

SIL training program Inspection report.

Brokey has been approved for initial SIL training scheme.

First Inspection within the SIL training scheme conducted by Rob Holden and Úlfur H. Hróbjartsson.

Brokey

Overview

Brokey has a good attitude and the wish to comply with the requirements of the Sil Sailing training program. They understand the need to comply with all safety requirements.

Overall Brokey has a good facility the people doing the training are well trained and eager to comply with the requirements of the training scheme. We were impressed especially with their programs and planning. Equipment is good but safety boats need to be looked at. The facility needs to be upgraded.

General Safety

The Emergency action plan is not in place, but the management has agreed to make sure this is put in place asap.

Chart of the sailing area including launch and recovery points needs to be displayed in the club.

A visual representation of numbers of people and craft on the water on the water in a place where external rescuers are able to see the numbers.

Kill Switches on all safety boats are in working order.

First aid kits are available to instructors.

Emergency numbers must be displayed in a public area.

Coaches

Brokey has a good core group of coaches who have been trained in the SIL training program, there is a good succession plan for training new coaches.

There is a process in place to ensure coaches are operating safely and according to the SIL training program requirements.

Wearing kill chords and general safety is insisted on by the management.

Facilities

The storage and land base facilities at Brokey are not of the highest standard and there are some considerations. The facility is old and hard to keep properly clean. The showers are very basic and the teaching area is not well insulated.

We assessed the facility and spoke about planning and negotiations with the city to get these facilities up to an acceptable level and the following was decided.

Showers, Changerooms and toilets even though basic and not very attractive are separate and fulfil the basic requirements. Indoor teaching areas are sufficient on the most basic level there for acceptable for the interim.

We therefore approve the storage and land-based facilities with an action plan requiring to improve the showers and teaching area. For details on the improvements please contact SIL.

The launching facilities and sailing area are found to be of a good level, safe from all hazards. The process of getting boats and students from the centre to the launching area is a long one but is in a low-risk area and instructors are properly briefed on the process.

Boats

There is a need for more safety boats to accommodate safe ratios. Safety boats that are in operation need to be brought up to a good standard.

Sailing boats are all fit for purpose.

Action Plan

1. An emergency action plan must be written including sailing areas and evacuation points from those sailing areas. The action plan must also include action in case of a fire at the center.
2. A visible chart or diagram indicating sailing areas must be on the notice board.
3. There must be a place that is accessible to all outside rescue that indicates the number of people on the water and the number of boats.
4. Display the emergency number in a place where all can see it.
5. Be proactive in pushing the council to upgrade the facility especially showers and teaching area.
6. Safety boats **MUST** be brought up to a reliable level with all engines in good working order. The safety fleet should be increased to cover the numbers that are on the water at any time.
7. Some sort of background check should be done on staff working with children.
8. There should be an accident and incident book to record all accidents and incidents and action taken after these accidents and incidents. There should be a page where the lessons learned from the accidents and incidents are documented.
9. All staff must sign a document committing to operate according to the centers and SIL policies.
10. Copies of staff qualifications must be kept on the premises.
11. A record of the number of certificates, names and level shall be kept and reported to SIL on an annual basis.
12. All hazardous materials must be kept in a secure area out of reach of students.

All action plan items must be addressed by April 2025.