

# Risk Management Policy

Challenge Wales operates a robust risk management system, including risk assessments for sail training activities onboard its vessels and activities within its office. It is important to understand that risk is not merely related to a threat or uncertainty but is also about recognising the risks of taking or not taking opportunities.

This policy is a formal acknowledgment of the commitment of Challenge Wales to risk management and to ensure that every effort is made by Challenge Wales to manage risk appropriately.

Challenge Wales' Risk Management Strategy consists of; Identifying risks to achieve objectives, identifying and assessing the existing controls in place, assessing the impact of the risk after taking account of existing controls and then determining further improvements to mitigate the risk.

## **Sail Training Activities**

Following guidance from the Department of Education and Skills (DfES) and Adventure Activities Licensing Service (AALS) we do not send out copies of risk assessments but copies are available to view at our office and on our vessels.

### **AALS - Collective Interpretation 1.17 – A Risk Management Summary**

The DfES publication 'Health and Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits' remains the principal text. HASPEV Part 1 Supplement July 2002 (page 14 Para 57) states "It is good practice to seek details of their (*providers*) safety management practices".

The Licensing Service believes that seeking detail does not necessarily mean requesting copies. Moreover, AALS believe it is unnecessary in most cases and positively ill-advised in others to actually request copies.

## **Crew Competence**

Crew hold relevant qualifications including National Governing Body Awards where appropriate. Copies are available for inspection in the Challenge Wales office.

Challenge Wales operates under regulations laid down by Department for Transport, Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) 'The Safety of Small Commercial Sailing Vessels - Code of Practice'. This code regulates the safety requirements for the vessels and crew of commercial operations. The MCA enforce the code through close monitoring, inspections and investigations.

Under the Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 1996, and in particular Regulation 2(1) [Definition of Water Sports] sailing vessels that are subject to the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (or any regulation or code made hereunder) do not require an Adventure Activities Licence (AALS).

This policy will be regularly monitored and reviewed on an annual basis. Any queries relating to this policy should be directed to the Trustees of Challenge Wales.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



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