

HinckleyWAC Assessment: Paddlesport



Date carried out: 16th August 2018		Assessment carried out by: Mark Monger, Lyndon Vaughan Prosser		
Hazard	Who might be harmed?	How may the risk be adequately controlled?	What further action may be required	Additional comments
Drowning	Paddlers Others	Wearing of buoyancy aid instruction in capsized procedures Relevant supervision for novices Advised to keep away from river bank	Buoyancy aids tested annually Induction sessions for beginners and new members Supervisors to ensure buoyancy aid correctly fitted Regular checks on equipment during the season	General notice for all attendees
Hypothermia	Paddlers	Advised on the correct clothing to wear. Adjustment to clothing as required.	Continuous dynamic risk assessment	
Slips, trips and falls	Paddlers Parents Coaches Others	Regular maintenance of landing stages, river bank, steps and Club House floors.	Appropriate cleaning / maintenance equipment available	
Sprains, strains and soft tissue injuries	Paddlers Parents Coaches Others	Trained to lift correctly Ask for help Encouraged to paddle correctly	Ongoing training and regular checks of procedures Appropriate checks on storage facilities	

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Polution and water quality	Paddlers	Advised to bathe soon after immersion Made aware of flotsam	Risks higher in spate conditions Avoid intentional capsizes in poor conditions	Ensure the facilities are clear before and after entering and exiting the water
Other river users	Paddlers and Other users	Paddlers instructed to be aware of other river users and how to take appropriate / avoiding action. Coach present if possible	Informed as to possible other river users and loacation; review of waterwat prior to entering the water	
Weirs and man made features	Paddlers Coaches	Helmets to be worn when paddling in associated rough water	Appropriate skill and awareness training	
Over hanging tree or strainers	Paddlers Coaches	Paddlers advised to negotiate around trees, both overhanging and floating. Advised as to correct action in event of entanglement Appproaite tree management on site	Regular checks as parft of the on-site maintenance Appropriate training for off-site visits	

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Injury from traffic	Competitors Officials Public	Low volume of traffic Competition area has no public access Limited number of official vehicles Speed limits in operation	
Injury from Manual Handling	Competitors Officials	There is minimal heavy lifting or difficult equipment for officials to move	
Property and facilities	All users	Ongoing maintenance and weekly checks by attending committee members	
Weather and environmental conditions	All users	Check weather forecast prior to paddling session	Identify refuge locations for extreme weather conditions (club classroom)