

Risk Assessment Chelmsford Canoe Club

Organiser: Owen Shephard Activity: Chelmsford Winter Series Race Date: 9.1.2022 Location: River Chelmer and Cam					SIGNED: Tim Chamberlin DATE: 28/12/2021		
	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
Capsizing & involuntary "swim" (Generic Risk)	Competitors	3	3	9	All paddlers able to swim 50m in clothing, high walled channel has ropes either side and ladders. River approx. 15-20 m max wide Under 16s to wear buoyancy aids. All boats to be fitted with buoyancy sufficient to support craft and paddler. Competition rules are to aid any paddler in distress.	Briefing to remind paddlers of requirement to aid paddlers in distress. Rescue boat at Start, turn, through the Channel and sweep. Marshalls with throw lines at turn	
Hypothermia/ Hyperthermia.	Competitors	3	2	6	Briefing pack advises paddlers to wear appropriate clothing. First Aiders to be present.	Briefing to remind. First aiders will have mobile phones and basic first aid pack including Emergency Blanket	
Collision with other paddlers, overhanging trees & bushes, bridges	Competitors	3	2	6	Paddlers to be reminded at briefing of river right rules and turn directions. Low bridges have signage.	Briefing to cover turn and low bridge reminder. Race Committee to look at check and if necessary cut back trees along route prior to race. Safety boats at start , turn and in the Channel (high risk areas)	

Debris/obstructions	Competitors	1	1	1	Contact with surface debris and / or sub surface objects	Course to be checked on day when putting turn buoy out.	
Injury from Lifting/Carrying Equipment	Competitors	1	1	1	No portages risk of injury lifting from vehicles to put in only.	Marshalls to have basic first aid kit , Club nearest point with first aid kit and de-fibrillator..	
Other River users	Competitors	1	1	1	Only other river user potentially river tour boat if running	Chelmsford City Council to be notified	
Moving water River in flood	Competitors	1	3	3	Dynamic Risk Assessment Check of weather and river height readings up stream of automatic weir prior to race	The Club, FRA and social media (eg Facebook) websites will be used to announce this.	
Vehicle Traffic /Cyclists/Pedestrians	Competitors Bankside Officials Spectators Public	1	2	2	Good parking and direct access to river from car park. No road crossings involved in race. Signs to be put up that canoe race in progress on Bailey Bridge and ERO Cycle/footpath to club	Marshalls to have basic first aid kit , Club nearest point with first aid kit and de-fibrillator..	
Trips, slips and falls on paths	All	1	2	2	Danger of slipping at Put in/out and club if wood/plastic wet	Marshalls to have basic first aid kit , Club nearest point with first aid kit and de-fibrillator..	
Refreshments – Food Poisoning, Burns from Cooking	All	1	3	3	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 positioned away from club and public access limited to serving table.	First Aid Kit available in Clubhouse	
Wildlife & Pollution, Weils Disease etc	Competitors	1	5	5	Outside of nesting season for swans. Showers and hand gel available at club.		

Covid	All	2	4	8	All those attending will be recommended to take a rapid lateral flow test within the 4 days prior to the event currently no government or BC restrictions in place. Hand gel machines available on site. Briefing pack to advise anyone with symptoms or positive test to not attend and recommended to take a rapid lateral flow test prior to attending.	Guidance from the Government and British Canoeing will be followed. If this changes the event will be modified as required, and if necessary cancelled. Clubs will be notified via TLs and FRA website.	
THIS AREA IS FOR ADDITIONAL RISK ASSESSMENTS ON THE DAY				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 covered by BC insurance, held through their personal BC membership, membership of one of the organising clubs, or purchase of BC Event Insurance.
- Name of assessor: Tim Chamberlin (Event Safety Officer for and on behalf of Chelmsford Canoe Club)
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