

BDYC Safety Bulletin # 4

Safe use of Power Tools and Equipment at BDYC

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Purpose: To outline basic minimum safety guidelines in the use of power tools and ladders at BDYC

Objectives: To reduce the risk of accident to a club member or guest while working on boats or related equipment and structures.

Regulations:

1.0 Anyone using power tools should be familiar with the basic guidelines for safe handling as described by the tool manufacturers and be competent in the use of the tools being handled

1.2 Appropriate safety equipment / clothing should be used at all times-i.e. safety eyewear, safety shoes if available ,gloves and ear protectors.

1.3 The operator of any tools should be aware of the minimum safe distance regarding proximity to other people while operating the tools and maintain a reasonable safe distance around them to avoid injury to others.

1.4 Persons operating electrical tools anywhere near the water, on slips or docks should ensure the electrical supply is not in close proximity to the water and that the power supply is properly grounded.

1.5 Persons operating torches, heaters or welding equipment must remain with the tools at all times that they are considered “on” , and they must ensure there is an adequate fire extinguisher available in the work area for emergency use.

1.6 People using extension ladders should ensure they are secured at all times either by being well tied off or supported by another individual while in use.

1.7 Any people painting or undercoating boats should be using proper breathing equipment as outlined in the product specifications and be aware of fumes in close proximity to other individuals not wearing protective breathing equipment.

1.8 In the event of emergency, a first aid kit is located in the kitchen area of the club house as is a telephone in the downstairs hallway if 911 service is needed.