

### Glamorgan Anglers Club - Generic Risk Assessment

No	HAZARD	Category	RISK & POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES	RISK RATING			PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN	RISK RATING			PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
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1	Deep Water	Health Safety	Risk of drowning or serious injury	5	5	25	Do not enter waterbody. Fish from a platform or bank whenever possible. Ensure mobile phone is charged and keep in your fishing bag or waterproof pouch. If possible fish with a friend in the adjacent swim.	5	1	5	Anglers & Bailiffs
2	Undercut and steep banks	Health Safety	Risk of falling into waterbody and drowning or serious injury	5	4	20	Only fish from platforms. Avoid walking very close to edge of banks.	5	1	5	Anglers & Bailiffs
3	Public highway and other trafficked areas	Health Safety	Road accidents, vehicle collisions, injury to pedestrians	5	5	25	Where possible park off the highway to access gates to lake. Drive slowly along tracks to minimise the risk or collision with other vehicles, pedestrians, horse riders and animals. Park in designated areas only; do not obstruct access. Do not drive on grassed areas.	5	1	5	GAC Members
4	Hygiene - Contact with biological agents around waterbody.	Health	Disease or ill health due to biological agents and baits	4	4	16	Do not drink lake or river water. Ensure any cuts to hands are fully protected when fishing. Use wet/baby wipes to clean hands prior to consuming food. Wipe hands on departure from lake.	4	1	4	Anglers & Bailiffs
5	General Public	Health Safety Security	Risk of drowning or serious injury	5	4	20	Close and lock gates immediately following entry to lake site. Issue log for all keys. Padlocks and keys changed periodically.	5	1	5	GAC Members
6	High and fast river flows	Health Safety	Risk of drowning or serious injury	5	4	20	Do not attempt to wade in high flows where water level is greater than 0.5m. Always wade slowly and use staff. Check river levels on NRW website and check weather forecast before attempting to fish.	5	1	5	Anglers & Bailiffs
7	Junior Members	Health Safety Security Environment	Junior members (Ages 8-16 inclusive) are likely to be less experienced anglers and also less experienced in understanding hazards and the associated risks when on GAC waters.	5	4	20	Juniors under 12 years of age must fish with only one rod and in the same swim/peg as their parent/guardian. No Juniors under 12 years of age are allowed at Sant-y-Nyll. Juniors aged 12 to 16 may fish unaccompanied (except at Sant-y-Nyll) but must carry a mobile phone at all times.	5	1	5	Parent/Guardian & Junior Members
8	Manual Handling of fishing or maintenance equipment	Health Safety	Sprains or strains	3	4	12	Juniors under 12 years of age must fish with only one rod and in the same swim/peg as their parent/guardian. No Juniors are allowed at Sant-y-Nyll. Juniors aged 12 to 16 must have a Junior GAC	3	2	6	GAC Members

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9	Uneven or marshy ground conditions and steep banks	Health Safety	Slips, trips and falls	2	5	10	Follow footpaths and established tracks where possible. Use steps to access platforms. Check marshy ground with wading staff. Establish suitable locations for access and egress from river swims with gently sloping banks.	2	2	4	Anglers & Bailiffs
10	Fences, walls, brushwood and exposed roots	Health Safety	Slips, trips and falls	2	5	10	Use established tracks, suitable stiles or gates to access lake or river. Avoid climbing over low walls or fences whenever possible. Do not climb over barriers greater than 1.2m.	2	2	4	Anglers & Bailiffs
11	Weather extremes	Health Safety	Dehydration, hypothermia, sunburn and sunstroke.	2	5	10	Check the weather forecast before leaving home to fish, dress appropriately for the weather conditions, use a fishing umbrella during wet weather and strong sunlight. Where a hat and suncream during strong sunlight. Ensure you have sufficient to drink.	2	1	2	Anglers & Bailiffs
12	Venomous reptiles and insects, stinging insects	Health Safety	Risk of venomous bites from adders and venomous stings from bees. Repeated stings from wasps and hornets. Risk of bites from insects such as midges and horseflies.	5	2	10	Do not attempt to handle adders. Avoid insect nests and swarms, move to another swim. Use insect repellent such as Deet.	5	1	5	GAC Members
13	Casting	Health Safety	Injury including sight loss.	4	2	8	Always ensure that when casting the area behind you is clear. When the opposite swim is occupied do not cast into the opposite swim. Take additional care when flyfishing. Respect other river users.	4	1	4	Anglers
14	Food/Hot Drink Preparation	Health Safety	Scalding from spillage of hot water. Burns from contact with grill / hob. Cutting, slicing, puncturing from use of utensils.	4	2	8	Do not light open fires when fishing. Ensure all portable gas cooking equipment is in good working order and you are familiar with its operation. No fires or stoves are permitted at Barry Ponds or Pysgodlyn Mawr. Only Bailiffs and Committee members may access and use kitchen facilities.	4	1	4	Anglers & Bailiffs
15	Slippery, icy or uneven surfaces	Health Safety	Slips, trips and falls. Falling into water possible drowning and hyperthermia.	4	2	8	Platforms have been fitted with wire mesh to minimise them becoming slippery. Only fish from designated pegs. Avoid walking very close to edge of banks. Do not attempt to walk on a frozen lake.	4	1	4	Anglers & Bailiffs

