



Risk Assessment

<p>Saturday Morning Sessions: Paddling between Durweston Mill DT11 0QD and Blandford Weir DT11 7AW.</p> <p>Persons Undertaking Event: Session Leader and participants.</p> <p>Nearest Access Points: Emergency vehicles can gain access to the river at Durweston Mill DT11 0QD, Bryanston School (Boathouse) DT11 0PX and Morrisons Car Park DT11 7AW.</p> <p>Nearest Accident and Emergency Department: Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester DT1 2JY.</p> <p>Assessment completed by: Tony Fowler (Club Secretary), Rob Mooring (Club Safety Officer) of the management committee of the Stour Valley Canoe Club</p> <p>Date Assessment Created / Completed: 9th July 2018</p> <p>Date of Next Review: see below</p>	<p>Session Leader:</p>	
	<p>Other river leaders</p>	
	<p>Emergency contacts: 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 capsize of Kayak, Canoe or SUP and subsequent immersion in water	Drowning, Cold Water Shock, Hypothermia, Exhaustion and Physical Injury- head injury, broken bones, lacerations, sprains and strains	Participants and River Leaders	<p>Buoyancy aids will be worn by all participants and River Leaders.</p> <p>Novice/Beginner paddlers will not be allowed onto the water until a nominated River Leader is on the water.</p> <p>A line of sight between participants will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>River Leaders will provide Novice/Beginner paddlers with a safety induction at the beginning of their first session. This induction will be recapped at the beginning of each subsequent session.</p> <p>The induction will include the instruction that all paddlers call out 'Capsize' when they witness somebody capsize. Kayaks, Canoes and SUPs to have adequate inherent buoyancy to prevent sinking and to provide a floating object for the participants to hold on to.</p>	<p>SVCC Buoyancy aids tested annually.</p> <p>Session Leader to ensure buoyancy aids correctly fitted.</p> <p>Regular checks on equipment during the season.</p>	Low
Overhanging trees and branches hidden under the surface of the water	Drowning, Cold Water Shock, Hypothermia,	Participants and River Leaders	During the safety induction Novice/Beginner paddlers will be advised to keep away from river bank and trees- both overhanging and floating and advised as to correct action	Tree management along the river bank will be routinely undertaken.	Low

causing capsiz and/or entrapment	Exhaustion and Physical Injury- head injury, broken bones, lacerations, sprains and strains		in event of entanglement.		
Collision with other river craft and/or paddlers causing capsiz	Drowning, Cold Water Shock, Hypothermia, Exhaustion and Physical Injury- head injury, broken bones, lacerations, sprains and strains	Participants and River Leaders	During safety induction Novice/Beginner paddlers will be made aware of possibility of encountering other river users and advised on how to take appropriate/avoiding action.		Low
Slips, trips and falls whilst carrying boats to and from the river bank or when undertaking other portages	Drowning, Cold Water Shock, Hypothermia, and Physical Injury- head injury, broken bones, lacerations, sprains and strains	Participants and River Leaders	Helmets to be worn by all Participants and River Leaders and coaches. Novice/Beginner paddlers will 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
Being caught in a 'stopper' after shooting Bryanston or Blandford Weirs	Drowning, Cold Water Shock, Hypothermia, Exhaustion and Physical Injury- head injury, broken bones, dislocations, lacerations, sprains and strains	Participants and River Leaders	Session Leader to assess the safety of stoppers prior to anybody attempting to shoot either weir. In higher water levels the Session Leader will coordinate the setting-up of safety prior to the weirs being shot.		Low
Encounters with Wild Life particularly Swans causing capsiz	Drowning, Cold Water Shock, Hypothermia, Exhaustion and Physical Injury- head injury, broken bones, lacerations, sprains and strains	Participants and River Leaders	During the safety induction Novice/Beginner paddlers will be advised that they share the river with Wild Life including Swans. A line of sight between participants will be maintained at all times and where necessary paddlers with experience of encounters with swans will lead Novice/Beginner paddlers past these creatures.		Low
Exacerbation or triggering of pre-existing Medical Conditions- Diabetes,	Allergic reaction, Seizure, Asthma attack,	Participants and River Leaders	The River Leader will ensure that they have details of participants with pre-existing medical conditions prior to the start of the session.		Low

Angina, Epilepsy, asthma, etc	Hypoglycaemia		Where necessary River Leaders will carry participant's medications- Inhalers, Epi-pens, etc.		
Pollution and water quality	Stomach upsets and Weil's disease	Participants and River Leaders	During the safety induction Novice/Beginner paddlers will be advised not to swallow water and to spit out any water that finds its way into their mouths and encouraged not to play with flotsam. Additionally they will be advised to bathe soon after immersion.	Risks higher in spate conditions. Avoid intentional capsizes in poor conditions.	Low

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