

HYMB Risk Assessment

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ACTIVITY:	Flatwater Racing Association Winter Mini Marathon Series	LOCATION:	Lee Navigation between Waltham Common Lock and Carthagea Lock
DATE OF EVENT	15th December 2019		

HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	LEVEL OF RISK	CONTROL
Drowning	Competitors	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly experienced competitors • Shallow river • River generally no wider than approx 20 metres 	Assessment to be made by team leaders for all participants individually identifying need for Buoyancy Aids to be worn. Weather/Water conditions, participant's age and ability will also be considered. First Aiders in attendance
Hypothermia	Competitors	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly experienced competitors • Dependant upon weather conditions 	Team leaders shall ensure that all competitors are wearing clothing suitable for the prevailing weather conditions. Thermal blankets and warm drinks will be available at the finish. First Aiders will be in attendance
Collision with other river users	Competitors Other river users	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly experienced competitors 	Canals and Rivers Trust will be advised of the race. Broxbourne Rowing Club informed of race. All competitors will be alerted to the potential hazards presented by powered craft. Oncoming skippers will be alerted to the presence of canoeists.

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Collision with other competitors	Competitors	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly experienced competitors • Small number of competitors in each starting group 	Competitors will be advised to maintain adequate distance between each others boats to prevent collision Dynamic risk assessment by all to avoid situation
Collision with natural hazards	Competitors	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly experienced competitors 	Club officials will walk/paddle the course prior to the race to ensure that no trees or other natural hazards are causing an obstruction along the river. Where practicable any obstructions will be removed. If it is not possible to remove any obstruction competitors will be warned of the position of the hazard.
Swans	Competitors	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside breeding season 	Paddlers will be advised of any problems at the briefing
River debris	Competitors	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low levels of rubbish present in the river 	Competitors will be advised to wear foot protection Any major hazards observed prior to the race will be removed by marshals
Trip hazards on towpath	Competitors Spectators Marshals Walkers	Moderate	All competitors and spectators will be reminded that the towpath is a right of way and must be kept clear at all times. Start-finish marshals will request immediate removal of any items placed on the path. Competitors informed of location of known trip hazards.
Injury from Lifting / Carrying Equipment	Paddlers	Low - Moderate	Team leaders will be reminded of the risks inherent in lifting and handling boats in the pre-race documentation.
Anglers	Competitors	Low	Notices of the event will be placed along the course prior to the event. Local anglers will be alerted to the race via contact with Waterway Wanderers / London Anglers / Ware & Hertford Angling Club. Any anglers seen along the course on the day of the race will be advised that the race is taking place. Competitors will be warned to keep clear of the lines.

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Disease	Competitors Spectators	Low	First aid kit and clean dressings will be available at the start/finish. The most serious disease risk is Weils Disease and this is well publicised in the canoeing community. Reminders will be sent out with pre-race documentation.
Lightning	Competitors	Low	If storms are predicted, all paddlers will be reminded at the briefing that they should get off the water as soon as possible in the event of Lightning.
Canoes and equipment	Competitors	Low	Responsibility is delegated to Team Leaders to ensure capability of participants and suitability of their equipment. Team Leaders from all participating clubs will be reminded of this in the pre-race documentation and at check-in.
General	Competitors	N/A	A full race briefing will take place prior to the race commencing where all potential hazards will be outlined along with actions expected to be taken
Toilets	All	Low	There are male, female and disabled toilets available both upstairs and downstairs in the HYMB Centre building. Wash basins and hand wash are available in all HYMB toilets.
Catering	All	Low	Food preparation will be supervised by a member with a food hygiene certificate. Hot drinks and snacks will be served in the upstairs kitchen area.
Barbecue	All	Low	The barbecue will be strictly supervised by a member with a food hygiene certificate.
Fire	All	Low	HYMB has a fire evacuation plan in place. The Duty Warden is the responsible person. No cooking will take place inside the building. The HYMB building and grounds are a non-smoking zone. Most activities take place outside the building.
Car parks	All	Low	All Trailers and vehicles should be parked in the HYMB Car parks . The HYMB front and rear overflow parking areas will be available for parking. Marshals will direct vehicles to suitable parking places.

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Vehicles	All	Low	Speed limits are in force within the HYMB grounds. Care should be taken when walking / carrying boats along the short section of pathway from HYMB to the Canal Bank.