**PART A: What are you risk assessing?**

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| Date of assessment: 19/03/2025 | Date for revision: 18/03/2026 | Other related assessments – give filename/s (eg. site or task): SRA 2400 |
| Activity / Task: The Sea and Me | Date of task: Various | RA Reference Number: TRA 2810(See **Task** Risk Assessments tab of Risk Assessment Log) |
| Other factors noted prior to activity but after risk assessment eg. Weather (complete on the day):Session will be cancelled if weather is deemed unsafe |

**PART B:**

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| First aid cover required(see code of practice 1) | Emergency First Aid at Work Name of first aider/s: YWT staff member / trainee / volunteerFirst aid kit requirements (consider group size and type of task. Any additional non-standard items?): (must be accompanied by Accident book and Incident Forms)First Aid kit and accident book carried on person. |

**PART C: Assessing the Risks**

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| Considering the hazards of your activity please assess each below. |
| **Hazards/hazardous events** | **Who is affected and how many people?**(staff, contractor, volunteer, public, vulnerable group/s) | **Typical outcome**eg. minor injury, serious injury, death | **How will the risk be controlled?**Completed by whom and when?How will the control measure be communicated?(see Code of Practice 8 for advice on PPE) | **Remaining Risk Level**Likelihood / Severity matrixeg. likely x harmful = moderate |
| **Vehicles on beach**E.g. YWT, coastguard, RNLI 4 x 4s on beach, Unimog, UTV, tractors  | All | Major injury | Health and safety talk will be given asking everyone to stay out of vehicle tracks on the beach. Attempts will be made to take routes that avoid traffic. IPO will speak to reserve team in the morning to ask if there will be increased vehicle movement on site | Moderate |
| **Road traffic**e.g. while walking to beach | All | Major injury | Health and safety talk will ask that children walk in a single file line while accessing the road. Teachers will be asked to monitor behaviour while walking near vehicle access points.All attempts will be made to limit use of the road for walking and accessing the beach. Trails and paths will be prioritised. | Moderate |
| **Drowning;** E.g. potential to drown if people are swept out to sea in rough weather, venture into deep water or fall into rockpool | All | Serious injury | Health and Safety Talk prior to activity advising people to avoid going near the waters edge and to take care when walking around rockpoolsEvent occurs at low tide. Mobile phones will be present within the group in case of call out required. | Moderate |
| **Tides**e.g. getting cut of by the turning tide, being caught out by the incoming tide | All | Serious injury | Tide times will be sought in advance. Activity will be run from at least 1hr before low tide. Group will be made aware of tide times before activity starts and group will be made aware when tide turns. Group will be in visual contact at all times  | Moderate |
| **Areas of unstable ground**e.g. areas of lower stability, for example contain unstable surfaces, intertidal mud, slippery rocks or large, loose pebbles | All | Minor injury | Health and Safety talk will advise people what areas to avoid during the event.Everyone will be within visual distance during the event.Appropriate footwear advised for participants to mitigate trips. | Slight |
| **Slips / Trips / Falls**e.g. Slipping on seaweed, tripping over rocks | All | Minor injury | Everyone will be advised of danger and areas to avoid before event starts | Slight |
| **Exposure**e.g. from spending considerable time outside in cold, wet, windy or hot / sunny weather | All | Minor injury | Everyone has been advised to bring suitable clothing for the event, including hats and sun cream.The event will only last a short time and will be cancelled if weather conditions are too severe. | Slight |
| **Cuts / bruises**e.g. when lifting rocks | All | Minor injury | Everyone will be advised to only lift rocks they are comfortable with and to take care when placing them back down. Also to take care if barnacles present. | Slight |
| **Loose cliffs**e.g. rocks falling to beach below | All | Serious injury | Event will be carried out away from base of cliff. Health and safety talk will advise people to stay away from base of cliff.  | Moderate |
| **Fog / sea fret**e.g. reduced visibility, getting lost / disorientated  | All | Serious injury | If fog an issue before event it will be cancelled.If fog occurs during an event then measures will be taken to ensure group is together.Hi-vis jackets will be carried as part of the H&S kit and deployed to leaders if felt necessary (in particular when with the public).  | Moderate  |
| **Loose Sand**e.g. loose sand could be blown into people’s eyes, resulting in irritation.  | All | Minor injury | The majority of the event will be conducted with the wind behind volunteers; ensuring sand is not blown directly at their faces. First aid facilities will be available on site, including eye wash. | Slight |
