

This Risk Assessment is provided to give leaders and participants guidance as to the standards and precautions to be expected when taking part in Club activities. It is designed to ensure that everyone can have fun on the water in the knowledge that they are protected from harm to a reasonable degree. It does not guarantee safety but it gives sensible advice to minimise risk. Leaders will need to carry out dynamic risk assessments throughout the activity and act appropriately when circumstances are not covered by this document.

General risk control measures:

Leaders of Club activities must hold the appropriate BCU coach qualification **or** have experience over several seasons and a variety of locations and grades of difficulty for the proposed activity. Leaders must equip themselves with appropriate knowledge of the particular venue. They must also have experience of and be comfortable on more challenging grades of water and conditions than they find on the day. Leaders must be able to rescue others, control the group and administer first aid, they must plan for emergency situations and know the procedure to be followed for different types of incident. All activities must commence with a group briefing covering hazards, safety, group control, signals, emergency action, any participant illnesses, water confidence and roles.

Leaders should ensure that they and the participants are fit to undertake the activity. Participants exhibiting signs of exhaustion, illness, or the influence of drugs or alcohol must not be allowed to participate. No activity is acceptable if it includes the consumption of alcohol before or during paddling.

The following are Club rules to which there are no exceptions:-

No club water based activity shall take place with less than three participants

A properly fitted buoyancy aid must be worn at all times on the water

All participants will abide by the instructions and decisions of the activity leader

Where an individual is unsure of their ability to run an event they must seek authorisation from a member of the club committee before posting details on the club programme/website. The Club will always support the decision of a leader to cancel, abort, or change the location of, an activity for safety reasons.

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

(Focus on the things over which you have control)

ACTIVITY: Canoeing / Kayaking Site specific details

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| Assessment by: Paul Haggett | | Date: | Target Date for review: | | |
| Approved by: CLIVE PEARSON | | Position: CHARMAN | Date: 15/4/10 | | |
| Significant Hazards and Associated Risks Those hazards which may result in serious harm or affect several people | Those who might be harmed Persons at risk from the significant hazards identified | Control Measures(CM's): Controls, including relevant sources of guidance (e.g. BCU Generic Risk Assessment,). Specific CM's not included in the generic RA (e.g. briefings, actions by leaders / participants, qualifications / experience of supervisors) | Additional CM's required? If existing CM's cannot be met or circumstances have changed | Residual Risk Rating (H / M / L) | |
| River Avon | | | | | |
| Other users | All group members, including leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River right rule of Navigation • Canoeist Code of Conduct | Brief group to immediately go to bank when narrow boats passing | L | |
| Offenham Wier: SP 066 479 | All group members, including leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access by arrangement PH launch area private. SP 066 471 • Telephone: Offenham SP 065 462 | | M | |
| Fladury Wier: SO 997 461 | All group members, including leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park in layby down the road • Telephone: Fladbury SO 995 463 • Also access by Jubilee Bridge SP 000 456 | | M | |
| Wyre Piddle Two Wiers: SO 657 468 | All group members, including leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency access at caravan park, accessed via Wyre Piddle • Telephone Wyre Piddle SO 965 474 • Access from recreation ground Wyre Piddle SO960 471 • Parking Rugby Club SO 957 471, Access from Pershore Riverside Centre SO 951 458 | | M | |

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| Pershere Riverside Centre SO 951 458 Wier: SO 952 456 | All group members, including leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access at Two Bridges SO 952 450 | M |
| Nafford Wier: SO 941 419 | All group members, including leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited parking Access via Eckington Bridge SO 922 422 Telephone at: Eckington, Great Comberton, Birlingham | M |
| Strensham Wier: SO 916 402 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access via Eckington Bridge Telephone Eckington, Strensham Services (South bound) Emergency access from Stensham Services area (south bound) | M |
| River Severn | | | |
| Bevere Wier: SO 834 591 | All group members, including leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access via the Camp Inn, Grimley SO 834 591 Telephone Camp Inn or Grimley SO 835 602 | M |
| River Tem | | | |
| Knightwick Wier: SO 735 557 | All group members, including leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone SO 733 560 Parking in layby | M |
| Symonds Yat | | | |
| Symonds Yat Rapid : SO 561 161 | All group members, including leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking and access via Symonds Yat East | M |
| REVIEWS: | | | |
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