

Devon & Cornwall Beach Safety Group – 23rd November 2005
(Rolo Deards, Steve Instance, John Broad, James Ortiz, Roy Lawford, Phil Drew, John James, Dave Hocking)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DECISION /ACTION & BY WHOM</u>	<u>TO ACTION</u>
1	Apologies	Simon Rabett, Kevin Brader, Richard Allen, Andy Phillips	
2	Signage	Phil Drew requested that it was minuted that the RNLI signs are not the only beach safety signs suitable for use. As long as safety signs meet BSI criteria, they are suitable for use.	
3	Risk Assessments	A copy of the new ILSE Risk Assessment model was circulated. It will be mandatory to use new RA model by 2010 for all bathing beaches. There was concern that anyone could be given training to conduct RAs no matter their level of experience. It was therefore requested that members lobby their respective Lifesaving governing body to ensure that only appropriate people conduct Risk Assessments.	All
4	Responsibility	The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) have sent out invites to Local Authorities to attend a meeting in London on 15 th December. The ODPM have also laid a duty on Cornwall County Council for Beach Lifeguarding. CCC are setting up a Single Issue review panel in response.	
5	Public Rescue Equipment	Rolo represented the group at a meeting to discuss Public Rescue Equipment. The minutes of the meeting were circulated. There will be a trial of PRE conducted in New Year.	RD
6	Surf School Licensing	In Restormel, several issues have led to the scheme being revised. It is possible that there will be a landowners scheme introduced along with a tendering process. Consideration should be given to inviting BSA to next meeting to discuss this issue further.	RD/SI
7	Black & White flags	There is no clear definition as to what the Black & white flags actually designate, and what responsibility Lifeguards have for beach users between them. The RNLI's Kite Surfing safety leaflet advises kite surfers to launch between the black and white flags, this is not recommended on Cornish beaches where the Black & White flagged area is usually	SI

		densely occupied with surfers. Pass on to RNLI Sea Safety team.	
8	Coastal Bye Laws	Cornwall County Council Act does not cater for modern demands on our beaches. James Ortiz to circulate copies of NCDC seashore bye-laws for circulation.	JO
9	Seasonality	All beaches are very busy during weekends in winter. ILSE guidance notes on Risk Assessment states a minimum number of beach users that will require a Lifeguard service. John Broad to forward copy of notes to the group.	JB
10	Jet Ski	The group wishes to support the MCA through the WASP group to target reckless Jet Ski users. Contact Simon Rabett to find out when next group meeting is.	SI
11	Next Meeting	The next meeting is to be the AGM on 9 th March, 11am at Newquay Sports Centre, Yeoman Way, Newquay TR7 2SL. www.newquaysportscentre.co.uk	