

LRGC Monthly Equipment Inventory and Safety Inspections



Introduction:

Safety Inspections are relatively frequent checks to ensure that the provisions needed to maintain safe operation of a club continue to be effective. These provisions have been identified in the club's Risk Assessments; they include the barriers that reduce the probability of a hazardous event occurring and the controls that will reduce the severity of its consequences. These checks are in addition to cox's pre and post session boat seaworthiness and safety checks.

Everyone is expected to:

- Report issues or concerns with the club's safety equipment or procedures.
- Assist with Safety Inspections as requested.

Monthly Safety Inspections should include, but not be limited to:

- The condition of the boats (gigs/skiffs) including oars and blades.
- The condition of oar leathers and pins.
- The condition of the safety boat and its engine.
- The condition of gym equipment (indoor rowing machines and weights).
- The condition of boat trailers.
- The condition of launching trolleys.
- The condition of fire extinguishers.

The condition and availability of the following 'safety at sea' equipment:

- Throw and towing lines
- Lifejackets
- First Aid kits
- Flares and smoke
- Thermal blankets
- Foghorns
- Rope knives
- VHF radios
- Compasses

General safety awareness and housekeeping all locations:

- The contents of safety notice boards (safety notices and alerts).
- The general state of housekeeping and tidiness in the boathouse, cage, tunnel maintenance facility and Seafit gym.
- The condition of gas heaters, gas bottle storage and electrical equipment (e.g. heaters and power tools).

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