



**Risk Assessment**

<p><b>Thursday Afternoon Blandford School Introduction to Kayaking Sessions:</b>  paddling upon the River Stour between Bryanston School Boathouse DT11 0PX and The Blandford School DT11 7SQ.  <b>Persons Undertaking Activity:</b> Blandford School Pupils and SVCC Coaches.  <b>Nearest Access Points:</b> Emergency vehicles can gain access to the river at Bryanston School (Boathouse) DT11 0PX.  <b>Nearest Accident and Emergency Department:</b> Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester DT1 2JY  <b>Assessment completed by:</b> Tony Fowler (Club Secretary), Rob Mooring (Club Safety Officer) of the management committee of the Stour Valley Canoe Club  <b>Date Assessment Created/Completed:</b> 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018  <b>Current Review dates:</b> see below</p>	<p><b>Session Leader:</b></p>	
	<p><b>Other leaders: others as available</b></p>	
	<p><b>Emergency contacts:</b>  Dorset County Hospital  South Western Ambulance Service</p>	<p>01305 251150  01305 269969</p>

HAZARD	RISK BEFORE CONTROL MEASURES	PERSONS AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS/ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING
Accidental capsizes of Kayak and subsequent immersion in water	Drowning	Blandford School pupils and Session Leaders	Buoyancy aids will be worn by all. A line of sight with the Session Leader will be maintained at all times. Activity leader will provide paddlers with a safety induction at the beginning of the first session. This induction will be recapped at the beginning of each subsequent session. The induction will include the instruction that all paddlers call out 'Swimmer' when they witness somebody capsize.	Buoyancy aids tested annually. Session Leader to ensure buoyancy aids correctly fitted. Regular checks on equipment during the season.	Low
Overhanging trees and branches hidden under the surface of the water causing capsizes and/or entrapment	Drowning	Blandford School pupils and Session Leaders	During the safety induction Blandford School pupils will be advised to keep away from river bank and trees- both overhanging and floating. Advised as to correct action in event of entanglement.	Tree management along the river bank will be routinely undertaken.	Low
Exposure to prevailing weather conditions	Hyper/Hypothermia	Blandford School	Blandford School pupils will be advised on the correct clothing to wear.	Continuous dynamic risk assessment.	Low

		pupils and Session Leaders	Adjustment to clothing will be made as required.		
Exacerbation or triggering of pre-existing Medical Conditions- Diabetes, Angina, Epilepsy, asthma, etc	Allergic reaction, Seizure, Asthma attack, Hypoglycaemia	Pupils and Session Leader	The Session Leader will ensure that they have details of Pupils with pre-existing medical conditions prior to the start of the session.	Where necessary Session Leader will carry participant's medications- Inhalers, Epi-pens, etc.	Low
Slips, trips and falls whilst carrying boats to and from the river bank	Physical Injury- head injury, broken bones, lacerations, sprains and strains	Blandford School pupils and Session Leaders	Helmets to be worn by all- Blandford School Pupils and Session Leaders. Blandford School pupils to be trained to lift correctly and encouraged to ask for help	Regular maintenance of river side Pontoon, Club House floors and path from the Club House to the Pontoon undertaken. Boat storage routinely checked.	Low
Pollution and water quality	Stomach upsets	Blandford School pupils and Session Leaders	Blandford School pupils will be advised not to swallow water and to spit out any water that finds its way into their mouths. Additionally they will be advised to bathe soon after immersion. Blandford School pupils will be encouraged not to play with flotsam.	Risks higher in spate conditions.  Avoid intentional capsizes in poor conditions	Low
Other river users- collisions and capsizes	Drowning	Blandford School pupils, Session Leaders and other river users	During safety induction Blandford School pupils to be made aware of possibility of encountering other river users and advised on how to take appropriate and/or avoiding action.		Low

<b>Date Reviewed:</b> Master copies held with Committee and reviewed annually	<b>Person Reviewing:</b> Rob Mooring
<b>Position in Stour Valley Canoe Club Committee:</b> Club Safety Officer	<b>Signature of Reviewer:</b> <i>Rob Mooring</i>