| **Stings / Bites**e.g. stings from jellyfish / anemone | All | Minor injury | Everyone will be advised which animals not to touch during the event and how to handle a crab safely. | Slight |
| **Bacterial infection**e.g. from handling marine life | All | Minor injury | Hand sanitiser will be provided for after event and group advised to wash hands. | Slight |
| **Separation from the group**  | All | Minor injury | Group will be in visual contact at all times. Pre session introduction to include information about staying together as a group and being aware of who is in your group including the teachers and adults in the group (in case of school and community groups). Regular head counts to be taken by the group leaders. If possible, back mark the group when moving from one location to another using volunteers or the adult group leaders. | Slight |
| **Conflict within group, and between group and other site users** | All | Serious injury | Leader to monitor any potential conflict building through the event. Try to diffuse any aggressive behaviour. Seek help if behaviour becomes extreme and take rest of the group to a safe area. | Slight |
| **Child and vulnerable adult protection issues** | Children and vulnerable adults | Serious injury | All children and vulnerable adults are to be accompanied by an adult carer. The adult should take responsibility for the child’s general safety throughout the task and accompany the child if they leave the group (ie to go to the toilet, to get a drink of water). Leader to be aware of any suspicious activity. | Slight |
| **Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults** | Children and vulnerable adults | Abuse | All staff and volunteers are trained in safeguarding measures as per YWT policy and are aware of how to record and report incidents**.** Participants must be accompanied by a responsible adult/carer throughout the session. | Slight |
| **Coronavirus infection** | All | Moderate injury | You must not attend an event if you have coronavirus or have Covid-19 symptoms. Maintain a minimum 2 metre distance with anyone not in the same household. Carry hand sanitiser and wash hands on returning home. | Moderate |
| **Use of equipment –** Litter pickers, bin bags etc | All | Moderate injury | YWT staff and trained volunteers to introduce safe use of equipment through a guided demonstration. Observation throughout the session to ensure equipment is being used safely. We ask teachers, leaders and helpers to  | Slight |
| **Old military structures** E.g. concrete blocks, rusted metal | All | Moderate injury | Structures and how to interact with them will be covered within health and safety talk. Participants will be asked not to climb on structures or go under them. YWT staff will advice visitors to look out for metal that could be sticking out of stand. | Moderate |
| **Live Animals;** **e.g. live stranded cetaceans and resting seals.** | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Serious Injury | If a live animal is located then the group will be kept at a distance. The appropriate organisations (e.g. BDMLR) will be contacted if needed. If person bitten by seal medical support will be sought immediately as per the YWT Seal Protocol. | Moderate |
| **Dead Animals;****e.g. risk of infection, disease** | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Minor injury | Dead birds, marine animals may be present on site. All will be advised not to approach any carcasses and not to touch it. Unless deemed necessary (e.g. very large, potential to cause problems to visitors) it will be left in situ. | Slight |
| **Dead bodies;**  | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Minor injury | In the unlikely event a human body is discovered the group will be moved away from the area. The police will be alerted and the group supervisor will liaise with them as needed. Appropriate follow up support will be sought for those affected. | Slight |
| **Coming into contact with dog faeces;** **Can potentially lead to Toxocariasis.** | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Minor injury | Leave all dog faeces alone. Advise people to wash their hands after the event. | Slight |
| **Coming into contact with sharp materials;** **e.g. finding and handling needles or broken glass.** | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Serious injury | Give Health & Safety talk to warn of sharp objects when looking through the strandline. Groups advised not to place their hands in areas that they cannot see. Children – told not to touch or collect anything sharp under any circumstances. | Moderate |
| **Hazardous Substances;** **e.g. drums/tins washed up displaying hazardous symbols** | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Serious injury | These will be left alone and their position noted. Event supervising staff will dispose of these safely after the event or via the local council. | Moderate |
| **Sanitary waste;****e.g. risk of infection, disease** | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Minor injury | Give Health & Safety talk to warn of sanitary waste when looking through the strandline. Any items of litter should be handled using a litter picker and/or protective gloves. All litter collected will be placed in bin bags and disposed of safely. Advise to wash hands after event. | Slight |