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16	Damaged platforms, raised walkways, bridges, gates and fences. Fallen trees.	Health Safety	Slips, trips and falls. Falling into water possible drowning and hyperthermia where platforms, walkways and bridges are damaged. Unauthorised access to ponds where gates/fences are damaged.	4	2	8	Do not fish from a damaged platform. Report any damage immediately to the Head Bailiff.	4	1	4	Anglers
17	Puncture wounds from hooks. Sharp objects e.g. Needles near outfalls and rubbish in urban areas	Health Safety	Injury or infection from dirty needles etc	4	2	8	Keep away from debris. Wade slowly in turbid waters and use a staff. Avoid fishing immediately downstream of sewage outfalls. Carry a basic first aid kit.	4	1	4	Anglers & Bailiffs
18	Aggressive dogs and stock	Health Safety	Risk of being bitten or trampled	4	2	8	Avoid loose dogs, horses and cattle whenever possible. Cross open fields away from stock.	4	1	4	GAC Members
19	Unlawful fishing	Health Safety Security Environment	Personal Injury, vehicle damage and theft. Injury/loss of fish stocks	3	2	6	If you do not recognise an individual fishing, make them aware that you are a GAC bailiff or member, ask to see their GAC membership and also their Rod Licence. If you feel threatened, immediately call the Head Bailiff.	3	1	3	Anglers & Bailiffs
20	Poachers	Health Safety Security Environment	Personal Injury, vehicle damage and theft Injury/loss of fish stocks	3	3	9	If you suspect poachers are present call 999 immediately, followed by the Head Bailiff. Do not challenge poachers.	3	1	3	Anglers & Bailiffs
21	Nesting birds	Environment	Risk of nest abandonment. Death of chicks.	5	2	10	Do not disturb nesting birds. Peg will be temporarily closed if close to a nest.	5	1	5	Anglers & Bailiffs
22	Fish Welfare (landing of fish)	Environment	Injury or death of fish	5	2	10	Always use a landing net irrespective of size or species of fish. Use correct sized landing net as per club rules. When fishing waters containing carp always carry a landing net suitable for carp irrespective of fishing technique.	5	1	5	Anglers
23	Litter	Environment	Risk to wildlife from entanglement or health complications from ingestion.	5	2	10	Do not litter. Check your peg for litter at the start and end of your session and bag and bin it.	5	1	5	Anglers
24	Low water levels and high water temperatures	Environment	Risk of poor water quality due to low oxygen saturation, ammonia toxicity and blue-green algal blooms leading to fish stress and possible fish kill.	5	2	10	GAC may close the water at short notice to protect fish stocks. Anglers should check the GAC website to determine if the water is open for fishing.	5	1	5	Anglers & Bailiffs

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25	Fish Welfare (handing of fish)	Environment	Injury or death of fish	5	2	10	Barbless hooks only Use a disgorging and/or forceps to remove hook For carp, pike and larger specimens use an unhooking mat or cradle When photographing fish hold them with bare hands just above the mat or cradle Do not carry fish around the lake to show to other anglers. Return fish to the water as quickly as possible Do not throw fish back into the water, use a landing net Ensure the fish has fully recovered before releasing from landing net Only use keepnets for silverfish and only during designated official club matches During very hot weather unhook fish in the water and release immediately.	5	1	5	Anglers
26	Invasive non-native species	Environment	Disease or death of fish and other aquatic species	5	2	10	Do not transfer fish to/from GAC waters Always dip nets and mats in disinfectant tanks at the start and end of your session. Do not keep nets/mats in stink bags between sessions, rinse in tap water removing all debris and dry in the open air. Wash waders and any other equipment that has been in contact with the waterbody in tap water removing all debris and dry in the open air. If you fish Cardiff bay take extra care and disinfect nets/mats at home (See NRW guidance).	5	1	5	Anglers & Bailiffs
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**C = Consequence**

**L = Likelihood**

**R = Risk ( C x L = R ) Post Control Risk factor should be classed as medium risk or lower**

**TASK CAN CONTINUE**

**RISK ASSESSMENT REQUIRED TO ENSURE "ALARP"**

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