



# FORTH CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



## **RISK ASSESSMENT FOR Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The COSHH Regulations (2002) covers substances that are hazardous to health. Hazardous substances can take many forms and may include:

- Products containing chemicals - cleaners, bleaches, pipe cleaning solutions.
- Fumes/gases/asphyxiating gases - engines, drains, combinations of chemicals.
- Dusts - sanding residues, antifouling.
- Vapours – antifoul, paints, cleaners, thinners, strippers.
- Germs that cause diseases such Leptospirosis (rats and mice).

The FCYC Club is required to implement a COSHH risk assessment procedure and control measures for safety in all club areas or when participating in club activities where these risks may be present.

The club has produced this document to identify and minimise risk from substances hazardous to health to persons, property and the environment. This document forms part of the “FCYC Safety Management System”.

The document shall apply to

- a) FCYC Members
- b) Non-members who are within the yard or participating in club activities.
- c) Any person contracted to carry out any task by the FCYC

## **2. LEGISLATION**

This document has been produced to comply with and follow guidance from the following legislation. Some aspects of this legislation would refer specifically to employees but the FCYC extends a duty of care to all members and would always use current legislation as “best practice”.

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health 2002 (COSHH)

### **COSHH HSE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS**

[What is COSHH?](#)

[Working with substances hazardous to health – A brief guide to COSHH](#)

[COSHH assessment: Identifying hazard and assessing risk](#)

[Harmful Micro-Organisms: Leptospirosis / Weil's Disease from rats](#)

[Construction hazardous substances: Cement](#)

[Example COSHH Risk Assessments](#)

### **3. GUIDANCE ON USING TASK SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT**

Definitions:

**SUBSTANCE / ISSUE** - describes a hazardous substance or a COSHH related issue.

**HAZARD** - describes something that has the potential to cause harm (accident, loss).

**RISK – What Harm and Who** - describes the likelihood of harm (accident, loss) should an uncontrolled event occur.

Included in this column is a grading either Low Medium or High which takes into account the likelihood of an uncontrolled event and possible severity of injury.

**CONTROL MEASURES - ACTIONS** are the practices, procedures and equipment which have been put in place - or have been recommended to be put in place - to eliminate or minimise the risk of an uncontrolled event (accident loss) occurring.

SUBSTANCE / ISSUE	HAZARD	RISK (WHAT HARM AND WHO?)	CONTROL MEASURES - ACTIONS
Limited COSHH awareness information available to members and other	Various	Members and non-members within the yard or participating in club activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procure a COSHH awareness poster and display in a suitable location.</li> </ul>
<p>Various hazard substances in different locations:</p> <p>Workshop Container – several potentially hazardous substances (fuels, oils, antifoul, paints, concrete)</p> <p>Bell Block upper and lower rooms (cleaning products)</p> <p>Engine Shed</p> <p>Other locations</p>	Various	Members and non-members who are within the yard or participating in club activities. <b>M.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess and safely dispose of all non-required hazardous substances.</li> <li>Risk assess all required substances and ensure they are stored safely - noting information from the safety datasheet.</li> <li>Print out safety datasheets and add to inventory.</li> <li>Recommend that members are asked not to leave left-overs of partly used hazardous substances in the workshop.</li> <li>Consider whether a COSHH Cabinet should be procured and used for workshop hazardous substances.</li> <li><b>Add COSHH warning labels to all COSHH storage areas - workshop door – kitchen cupboard – changing room cupboards..</b></li> </ul>
Hazardous Substances owned by members that are stored on their boats	Various	Boat owners – various. <b>M.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat owners are advised to carry out their own ‘risk assessment’ of personal COSHH items.</li> <li>Already covered by actions to raise awareness of COSHH to members (<i>Add COSHH section to the FCYC Safety Management System. Procure a COSHH awareness poster and display in a suitable location</i>)</li> </ul>
Cement making activities - sinkers	Serious skin problems such as dermatitis and burns; respiratory irritant.	Members working with concrete – work parties making sinkers. <b>L.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear suitable gloves</li> <li>Wear a mask if working close to cement dust</li> <li>Wash off any cement on the skin as soon as possible</li> </ul>

Rodents – rats and mice in the year	Harmful Micro-Organisms	Various; Members and non-members who are within the yard or participating in club activities.L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear protective clothing like gloves</li> <li>• Follow good basic hygiene including regular hand-washing and avoiding hand to mouth/eye etc contact</li> <li>• Take rest breaks, including meals and drinks, away from the work area</li> <li>• Wash cuts and grazes immediately with soap and running water</li> <li>• Cover all cuts, abrasions and other breaks in the skin with waterproof dressings and/or gloves.</li> </ul>

## 5. REVIEW PERIOD

This first COSHH risk assessment and implemented control measures should be reviewed by a competent person soon after implementation. Thereafter, after a 3 year period, or when the procedure changes or on moving to a different location.

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