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The Examining Authority's first written questions and requests for information contained a question for the RYA at 8.2 which asked for further justification for our view in relevant representation [RR-019] regarding the need for safety zones during the operational stages of a wind farm development.

In all its dealings with other applications for wind farms, the RYA had made it clear that it opposes the declaration operational safety zones as a convenient expedient to remove the risk from the wind farm operator without the need to implement a monitoring and safety management system. It has long been the RYA position the recreational boaters are competent at navigating their craft and will take every effort to avoid collision with a wind turbine structure on the basis that a small vessel will come off worst.

The RYA takes the view that if the operators want an operational safety zone then the operator must produce a compelling case which includes the monitoring and safety management of such a zone for the purpose of reducing risk to an acceptable level. Without this, an operational safety zone will be unenforceable, ineffective and thus poor regulation.

Regards

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