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While it is recognized that fiberglass repair is a necessary task derived from the daily use of the boats stored in the Sam Leake Boathouse (SLB), conducting such operations within the confines of the SLB shall henceforth cease and desist. Whether realized or not, the potential for young, healthy, and developing lungs to be exposed to the potential detrimental effects of inhaling or otherwise coming in contact with the volatile chemicals and respirable dusts inherent with such repair is not acceptable to the WRBH Board of Directors. A pragmatic point of view in this regard should be self-evident, but the root causes for these concerns are listed below.

While not a proven carcinogen, fiberglass dust particles generated during the sanding/grinding of fiberglass-reinforced plastic repairs to boats is known to cause respiratory agitation, and in some cases induce asthma. Current regulatory guidelines addressing such work stipulate that either suitably rated respirators be used in areas where engineering controls are not feasible, or preferably install engineering controls to remove the particulates from the atmosphere. **As neither is deemed a viable option for the interior of the SLB, all fiberglass mechanized sanding work must be conducted elsewhere.**

Storage and usage of flammable, volatile chemicals pose the same hazards, but those hazards are considered less chronic, and more prone to mitigating with the passive ventilation currently in place at the SLB. **That being said, repairs shall be limited to small "patch" repairs only, and shall cease whenever the boathouse is populated. Under no conditions shall aerosolized painting (pneumatic, spray, or otherwise) take place within confines of the SLB.**

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