

Alba Volunteer – Risk Assessment

Risks	Control Measures
Fire	Safety Brief to all crew before going to sea Don't leave cooker unattended Turn off gas solenoid after using cooker Turn off gas at bottle before leaving vessel Gas Alarm and Smoke Alarms No smoking below decks Fire/Evacuation Drill in first 24 hours Skipper only person to change gas bottle
Man Overboard	Safety Brief Lifejackets / Safety Harnesses MOB Drill in first 24 hours
Collision	Keep an efficient look out by appropriate means at all times (under jib, to windward and astern) Comply fully with collision regs Evacuation Drill
Grounding	Write passage plan and briefing all crew before going to sea. Get someone to check passage plan. Monitor vessel position relative to intended track at appropriate intervals (at least once an hour) Pilotage plans to avoid all charted hazards whilst on passage and on entering and leaving all harbours and anchorages Give lee shores a wide berth and always have anchor prepped when entering and leaving harbour in case of engine failure Set an appropriate anchor watch Connect a second line to a mooring buoy
Injury from Accidental Gybe	Highlight dangers of gybing and enforce "no go zone" at front end of cockpit when sailing downwind Appropriate use of a preventer Close supervision of helm Consider sail plan (e.g. Just headsail when running downwind)

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Burns in galley	Wear oilskin trousers and boots when cooking in galley at sea Oven Gloves
Dinghy	Avoid using dinghy in strong offshore winds Ensure everyone wears a lifejacket in the dinghy Carry handheld VHF and dinghy flares Do not overload the dinghy Carry a torch (and spare) after dark
Knock Down or Broach	Careful selection of sail plan to suit weather forecast Consider staying in harbour if strong wind warnings are in force in the Clyde Close monitoring of weather conditions to anticipate increase in wind Reduce sail early (if you're thinking about it, you should already be doing it) Keep hatches closed at sea
General	Log a Traffic Report with Belfast Coastguard every day Ensure Yellow Brick is working (if not phone Duty Manager once every 24 hours with position report and passage plan If in doubt or you need advice or guidance about anything, then do not hesitate to contact the Duty Manager Keep AIS on when moving