

Risk assessment for canoeing & kayaking at Richmond Canoe Club

June 1, 2012

Assessors

Richard Hendron, Commodore, Ollie Harding, Coach

Review date 1 June 2013

Identified Hazard	Affected Groups	Control Measures (Physical Controls)	Severity	Likely	Final Risk
Strong stream advice	All	Use dynamic risk assessment. Be aware of tide times.	High	Medium	
Swamped craft	All	Air bags / sufficient buoyancy fitted to boats to aid recovery when full of water	High	Medium	Low
Drowning	Participant Coaches	Buoyancy aids must be worn by novices; all buoyancy aids to be secured and checked by coaches. Activity to be supervised by appropriately qualified coaches and to stay within the NGB ratios. All participants must complete a consent form prior to the activity.	High	Medium	Low
Slips trips & falls	Participant Coach	No running policy, Participants to wear secure and covered footwear. Participants made aware of potential hazards.	Medium	Medium	Low
Collisions (with other river users)	Participant Coach / Other river users	Coach to ensure group safety and direct group to one side when other river users approach.	High	Low	Low

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Collision with other participants.	Participant Coach	Group management by coach. Participants warned about using paddles in close proximity	Medium	Low	Low
Entrapment in capsized craft.	Participant Coach	Racing kayaks are difficult to be entrapped in because of large cockpits	Low	Low	Low
Hypothermia	Participant Coach	Wind / waterproof clothing made available and participants advised to wear. Ensure appropriate clothing is worn by participants Carry spare clothing if going on a trip. Clothing list sent out with booking form.	High	Low	Low
Hyperthermia / sun burn	Participant Coach	Appropriate clothing including sun hat & sun block advised to be worn. Ensure sufficient drinks are available.	High	Low	Low
High winds	Participant Coach	Use dynamic risk assessment.	High	Medium	Low
Carrying equipment	Participant Coach	Appropriately qualified Coach to supervise carrying of boats & lifting to & from	High	Medium	Low

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Day trips and winter sessions	Participant Coach	racks / trailers. Coaches to take a mobile phone & appropriate equipment for the duration of the trip.	Medium	Medium	Medium
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