferably throughout the session. If occasionally 2 are needed they should wear a face covering. Members should not share equipment between households and sanitise them if it is essential.	1	5	5
	Risk of spreading infection and environmental unpleasantness through lack of toilet facilities	Members of MARS and members of the public	Members take account of lack of toilet facilities when planning their visit	3	3	6	Members ensure they can either return home or make other suitable arrangements eg have a suitable container.	1	3	4

L is likelihood, I is impact

RISK EVALUATION MATRIX

Likelihood

Almost certain The event is expected to occur in most circumstances	Risk rating 5	5	10	15	20	25
Likely The event will probably occur in most circumstances	4	4	8	12	16	20
Moderate Given time, likely to occur	3	3	6	9	12	15
Unlikely More likely not to occur under normal circumstances	2	2	4	6	8	10
Rare The event may occur only in exceptional circumstances	1	1	2	3	4	5
	Risk rating	1	2	3	4	5

Impact