

## Risk Assessment Chelmsford Canoe Club

<b>Organiser: Owen Shephard-Wyatt</b> <b>Activity: Chelmsford Sprint Regatta</b> <b>Date: 26.3.2023</b> <b>Location: River</b>					<b>SIGNED: Tim Chamberlin</b> <b>Owen Shephard-Wyatt</b>			<b>DATE:</b>	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	Likeli- hood	Conse- quences	Score 3 X 4	Is the risk adequately controlled and how?	What further action is necessary to control the risk?	Review comments / Review date		
Drowning through capsize (Generic Risk)	Competitors	1	5	5	All paddlers able to swim 50m in clothing, River approx. 15 to 20m max wide. Anyone ranked below Div 6 or Sprint C to wear Buoyancy Aid. All craft to be fitted with buoyancy sufficient to support craft and paddler. Competition rules are to go in aid of any paddler in distress. Safety boats each end of course and warm up area.	All marshals briefed in rescue plan.			
Hypothermia/ Hyperthermia.		1	3	3	Briefing advises paddlers to wear appropriate clothing. First Aiders to be present.	Briefing			
Collision with other paddlers, overhanging trees & bushes, bridges	Competitors and Safety Boats	4	3	12	Support boats to be in place at on course, Paddlers to be reminded at briefing on river circulation plan and hazards.	Slalom poles moved out of way where possible. Briefing make clear warning on low bridge, Start safety boat in eye line.			
Injury from Lifting/Carrying Equipment	Competitors	1	4	4	Marshall at pontoon to offer help if needed.				

Other River users	Barges, Boats, SUPs, Fishermen,	1	2	2	Sign display information a week before event.		
Moving water River in flood	Competitors	1	5	5	Dynamic Risk Assessment Check of weather and river height readings up stream prior to race.		
Vehicle Traffic at Start	Competitors Bankside Officials Spectators	1	3	3	Good parking and direct access to river from car park.		
Injury to Public	Pedestrians, cyclists on towpath	1	2	2	Briefing to advise Paddlers and spectators to be aware of public on bridges and path around the river.		
Trips, slips and falls on paths, towpath	All	1	3	3	Briefing to draw attention to risk at Pontoon and dependent on weather briefing to cover awareness of slip hazard on wooden/plastic portages and grass.		
Refreshments – Food Poisoning, Burns from Cooking	All	1	4	4	Staff at refreshments to keep hands clean with gel or soap/water. Consumers to be reminded to clean hands after paddling and before eating. BBQ away from club and public access limited to serving table.		
Wildlife & Pollution, Weils Disease etc	Competitors	1	5	5	Outside of nesting season for swans. Showers and hand gel available at club.	Safety boats to monitor Swan behaviour and usher away from racecourse.	
<b>THIS AREA IS FOR ADDITIONAL RISK ASSESSMENTS ON THE DAY</b>				0			

LIKELIHOOD - SCORE 1–5 – the more likely it is that the hazard occurs the higher the score

CONSEQUENCES – SCORE 1–5 – the level of harm that will arise – the more harm the greater the score

Multiply the Likelihood score by the Consequences score to assess whether the risk is acceptable and the level of action required to control the risk.

Total Score = 1-6 low risk activity can take place, 8-15 medium risk put extra measures in place for activity to continue, 16-25 high risk activity should not take place as planned.

- Canoeing and kayaking is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.!
- Note that as a club affiliated to the British Canoeing, CCC has public liability insurance. All competitors must be members of BC and thus also have individual insurance cover.
- Name of assessor: (Race Organiser for and on behalf of Chelmsford Canoe Club)
- (Print) signature: