

Risk Assessment	Disabled Persons	Clywedog Sailing Club	Page 1 Rev 2026
HAZARD	RISK TO	CONTROLLED BY	FURTHER ACTION
All risks with Disabled sailors on and off the water	Helpers and Sailors	Adequate briefing and inspection before going afloat. Attention to suitability of clothing and waterproofs . Duty Officer to decide as to where and when to sail, assess risks and co-ordinate supervised sailing.	All helpers to attend Disability Awareness Training. All power boat drivers to attend First Aid Training
Drowning: falling off pontoon	Disabled sailors/ students	Helpers and visiting carers must supervise at all times. Sweep pontoon and approach ramp clean before session. Personal Floatation Device (PFD) to be worn at all times when below the rim of reservoir (includes on pontoon)	Lifejackets to be inflated and checked annually. All PFDs to be inspected visually before use and fitted correctly. Each disabled participant to be assessed as to whether he/she should wear a buoyancy aid or lifejacket .
Drowning: falling out of boat	Disabled sailors/ students	Supervision of disabled boat crews at all times from dedicated safety boat.	Observation of craft sailing from shore at all times, especially when providing on water cover. PFDs or life jackets to be worn at all times in boat.
Drowning: swamping	Disabled sailors/ students	Adequate personal buoyancy to be worn . Helpers briefed to check bungs before launch. Supervision of disabled boat crews at all times from dedicated safety boat.	Buoyancy of craft to be regularly checked
Drowning: falling out of wheely boat	Disabled sailors/ students	Adequate personal buoyancy to be worn. Helpers briefed to not move around boat to maintain balance. Qualified boat helm and cover at all times from dedicated safety boat.	

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Drowning: inversion	Disabled sailors/ students	Sailability Ops Lead to ensure masthead floatation fitted at all times to boats without a weighted keel or centre-plate. Locking devices on lifting keels to remain securely fastened in the down position after launching.	Only dinghies not liable to inversion to be used for disabled students under RYA Level 2
Use of hoist	Non ambulant sailors	All hoist operations to be performed by a trained person	Hoist to be Inspected annually
Lifting disabled sailors	Helpers	Instruction in correct lifting techniques and manual handling	Covered in Disability Awareness Training . NB: Need manual handling policy
Becoming unstable or having fit	Disabled Students	Carer known to student to be in the boat. Helpers to be informed before going afloat of known risks. Helm to remain in charge of boat and return to shore, radioing ahead	Carer understands student needs.
Head injuries	Disabled Students	Decision as to whether each student should wear a helmet to be made by the carer.	
Wheelchair falling backwards	Wheelchair users	Helpers to be briefed on possibility and a suitable and safe number of helpers to move wheelchairs and supervise persons in wheelchairs	Wheelchairs to keep to paths where possible , except when accessing the sailability jetty