



Coalhouse Fort Radio Yacht Club (CHFRYC)

Health, Safety and Environment Plan

For Coalhouse Fort

To ensure the health and safety of club members and protection of the environment, the following conditions will be applied at all times that the facilities are in use:

1. Radio sailing events hosted by **CHFRYC** at **Coalhouse Fort** will be under the control of a "**Responsible Person**".
2. The **Responsible Person** will be either an **CHFRYC** club official or assigned to a physically fit **CHFRYC** member who is fully competent in the application of this HSE Plan and HSE Risk Analysis. The **Responsible Person** must be in possession of a functioning mobile phone and remain on the bank at all times.
3. Should any anomaly in the reservoir (moat) or its environs be observed, the **Responsible Person** will immediately advise the nominated contact in **Coalhouse Fort Ranger**.
4. Sailing activities will not commence until a minimum of two adult members are present one of whom will be the **Responsible Person**.
5. The **Responsible Person** will have available a first aid kit suitable for the maximum numbers of club members likely to use the facility and will launch the Emergency Action Plan in the event of serious illness or injury.

6. All participants, except Guests, must show proof of their membership of the Model Yachting Association to the **Responsible Person** thus confirming that they are covered for Public Liability Insurance.
7. The Fort and surrounding park is registered as a Scheduled Monument, therefore there is a legal requirement to protect the site including the ground we walk on. All care shall be taken to minimize damage during our activities and if necessary, provide and use any equipment to aid in this endeavor.
8. In the event of Flooding, all Club sailing must be suspended if water levels are above the raised bank on the fort side of the lake, the risk to our members and environment is too great. As waters recede the Committee will assess conditions and when safe, recommence sailing with suitable protection in place to mitigate risks to both the membership and the environment.
9. All activities shall be undertaken with full respect for wildlife on or in the vicinity of the reservoir.
10. A protection cover shall be installed over the tip of each protruding transmitter telescopic aerial (non 2.4 Ghz) at all times.
11. Only nominated personnel who have appropriate training and experience will be permitted to use the Rescue Boat. A lifejacket must be worn by the occupant of the boat at all times and the wearing of waders is not permitted. The rescue boat should only be used when there is a watcher on the shore. The use of Internal combustion engines is prohibited on the lake, therefore oars or an electric outboard only may be used with the rescue boat
12. Launch and recovery of boats shall be made from a designated area. Care shall be taken by all participants to avoid slipping at the water's edge. Should a boat lose radio control and have to be manually recovered then extreme care must be exercised or preferably the rescue boat should recover the boat before it reaches the side of the reservoir.

13. Protection against Weil's Disease should be observed by participants. Wash hands as soon as possible after sailing. Cover scratches and minor abrasions with a waterproof plaster. Do not go barefoot in water.
14. Prior to locking-up the facilities, the **Responsible Person** will check the general area to ensure that any litter has been collected.
15. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions without valid reason will result in immediate cancellation of club membership.