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| **Venue:** | | | | **Risk assessor:** | | | **Date:** | |
| **Activity: for canals/rivers** | | | | | | | | |
| **Generic hazards and control measures applicable to all activities** | | | | | | | | |
| Hazard  List significant hazards which may result in serious harm or affect several people | Who may be affected | Risk Rating  Low  Medium  High | Severity  Rating  Low  Medium  High | | Control Measures | Any further action | | Responsibility  of |
| **Manual handling** of Kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, paddles | All paddlers,  General public | L/M | L/M | | Appropriate briefing about carrying paddleboards, storing and inflating them in an appropriate manner .  Also deflating and packing back into bags | All made aware | | All |
| **Equipment on roof racks/ vans.**  **Kayaks, canoes,** Paddleboards and paddles on and off roof racks, stacking into vans. Especially if inflated | All  Paddlesrs, general public, | L/M | L/M | | Make sure roof rack/bars are secure on vehicle. Place on roof bars carefully, Make sure all ties are securely fastened.  Make sure area clear when taking off the vehicle.  When placing in a van make sure they are tied so cannot move. | All made aware | | ALL |
| **Walking to the river/canal with boats.**  Cars, bikes, pedestrians, animals, on the road and around  Checking get ins | All | L/M | L/M | | Make sure all members are aware that they must look around themselves when carrying paddleboards down to the canal  Being aware of people around,  Getting on them in the water in an appropriate way | All made aware | | All |
| **Dangerous/unsuitable/poorly fitting equipment** leading to injury or entrapment | All paddlers, Students Coaches | L/M/H | L/M/H | | Coach/leader/experienced paddlers to examine equipment prior to use to identify loose fittings, sharp edges, entrapment potential, poorly fitted buoyancy. If required, simple repairs must be effected if possible. If not, equipment must not be used and must be reported to a committee member or coach. Personal equipment should also be subject to the same checks when used for club activities. | Replace / repair equipment as necessary | | All |
| **Inadequate supervision** leading to accident or injury | ALL | LMH | LMH | | HDCC will operate at a coach/competent paddler:student ratio of no less than 1:6. The coach/competent paddler must be supported by at least one other experienced paddler.  Coach performs a dynamic risk assessment to identify any requirement for additional support on the water.  Numbers of paddlers on the water must be limited to ensure adequate supervision by the available coaches. | Dynamic risk assessment should be undertaken by the coach /competent paddler in charge to identify supervision requirements. | | Coach/  Competent paddler. students |
| **Swimmers, fishermen and other water users** potential injury to swimmers and other users | All | LMH | LMH | | All should be aware of surroundings and doing dynamic risk assessment at all times. | All | | All |
| **Minor injuries.** (slips, trips, blisters, cuts, muscle/joint injury, collisions between boats) | All paddlers, Students Coaches | L/M | L/M | | All paddlers should be given a location-specific safety brief and should be advised to complete an appropriate warm up activity.  Coaches/leaders must be first aid trained.  Participants should provide details of existing medical conditions that may affect their ability to participate in paddlesport to the coach/leader.  Paddling dangerously, without due regard for others, will not be tolerated. Offenders will be asked to stop and may be instructed to leave the water. | none | | All |
| **Capsize** | All paddlers, Student, Coaches | LMH | LMH | | All paddlers must be briefed on capsize drill for paddleboards and demonstrate an effective drill as part of coached courses.  All other paddlers should demonstrate an effective capsize drill as part of an induction session at the club  Coach /experienced paddlers are capable of swimmer-boat rescues. |  | | All |
| **Drowning** | All paddlers, Students Coaches | H | H | | See “**Capsize and entrapment**” above.  Coaches must be first aid trained and able to administer CPR.  Coaches/competent paddles should have a radio or phone on their person.  **All coaches/leaders/experienced paddlers must be aware of the Emergency Procedure** | . | | All |
| **Hypothermia/Hyperthermia** | All | H | H | | Appropriate clothing must be worn  Drinks Hot/cold  Change of clothes if needed | Coach /leader to make sure they carry correct equipment | | All |
| **Paddling Games** | All paddlers, Students, Coaches | LM | LM | | Coach provides a safety brief on the activity and monitors safety during the activity.  Any games/activities that introduce hazards additional to those covered above must be risk assessed prior to the activity taking place. It is the responsibility of the coach in charge to provide a dynamic risk assessment. | Dynamic risk assessment should be undertaken by the coach /competent paddler in charge to identify supervision requirements. | | All |
| Entering and exiting on the river bank.  Do not harm bank by sliding in, use the canoe get ins where available.  Flow of water  Objects in middle of river  Overhanging trees  Weather change  Weirs  Portages  Environmental pollution, Biological hazards  Other users | All | LMH | LMH | | Wind speed for novices should not be above 12mph, also tide dependent.  All coaches and competent paddlers should make sure they are aware of hazards in/on the river  If rocks make aware of pinning  Careful not to be pulled under trees  Always weather aware  Stopper entrapment, exposed spikes etc.  Make sure safe to portage.  Infection, illness check water quality before starting. | Dynamic risk assessments should be happening all the time.  Leader should be aware of all on river prior to going | | All |
| **Paddling/management of group**  All should stay within group, unless asked to do otherwise. | All paddlers, Students, Coaches | LMH | LMH | | All coaches/competent paddlers should all be awa  are of who in group any medical needs,any special needs. | Dynamic risk assessment for own groups | | All |

Everybody should be made aware of the risk assessment