

Risk Assessment Chelmsford Canoe Club

Organiser: Owen Shephard-Wyatt Activity: Chelmsford Sprint Regatta Date: 5/4/24 Location: River				SIGNED: Owen Shephard-Wyatt		DATE: 9/4/24	
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	What are you doing to control the Risk	What further action do you need to take to control the risk?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Date complete	Additional comments
Drowning through capsize (Generic Risk)	Competitors and safety boats	Anyone ranked below Div 6 or Sprint C to wear Buoyancy Aid. All craft to be fitted with buoyancy sufficient to support craft and paddler. Competition rules are to go in aid of any paddler in distress. Safety boats each end of course and key areas to keep line of sight.	All marshals briefed in rescue plan.	Race organiser	Before boats get on water		
Hypothermia/ Hyperthermia.	All	Briefing advises paddlers to wear appropriate clothing. First Aiders to be present.	Review of conditions and changes made if needed	Race organiser	On going		
Collision with other paddlers, overhanging trees & bushes, bridges	Competitors and Safety Boats	Support boats to be in place at on course, Paddlers to be reminded at briefing on river circulation plan and hazards.	Slalom poles moved out of way where possible. Briefing make clear warning on low bridge, Start safety boat in eye line.	Race organiser	Before boats get on water		
Injury from Lifting/Carrying Equipment	Competitors	Marshall at pontoon to offer help if needed.	Check condition of pontoon before event	Race organiser	Morning of event		
Other River users	Barges, Boats, SUPs, Fishermen,	Safety boats at each end of course talking to other river users	Sign display information a week before event.	Race organiser	26/4/24		

Moving water River in flood	Competitors	Dynamic Risk Assessment Check of weather and river height readings up stream prior to race.	Making changes if conditions need it.	Race organiser	Before boats get on water		
Vehicle Traffic at Start	Competitors Bankside Officials Spectators	Good parking and direct access to river from car park.	Signage warning members of the public.	Race organiser	Before competitors arrive		
Injury to Public	Pedestrians, cyclists on towpath	Briefing to advise Paddlers and spectators to be aware of public on bridges and path around the river.	Signage warning members of the public.	Race organiser	Before competitors arrive		
Trips, slips and falls on paths, towpath	All	Briefing to draw attention to risk at Pontoon and dependent on weather briefing to cover awareness of slip hazard on wooden/plastic portages and grass	Check for hazards morning of race	Race organiser	Before competitors arrive		
Refreshments – Food Poisoning, Burns from Cooking	All	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 away from club and public access limited to serving table.					
Wildlife & Pollution, Weils Disease etc	Competitors	Avoiding Swan nesting area. Showers and wash facilities available at club.	Safety boats to monitor Swan behaviour and usher away from racecourse	Safety Team	On going	.	
THIS AREA IS FOR ADDITIONAL RISK ASSESSMENTS ON THE DAY							