**9. WORKING AT HEIGHT AND FIRE SAFETY**

9.1 The Work at Height Regulations 2005 (as amended) are

obligatory and must be fully complied with, not only to

minimise the risk of injury, but in order to protect everyone

from personal financial liability in the event of a claim

following an accident, or even criminal liability; also

9.2 Fire safety legislation does apply to charities premises (see

http://www.communities.gov.uk/fire/firesafety/firesafetylaw/)

and fire risk assessments must be to be carried out in

accordance with Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) order

2005. The Trustees should consult their local Fire

Brigade if advice is required.

9.3 The Secretary is responsible for H&S and fire safety policy on MV Freedom. Each individual skipper will have responsibility for H & S matters whilst in charge of the vessels active operations.

**PROCEDURES:-**

9.4 The Trustees will appoint an H&S officer (HSO) to assist withlocal health and safety arrangements, including training.The charity must retain a set of H&S Instructions, which will be reviewed annually by the HSO. The instructions must be signed annually by all trustees, skippers and crew, and containrisk assessments and arrangements regarding:

* + - * Responsibilities
      * Procedures
      * Training
      * Reporting
      * First Aid.

9.5 In addition, an accident book is maintained on MV Freedom, whilst having regard to the protection of personal information.

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