

SIL training program Inspection report.

Þytur has NOT been approved for initial SIL training scheme.

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

Þytur

Overview

Þytur has good facilities and equipment but the head coach and manager of the program refuses to comply with the basic safety requirements for the program. These safety requirements are accepted as the basic standard globally and are not difficult to fulfil. The SIL program focuses on ensuring that students receiving training at a centre are trained in a safe secure environment but the management of Þytur are not willing to fully comply with these standards. For this reason we are not willing to put the SIL name to Þytur until there is a change of attitude around safety.

General Safety

The Emergency action plan is not in place, management has indicated that they do not see the need to put this in writing as required by SIL.

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

Þytur has a good core group of coaches who have been trained in the SIL training program, but they are not operating according to the safety requirements that were taught to them in the training.

There is NOT a process in place to ensure coaches are operating safely and according to the SIL training program requirements.

Wearing kill chords at all times is NOT insisted on by management, in fact it was stated that the head coach will not wear the kill chord at all times.

Facilities

The storage and land base facilities at Þytur are a good standard.

Boats

Safety boats are in good order.

Sailing boats are all fit for purpose.

Action Plan

1. The management must commit in writing to comply with all SIL safety requirements including wearing of kill chord at all times while motor is running.
2. 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.
3. A visible chart or diagram indicating sailing areas must be on the notice board.
4. 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.
5. Display the emergency number in a place where all can see it.
6. Some sort of background check should be done on staff working with children.
7. 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.
8. All staff must sign a document committing to operate according to the centers and SIL policies.
9. A record of the number of certificates, names and level shall be kept and reported to SIL on an annual basis.
10. Copies of staff qualifications must be kept on the premises.
11. 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.