



How safe is your Waterwise session?

An accident at sea is usually a combination of small things that could have been avoided.

PERSON IN CHARGE

Experienced ..or..  Not very experienced

INSTRUCTOR IN CHARGE OF PATROL BOAT

Experienced ..or..  Not very experienced


WEATHER CONDITIONS

0 - 9 knots ..or..  10 - 15 knots

CHILDRENS ABILITY

Experienced ..or..  Beginners
(can sail to windward)


APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Everyone appropriately dressed for the conditions today ..or..  Not everyone dressed for conditions

RATIO CHILDREN : PATROL BOAT

Up to 3 : 1 ..or..  4 : 1


OPERATING SAILING POSITION

Close to shore ..or..  Around 200m buoys

ON SHORE WIND

Small waves ..or..  Big waves

FIRST SESSION BRIEF

Heard and understood by everyone ..or..  Not heard by everyone

Now think about adding a 'what if' during your session;

- * Patrol boat stops for some reason, maybe out of petrol.
- * More than 1 opti capsizes at once.
- * Child hit on head with boom.
- * Mainsheet comes undone, rudder breaks, opti swamps etc.
- * Wind speed increases 10 knots in 5-10 minutes, or sudden strong offshore gusts.
- * Canoe capsizes, swamps or children get tired, cold, asthma attack, or scared.



If you have ticked everything on the left, then adding a 'what if' shouldn't be a problem.

If you have ticked two on the right, take extra precautions.

If you have ticked three on the right, stop and eliminate some 'lemons'

To avoid hitting the 'Jackpot', eliminate some 'lemons' first, not in hindsight!

IF IN DOUBT - DON'T GO OUT