

RISK ASSESSMENT 8

Site or Area: Pier (s)

Location or Department: Any Pier (or immediate area) used for mooring a WLC vessel

Operations covered by this assessment:

Lake users mooring or at anchor where it is likely to cause nuisance impede or hamper the safe progress or mooring of a WLC vessel at a pier. Likewise members of the public and swimmers using a pier or the immediate area.

People affected:

Lake users (including all craft, members of the public and those swimming). Crew and Passengers on board the affected vessels.

Hazards and risks identified:

WLC vessels having restricted access and navigation to a pier. Collision, injury to individuals or property.

Hazards and severity 3 (1=minor, 2=serious, 3=very serious/fatal):

Risk 2 (Likelihood: 1=very unlikely, 2=unlikely, 3=likely/very likely)

Product of hazard severity x risk likelihood 4 (1,2,3=low, 4=medium, 6 or 9=high)

Actions already taken to reduce the risk:

Warning signs (No mooring\berthing, swimming etc) are fixed to those piers where WLC vessels operate regular timetabled services to.

Assessment of residual risk:

Lake users disregarding or not being aware of the warning signs. Private piers where warning signs are not permitted.

Further actions required

Staff to be familiar with the Windermere Lake Byelaws, in particular "22 Interference with a Craft"

Pier person (when manned) to advise the lake users to leave the area (explaining the implications of their actions) and communicate the situation to the master of an approaching vessel via VHF radio or by phone to the appropriate operations centre. The master of an affected WLC vessel to make lake user aware of his presence (using the vessel whistle\horn) and if required request assistance from lake warden\ranger\ police or WLC operational centre.

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